

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES – BARRY ROWLAND

20th May 2015

PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION – A197 NEW LEISURE CENTRE, ASHINGTON

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider an extension of the existing 30mph speed limit on the A197 New Leisure Centre, Ashington.

RECOMONDATIONS

It is recommended to extend the 30mph speed limit on the A197- Ashington (adjacent to the New Leisure Centre).

KEY ISSUES

- 1) The scheme will be funded by the developer.
- 2) The 30mph speed limit extension has been requested as a planning condition.

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PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION – A197 NEW LEISURE CENTRE, ASHINGTON

BACKGROUND

1. In 2014, planning permission was approved to develop the New Leisure Centre, Ashington. As part of a Road Safety Audit, recommendations were made to extend the existing 30mph speed limit to ensure that the development was within the 30mph speed zone.
2. In February 2015, funds were secured from the developer in order to carry out the proposed scheme.

CONSULTATION

3. A scheme was prepared and was subject to a consultation which concluded on 6th May 2015.
4. The consultation exercise involved 30 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations. A plan showing the proposals is attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix A). This is also available on our website.
5. A total of two responses were received, both in favour of the scheme.

CONCLUSION

6. It is recommended that in view of the results of the consultation exercise, together with the requirement of the Planning Application: To support the scheme to extend the 30mph speed limit along this section of the A197.

APPENDIX INDEX

Appendix A – Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B – Summary of Consultation Responses

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Road Traffic Act 2004

Local Government Act 2000

File Ref: RT150003 – Scheme Folder

Planning Application

IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Scheme will cost approximately £3,000 and will be financed by the developer.
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	30mph Speed Limit will reduce vehicle speeds in the area
Risk Assessment	Recreational/Retail Area
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations	Proposals will contribute to the flow of traffic, aid safety.
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Ashington Town Council, the emergency services and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Ashington Central

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s): Barry Rowland - Executive Director of Local Services

Subject: Proposed 30MPH Speed Limit extension, A197 New Leisure Centre, Ashington

Consultation 2 Responses
2 For
0 Against
0 Neither

Decision Taken: To introduce 30MPH Speed Limit extension, A197 New Leisure Centre, Ashington

Signature of Executive Director

 HEAD OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
Date 27/5/15

APPENDIX A



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Wednesday 8th April 2015

Dear Sir,

Proposed 30mph Speed Limit Extension – A197 New Leisure Centre, Ashington

I am writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1998 (as amended) to formally ask for the comments of your council / organisation on the following proposal:

To introduce a 30mph speed limit extension at the following location; (drawing attached).

A197 New Leisure Centre, Ashington

So far as the Northumbria Police, Parish Council are concerned, I would welcome a reply as soon as convenient, other organisations should let me have their comments by Wednesday 6th May 2015. If no comments are received by that date it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations regarding the above proposals.

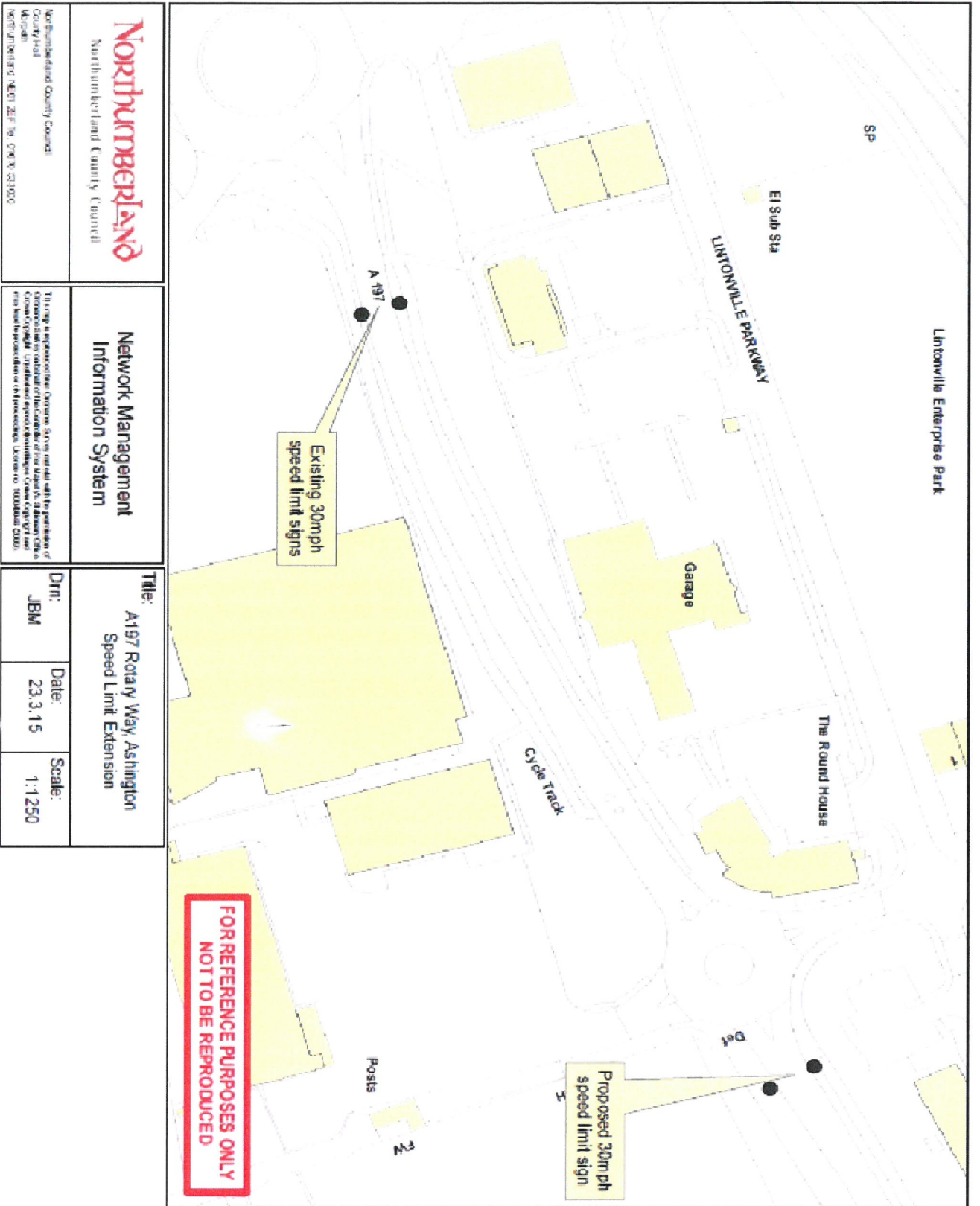
You may wish to note that any comments received may be included in a Decision Report to be assessed by the Corporate Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "AD", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Douglas
Project Planning Officer



APPENDIX B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
1			CTC would support the proposed 30mph speed limit extension.
1			Thank you for your letter of 8th April 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.
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