



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

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Malvin's Close Academy 20 MPH Speed Limit

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

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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 Malvin's Close Academy at Blyth.

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 Malvin's Close Academy in Blyth.
2. The provision of a 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Malvin's Close Academy is in accordance with the County Council's current policy.
3. Advisory 20 MPH speeds when lights flash signage is also to be introduced on Albion Way on the approach to the school.
4. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and school representatives.
5. The scheme is to be funded through the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Background

The introduction of speed limit changes on Priory Grange, which provides an access and car park to Malvin's Close Academy, 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 Priory Grange in order to alleviate these concerns and covers the areas identified below in Figure 1.

In addition, advisory 20 when lights flash signage will be introduced on the approaches to the school on Albion Way. This will remind motorists that vehicle speeds 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.

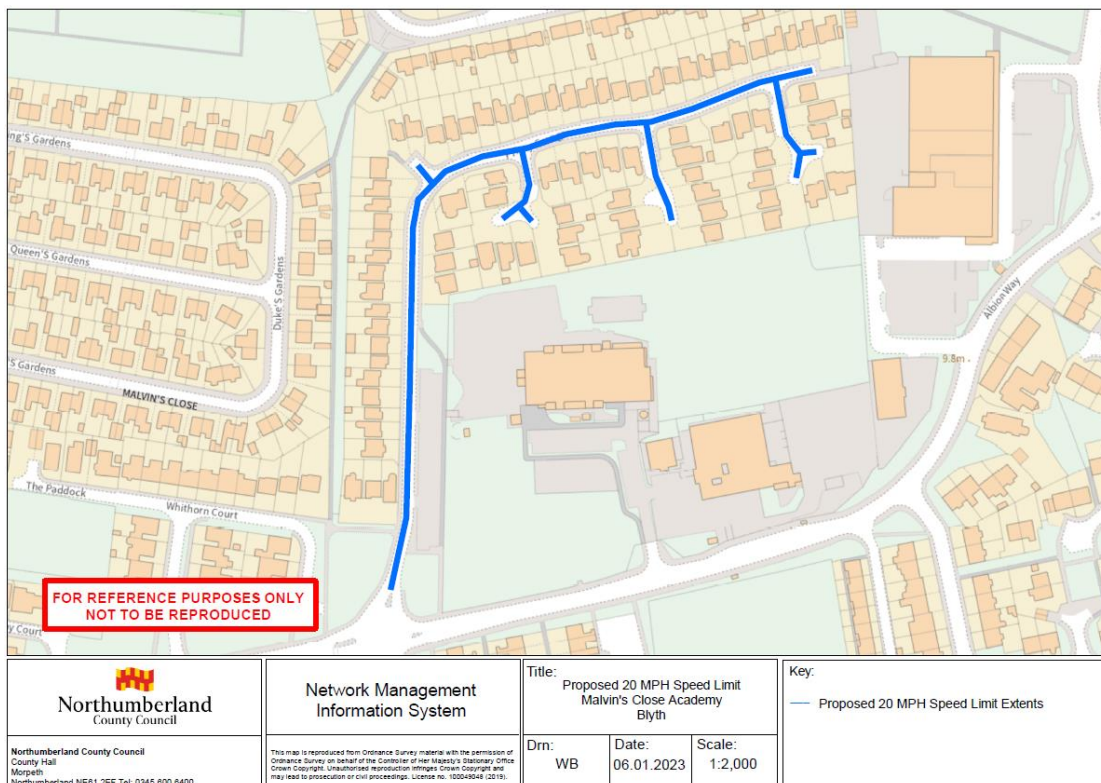


Figure 1: Proposed 20 MPH speed limit extents at Malvin's Close Academy in Blyth

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Details of the overall scheme 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

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

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Background Papers

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\22\HE Minor Improvements\HE223627D - Malvins Close Academy

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

Author

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer	Service Director, Local Services
Subject	Proposed 20 MPH Speed Limit at Malvin's Close Academy in Blyth
Consultation	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
Decision Taken	To introduce a 20 MPH Speed Limit at Malvin's Close Academy in Blyth

Signature of Director



Date

16.02.23
