



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY
DIRECTOR – LOCAL SERVICES & HOUSING**

PROPOSED A192 EAST HARTFORD 50 MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS

30th November 2015

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise and engineering assessment regarding the proposed introduction of a 50 mph speed restriction on the dual carriageway at A192 East Hartford.

Recommendations

It is recommended that in view of the consultation and engineering assessment, the scheme to introduce a 50 mph speed restriction on the A192 East Hartford, should proceed as proposed.

Key Issues

- 1) This location has been identified as a "High Risk" site following recent accident history.
- 2) The scheme is fund from LTP Programme 2015/2016
- 3) County Councillor Barry Flux is in full support of this proposal.
- 4) Cramlington Town Council is in full support of the proposal

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BACKGROUND

1. An element of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme provides funding for the introduction of low collision remedial measures, designed to target recorded personal injury collisions which have occurred at sites over the previous three year period.
2. Three personal injury collisions were recorded at this site in the period 2012-2014. All involved vehicle turning movements in or out of East Hartford at the central reservation gap. None of these collisions involved pedestrians. This information does not include damage only accidents. This information is provided from Northumbria Police statistics.
3. It has been proposed that a 50 mph speed limit will improve road safety in the area. As such, this proposal was the subject to 31 statutory consultees, including the emergency services, various disabled and transport associations/organisations. No houses or business directly adjoin this location.
4. A plan showing the proposals is attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix A)

CONSULTATION

5. The consultation exercise ended on the 13th of March 2015 and responses were received from 5 consultees with 3 in favour and 1 against the proposals. One consultee expressed no overall preference. A summary of these responses is attached as Appendix B.
6. The majority of responses were in favour of the proposals. The general consensus is that the restrictions will improve road safety.
7. Those who objected to the proposals commented that; they were not aware of any accidents in the area and that the speed limit had been in place for many years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concern over the speed of traffic in this area and it is inevitable that some sections of the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. Following the consultation exercise it is clear that the majority of consultees who have responded are in favour of the proposals. Together with the engineering evidence and support of the Local Councillor it is therefore recommended that the scheme to introduce a 50 mph speed restriction on the A192 East Hartford should proceed as proposed.
9. The Council has the power to hold a public inquiry before making any Traffic Regulation Order. Such an inquiry might enable disputed evidence to be tested under cross-examination and the need for an order to be critically examined by an independent inspector. In this particular case, Officers believe that the extensive consultation process and involvement with interested parties, means that such an inquiry is unlikely to bring any fresh information to light and it is therefore recommended that an inquiry is not held.
10. Accordingly it is recommended that the Director of Local Services & Housing agrees to proceed with the introduction of the following Traffic Regulation Order.

Northumberland County Council (A192 East Hartford 50 mph Speed Restriction) Order 2015 (TROM_011).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Road Traffic Act 2004
Local Government Act 2000
File Ref: HF152510

APPENDIX INDEX

Appendix A – Consultation Documents
Appendix B – Summary of Consultation Responses

IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed by LTP
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	50 mph Restriction will aid road safety.
Risk Assessment	Rural Location with access to residential area
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations	Proposals will contribute to the flow of traffic, aid safety, reduce vehicle emissions
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Cramlington Town Council, the emergency services, all affected residents/businesses (none) and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Cramlington West

DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Member or
Officer(s):**

Director of Local Services & Housing

Subject:

**PROPOSED A192 EAST HARTFORD 50 MPH
SPEED RESTRICTIONS**


Consultation

5 Responses
3 For
1 Against
1 Neither

Decision Taken:

Given the outcome of the consultation, comments received and it has been highlighted as a local safety scheme, it is recommended that the above scheme should be provided.

Signature of Director of Local Services &
Housing



Date

15/12/15

Appendix A



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Thursday 8th October 2015

Dear Sir / Madam

Proposed 50 mph Speed Limit A192 East Hartford

I am writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) to formally ask for the comments on the following proposal:

To introduce a 50 mph Speed Limit at the following location; (as detailed in the attached plan). **A192 East Hartford**

The proposed changes are due to this location being identified as a "High Risk" site following recent accident history.

The County Council is seeking your views on the proposals and a freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that comments received will be carefully considered.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Thursday 29th October 2015. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

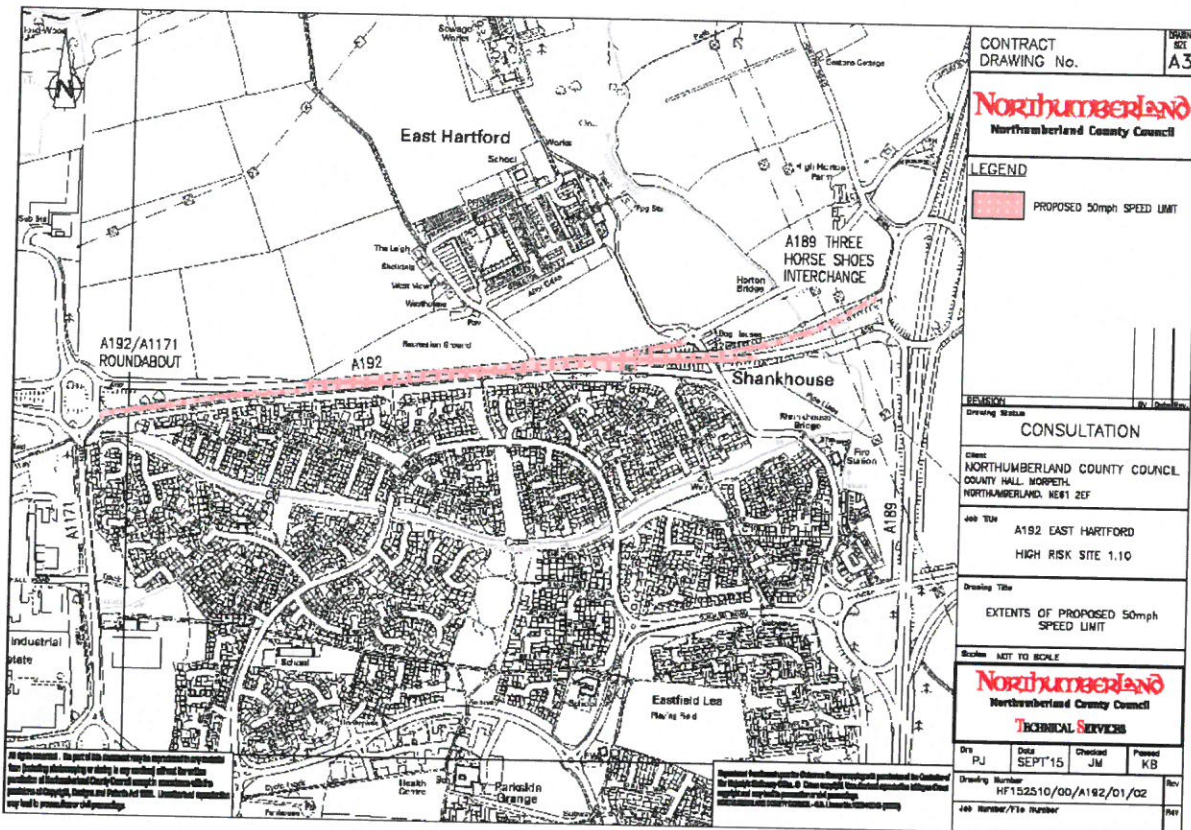
I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully
Terry Luck

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Terry Luck".

Programme Officer



CONTRACT
DRAWING No.

DWG
NO
A3

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LEGEND

PROPOSED 50mph SPEED LIMIT

REVISION

Drawing Status

CONSULTATION

Client
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY HALL, NORPETH,
NORTHUMBERLAND, NE41 2EF

Job Title
A192 EAST HARTFORD
HIGH RISK SITE 1.10

Drawing Title
EXTENTS OF PROPOSED 50mph
SPEED LIMIT

Scale: NOT TO SCALE

Northumberland
Northumberland County Council
TECHNICAL SERVICES

Dra PJ Date SEPT'15 Checked JM

Approved KB

Drawing Number
HF152510/00/A192/01/02

Job Number/Title number

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Appendix B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
1			The Town Council fully supports this proposal.
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 8th October 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.
	1		I have not heard of any accidents in this area. I thought there had to be a poor accident record to justify the reduction of a speed limit. The limit has been there for many years. How are residents suddenly concerned? Is it perception of risk rather than actual risk
1			Whilst I wouldn't personally cycle along this road, there could be fast/experienced cyclists that prefer to, so we would support a 50mph speed limit.
1			Thank you for your letter of 8th October 2015 inviting Arriva to comment on the proposed 50 mph speed limit on A92 at East Hartford. We fully support the proposal as this would improve road safety and assist our services turning right across A192 (east bound traffic) into East Hartford and allow safer egress from East Hartford when returning back to A192
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