



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

**Paul Jones**

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#### **Rothbury First School 20 MPH Speed Limit**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle**

**24 November 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 Rothbury First School.

#### **Recommendations**

Given the Council's policy to introduce 20mph speed limits outside all schools in the County provided it is feasible to do so, it is recommended that the 20mph speed limit should be introduced as proposed in order to improve road safety in the area around the school.

#### **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 Rothbury First School.
2. The provision of a 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Rothbury First School is in accordance with the County Council's current policy to introduce 20mph speed limits at all schools provided it is feasible to do so.
3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and school representatives.

## **Delegated Decision**

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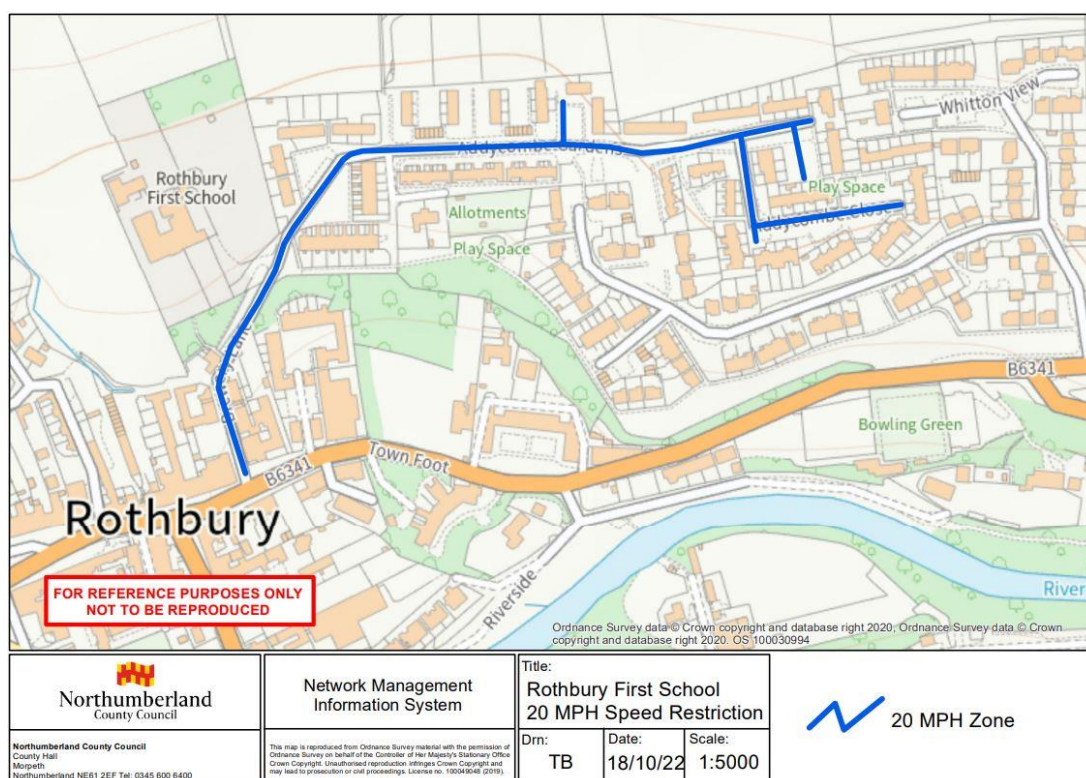
4. The scheme is to be funded through the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

### Background

The introduction of speed limit changes on Addycombe Close, Addycombe Gardens and Brewery Lane near Rothbury First 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 through the roads situated outside of the school, which presents road safety issues for pedestrians such as schoolchildren, cyclists and those navigating through the route with the risk of collisions occurring.

As a result, a 20 MPH speed limit is proposed to be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns and covers the areas identified below in Figure 1. 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 Rothbury First School**

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.

## Delegated Decision

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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**

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Appendix A – Scheme Layout

### **Author**

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## **Delegated Decision**

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### **DECISION TAKEN**

<b>Title of Officer</b>	Service Director, Local Services
<b>Subject</b>	Proposed 20 MPH Speed Limit at Rothbury First School
<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 Rothbury First School

**Signature of Director**



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**Date**  
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**NOTES:**

- GENERAL
- ALL DIMENSIONS IN [mm] UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.
- ALL LEVELS IN [m] IN REFERENCE TO GPS CO-ORDINATE SYSTEM.
- TRAFFIC SIGNS
- NEW SIGNS TO COMPLY WITH BS EN 12899-1:2007, AND NATIONAL ANNEX, BE MANUFACTURED FROM ALUMINIUM COMPOSITE PANEL WITH CLASS R40 SIGN FACE SHEETING UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE IN TRAFFIC SIGN SCHEDULE.
- DESIGN INFO-LOADING TO DETERMINE SIGN SUPPORT AND FOUNDATION DESIGN TO BS EN 12899-1:2007, AND NATIONAL ANNEX, HAS BEEN ASSESSED USING BUCHANAN "SIGNLOAD" SOFTWARE OR SIMILAR APPROVED SOFTWARE.
- ALL MECHANICAL FASTENERS FOR NEW SIGNS TO BE PROVIDED ONLY FROM NBS 3 APPROVED SOURCES.
- ENCLOSURE POSTS DO NOT PROTRUDE ABOVE SIGN EDGE.
- ENCLOSURE A MINIMUM 0.5m CLEARANCE FROM THE EDGE OF CARPARKWAY OR AS OTHERWISE STATED.
- AT THE LAMP COLUMN LOCATION, 20 REPEATERS TO BE PLACED ABOVE PROPOSED TS1 SIGN.
- ROAD MARKINGS
- ROAD MARKINGS TO BE IN WHITE THERMOPLASTIC SCREED WITH APPLIED GLASS BEADS.
- ROAD MARKINGS SHOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 12.0 OF SHW. RETRO-REFLECTIVITY REQUIREMENTS COMMENCE FROM THE DATE OF APPLICATION OR DATE OF TRAFFICWORK, WHICHEVER IS LATER AND SHALL LAST FOR THE FUNCTIONAL LIFE OF THE MARKING. MARKINGS TO HAVE A REQUIREMENT OF A MINIMUM RETRO-REFLECTIVITY VALUE OF 300 MCD/M<sup>2</sup>. THE MINIMUM LAD THICKNESS IS 2mm FOR SCREED MARKINGS AND 1.5mm FOR SPRAY APPLIED MARKINGS. IN NO CASE SHALL ANY MATERIAL BE LAD MORE THAN 9mm THICK.

**LEGEND:**

- 20mph ZONE
- 20mph REPEATER SIGN
- 20mph/30mph GATEWAY ARRANGEMENT
- 20mph REPEATER SIGN
- SIGN MARKER
- PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGN

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**ROTHBURY FIRST SCHOOL  
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