



# **Northumberland**

## **County Council**

### **RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES**

**Paul Jones**

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**Dr. Thomlinson Church of England Middle School 20 MPH Speed Limit**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle**

**04 January 2022**

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### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposals to introduce a 20 MPH speed limit in the vicinity of Dr. Thomlinson Church of England First School at Rothbury.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed 20 MPH speed limit is implemented to improve road safety in the area.

### **Link to Corporate Plan**

Living – ‘We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for’

Enjoying – ‘We want you to love where you live’

Learning – ‘We want you to achieve and realise your potential’

### **Key Issues**

1. The County Council has received concerns regarding traffic speeds in the residential streets near Dr. Thomlinson Church of England Middle School in Rothbury.
2. The provision of a 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Dr. Thomlinson Church of England Middle School is in accordance with the County Council's current policy.
3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and school representatives.

## Delegated Decision

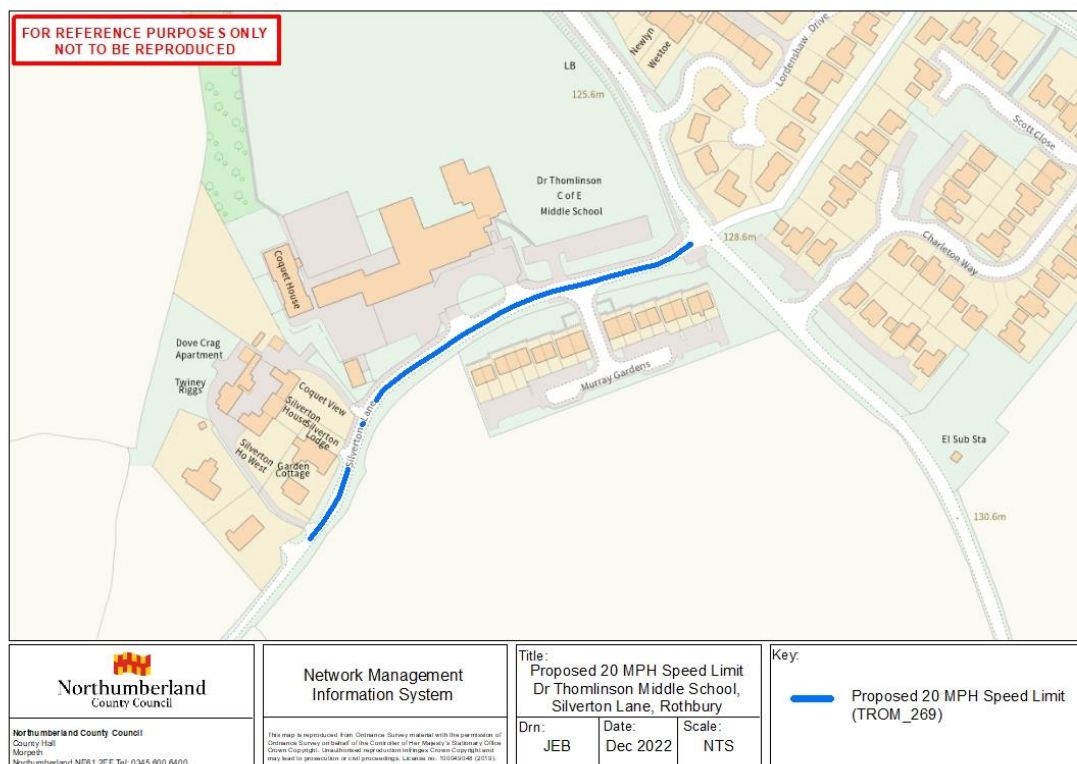
- The scheme is to be funded through the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

### Background

The introduction of speed limit changes on Silverton Lane near Dr. Thomlinson Church of England Middle School forms part of the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan. The scheme ties in with the County Council's road safety initiative to introduce reduced speed limits adjacent to all schools in Northumberland provided it is feasible to do so. Evidence suggests that measures of this kind adjacent to schools provide a safer environment for all road users.

Concerns have been raised regarding vehicles speeding outside the school, which presents road safety issues for pedestrians such as schoolchildren, cyclists and other road users with risk of collisions occurring.

As a result, a 20 MPH speed limit is proposed to be introduced on Silverton Lane in order to alleviate these concerns and covers the areas identified below in Figure 1. As the routes approach closer to the school entrance on the B6342 Garleigh Road, advisory 20 when lights flash signage will be provided to notify motorists that the speed should be significantly reduced during school start and end times. The measures will consist of new regulatory traffic signs along with road markings in the form of roundels at the entrance of the estate to indicate the new speed limit.



**Figure 1: Proposed 20 MPH speed limit extents at Dr Thomlinson Church of England Middle School**

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Details of the proposals can be found in Appendix A. They are intended to increase road safety by reducing speed limits and to protect the amenity of the area overall. Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Orders.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	The scheme will be financed through the LTP 2022/23 Programme
<b>Legal</b>	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with driving at speed
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	A reduction in speed will lead to a safer environment for all road users
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	Speed reduction assists with carbon reduction
<b>Ward</b>	Rothbury

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### **Background Papers**

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\20\HE Minor  
Improvements\HE203444D - Dr Thomlinson Middle School Rothbury 20mph

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

### **Author**

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**DECISION TAKEN**

<b>Title of Officer</b>	Service Director, Local Services
<b>Subject</b>	Proposed 20 MPH Speed Limit at Dr. Thomlinson Church of England Middle School in Rothbury
<b>Consultation</b>	Not required – NCC policy is to introduce 20 MPH speed limits at all schools provided it is feasible to do so. However statutory consultees have been informed
<b>Decision Taken</b>	To introduce a 20 MPH Speed Limit at Dr. Thomlinson Church of England Middle School in Rothbury

**Signature of Director**



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**Date**

6 January 2023

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