



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES: BARRY ROWLAND

PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT, A1068 FISHER LANE & A1172 STATION ROAD, CRAMLINGTON

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the proposed 40mph speed limit on the A1068 Fisher Lane and A1172 Station Road, Cramlington, (see attached consultation plan in appendix A).

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) A 40mph speed limit should be implemented in association with the proposed toucan crossing on Fisher Lane.

Key Issues

- 1) A toucan crossing is being provided on the A1068 Fisher Lane, to enable safe pedestrian and cyclist access to Northumberlandia.
- 2) Before the toucan crossing can be introduced, the speed limit needs to be reduced to improve safety.
- 3) 100% of the consultation responses were in favour of providing a 40mph speed limit.

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Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the *Places and Environment Aim* in the Corporate Plan:

Our aim is to maintain and further improve the quality of our towns, villages and countryside and make it easier for residents to access services and high quality, affordable homes and to travel using different modes of transport. To achieve this, we will keep Northumberland clean, green and safe from detrimental impacts of climate change, build more houses to benefit those most in need and provide a convenient, integrated public transport network.

Background

1. Improving pedestrian and cyclist access to Northumberlandia from Cramlington was a priority of Councillor Flux and Cramlington Town Council.
2. The route involves crossing the A1068 Fisher Lane, which is a busy dual carriageway where the national speed limit applies.
3. In order to create a safe route, a toucan crossing was included in the current Local Transport Plan Programme.
4. Government guidance states that, where speeds are generally greater than 50mph, serious consideration should be given to speed reduction before installing a pedestrian/cyclist crossing.
5. In addition, the guidance states that the minimum length of a speed limit should generally be no less than 600 metres, to avoid there being too many changes of speed limit along a route.
6. In order to comply with this, the section of the A1172 Station Road from the existing 40mph speed limit to Fisher Lane needs to be included in the new 40mph speed limit.

Consultation

7. A scheme was prepared and was the subject of a consultation which concluded on 5th May 2015.
8. The consultation exercise involved the delivery of a consultation letter together with a plan showing details of the scheme to statutory consultees; County Councillor Flux and Cramlington Town Council. The proposal was also available to view and comment via the Council's website. The consultation plan is attached as Appendix A.
9. 2 responses were returned. Both were in favour of the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
10. The Cyclists Touring Club are in favour of the proposal.

Conclusion

11. In view of the results of the consultation and the relevant Government guidance, it is recommended that the 40mph speed limit be implemented.

Background Papers

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Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations	None
Sustainability	None
Consultation	The relevant people and organisations were consulted
Wards	Cramlington West

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

Barry Rowland: Executive Director of Local Services

Subject:

PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT, A1068 FISHER LANE & A1172 STATION ROAD, CRAMLINGTON

Consultation

2 Responses
2 For
0 Against
0 Neither

Decision Taken:

1) The 40mph speed limit should be implemented.

Signature of Corporate Director



Date

27/5/15

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KEY
NEW 40MPH
SPEED LIMIT

FOR CONSULTATION
Client: NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

Job Title: CRAMINGTON RAILWAY STATION TO NORTHUMBERLANDIA CYCLE ROUTE

Drawing Title: A1068, FISHER LANE 40MPH LIMIT - TRO

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Appendix B

Consultation Responses

F	A	N	Comments
1			CTC would definitely support a 40mph speed limit.
1			<p>Thank you for your letter dated 24 March 2015 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as an emergency service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for out-patient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.</p>