

## RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES

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### PROPOSED 20mph SPEED LIMIT – WANSBECK ESTATE, STAKEFORD & CLEASWELL HILL AREA, GUIDE POST

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#### Background:

- 1) Concerns have been raised by local residents about traffic speeds and road safety in the above area. Councillor Ledger and Councillor Foster have also expressed their concerns.

#### Consultation:

- 2) A total of 1972 households and approximately 30 statutory consultees were consulted on proposals.
- 3) A copy of the consultation letter and plan is attached as Appendix 1.
- 4) Consultation ended on 19 June 2015, and responses were received from 528 households, with 425 in favour and 97 against the proposals. Six consultees did not express a preference.
- 5) The North East Ambulance Service were the only statutory consultee to respond, and they indicated their support to the proposals.
- 6) A summary of the consultation responses is attached as Appendix 2.

#### Recommendations:

**It is recommended that in view of the consultation exercise, the 20mph speed limit should be introduced as proposed.**

#### Key issues

- 1) Scheme being funded by LTP.
- 2) The scheme will improve road safety in the area as the 20mph speed limit will reduce vehicle speeds.
- 3) Supported by Local Councillors, Local Schools, Choppington Parish Council, and the vast majority of residents who responded to the consultation.

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## DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Executive Member and  
Executive Director:**

Executive Director of Local Services  
Executive Member, Ian Swithenbank, Streetcare and  
Environment

**Subject:**

Proposed 20mph Speed Limit – Wansbeck Estate,  
Stakeford and Cleaswell Hill area, Guide Post.

**Consultation:**

529 Responses  
426 For  
97 Against  
6 No definite answer

**Decision Taken:**

To approve the introduction of the proposed 20mph  
speed limit in Wansbeck Estate, Stakeford and in the  
Cleaswell Hill area of Guide Post.

**Signature of Executive Director**



**Date**

18/11/15.

## APPENDIX 1 – CONSULTATION LETTER AND PLAN

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Our Ref: M/Gen/124/F  
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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Dear Sir / Madam

### **Proposed 20mph Speed Limit – Wansbeck Estate, Stakeford and Cleaswell Hill area, Guide Post**

Concerns have been raised by local residents about traffic speeds and road safety in the above area. Councillor Ledger and Councillor Foster have also expressed their concerns and have asked officers to consult residents on the introduction of a 20mph Speed Limit across the Wansbeck Estate in Stakeford, and Cleaswell Hill and surrounding streets in Guide Post, subject to favourable consultation with residents.

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1998 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit across the Wansbeck Estate in Stakeford, and Cleaswell Hill and surrounding streets in Guide Post as shown on the attached plan.

The start of the limit will be identified by means of 20mph terminal signs. 20mph repeater signs will be introduced at intervals throughout the extent of the proposed limit.

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 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R McKenzie', written in a cursive style.

Richard McKenzie  
**Transport Projects Officer**

# APPENDIX 2 - SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Thoroughfare	Post Code	FOR	AGAINST	Other Relevant Comments
Ashington Drive	NE62 5BJ	1		
Byron Close	NE62 5DF	1		I think this would be an excellent idea. Living where i do, i often witness people driving at ridiculous speeds on the stretch of road. The speed bumps currently in place do not seem to have an effect on drivers speed.
Thornhill Gardens	NE62 5LQ	1		I strongly object to the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in this area for several reasons :- a) The 'boy racers' & the 'white van drivers' who regularly speed on this estate will not be deterred by a 20mph speed limit any more than they are by 30mph. There is no check on these vehicles & they are free to offend over & over again. b) The parking on this estate is atrocious & is a hazard which effectively slows traffic down anyway. On Fairway it is sometimes impossible to get between two rows of parked cars especially just before the junction of Fairway & Glendale Avenue. It is an accident waiting to happen but nothing to do with speed. At the junction of Glendale Avenue /Ashington Drive a large white van regularly blocks the junction forcing drivers to approach the junction on the wrong side of the road. This is more dangerous than speed problems. c) I regularly drive in an area with a 20mph limit. It is very difficult to drive a car & keep the limit below 20 without constantly watching the speedo. this effectively takes your eyes off the road more often & this is potentially dangerous. To summarise - Yes this estate has traffic problems which need to be addressed urgently but the introduction of a 20mph limit is not the answer.
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EP	1		I think it's a great idea. If 20MPH signs are put up and hopefully people respect the speed restriction it will help to make the estate safer for everyone
Riversdale Avenue	NE62 5JZ	1		I have no objections to the proposed speed limit being implemented. I would, however, have objections to speed humps being added as an enforcement measure. I have no issues with chicane type measures. Speed humps, as someone who would be forced to travel over them daily, damage vehicles following prolonged use. This is my only objection.
Fiarway	NE62 5LH	1		I have lived in Fairway for more than 40 years and for many years I have been concerned with motorists using Fairway as a through route (at speed) to the Main Stakeford Road. I did at one time suggest to the highways authority to close the roads off at the green halfway down Fairway thus creating cul-de-sacs and eliminating the problem. I was informed that this suggestion was not in line with the councils thinking. I am, however, in support of any proposal which will cut down the speed of traffic through the estate although I would have thought that all motorists should realise that 20mph is already the MAXIMUM that they should be travelling through any housing estate.
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EN	1		Traffic speed is too high for safety of children and young people riding ponies from the stables. Speed bumps are not a deterrent for high speed vehicles using Ashington Drive
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EN	1		There are many children in our street also school entrances are off Woodhorn Drive. Traffic coming off Ashington Drive comes into our street at a higher speed than is safe. We also have stables nearby and many young people are riding horses and ponies - the speed of traffic is too high for the safety of riders and horses (usually most drivers are considerate). Many high speed cars - boy racers :) use Ashington Drive illegally and the speed bumps do nothing to deter them
Crossfell Gardens	NE62 5LA	1		Ashington Drive was never meant to take buses, why not spit them between there and the main road? A Newcastle bus on the main road would be a god send to a lot of people.
Sheepwash Gardens	NE62 5ND	1		I suggest putting double yellow lines on Sheepwash Bank and possibly Hillcrest Avenue before there is a serious accident caused by reckless parking
Ringway	NE62 5YW	1		I do not think the 20mph speed limit is necessary on the Wansbeck Estate in Stakeford and Cleaswell Hill. The main problem in these areas is parking on the highways instead of utilising residential garages and driveways. Large vehicles such as HGV trucks and buses are finding these area difficult to manoeuvre. Cars are left at bus stops and other illegal parking area's. To reduce speed to 20mph for all vehicles will not help the situation.
Ashley Gardens	NE62 5AG	1		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX service from wansbeck XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX which would reduce XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Travelling through estate.
Olympia Avenue	NE62 5DU	1		I totally agree with the proposal all the estates in the are should be included.
Parkway	NE62 5EA	1		
Leander Court	NE62 5BT	1		A set of traffic lights at Half Moon Roundabout!! A few months back myself and my daughter (10) were crossing on the belisha beacon crossing and were nearly ran down by a speeding motorist who had taken roundabout at speed and had taken no consideration of the belisha beacon crossing. As you may be aware there was a cyclist involved in a RTC in April at the roundabout.
Leander Avenue	NE62 5BB	1		A very good proposal, I hope it gets approval. In this day and age with so many cars and vans per household double parking opposite and staggered is inevitable. Driving at 20mph is a must as 30mph is too fast on these estate roads.

				Speed is not a problem!! Roads on the estate are not long enough to build up speed except possibly Ashington Drive (which now has horrendous speed humps) or Ringway. There are also many cars parked on Roadside outside homes which slow traffic down. The main problem which should be dealt with urgently is that of irresponsible adults who park outside Ringway First School. Take no notice of safety signs for children's lives. Park opposite zig zags park on grass verges park blocking driveways. Not just early AM. or PM. but all day!! Many a time delivery vans cannot get through, parking attendants area waste of time - they are ignored, as soon as they are away - cars return as you can tell if feel very strongly about this matter.
Percy Gardens	NE62 5YH		1	
Mowbray Terrace	NE62 5QP		1	
Simonside Avenue	NE62 5LJ		1	
Ringway	NE62 5YW		1	The sooner the better. Perhaps a police presence during Ringway School drop off and pick up times would be more than helpful too.
	NE62 5YD		1	I agree with 20mph on surrounding streets, but not on Ashington Drive to much of a busy road to be 20mph, more should be done to enforce 30mph on that road. 20mph is not a realistic speed to be traveling at on a main road, more people would stick to 30 rather than 20 in 1st and 2nd year. Plus it would cause more speeding people not happy going at 20 like the car in front, and overtaking when that would not happen at 30mph. Bar a couple of busy hours during the week, going at 20mph when its not busy is pointless, what means most people will carry on at 30mph regardless, hence more should be done to enforce 30mph, like more 30signs on posts and on the road, maybe some flashing signs at busy times.
			1	This will not work I am a boy racer and will laugh at your silly little 20mph signs and do 60 or 70 along the estate thanks. Do you really think people will actually stick to this it will cause tailbacks and pissed off drivers nobody will do 20mph if anything all old drivers should be taken off the road. This is an absolutely appalling idea and if I get my motorbike out I will do 150mph so wont make no difference to me.
Ashington Drive			1	Stop the idiots using their mobile phones while driving.
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AB		1	We feel that this would be a very good thing. We live on Ashington Drive and we have seen no benefit of the speed humps only a 20mph speed limit would work. (how about speed cameras also). Thanks
Cleaswell Hill	NE62 5DP		1	Yes, I definitely support the proposal. Having been a resident on Cleaswell Hill since 2009, I can honestly say I believe the speeds that certain drivers travel through the area has increased significantly. Even though these are traffic calming measures in place, even these don't seem to deter these drivers. Something else needs to be done.
Leander Avenue	NE62 5BD		1	Can I please ask you to consider looking at the traffic and parking around the area where I live in particular around local shops e.g. Kielder Chip Shop etc.... It is not the fault of the shop owners but the lack of consideration of individuals travelling in and not considering residents. On late evenings and weekends it is becoming dangerous and on occasions emergency services would be unable to get through. I recently parked in a housing estate in Morpeth behind the train station and received warning ticket from Northumbria Police who were investigating inconsiderate parking in that area. Further information on that scheme or advice contact 101 and ask for the Morpeth neighbourhood team or email morpeth.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk. Can we not use this initiative and work in couaboration without local neighbourhood policing team.
Rothlea Gardens	NE62 5YB		1	1)Splendid idea - hope it works 2) How can we get owners to park their cars so pedestrians have access to the pedestrian paths on Wansbeck Estate? 3)Does the highway code have no significance to some car owners?
Mitford Gardens	NE62 5YR		1	Suggest we have more patrols of police on parking issues especially concerning Ringway First School. This is the main danger to children arriving and leaving between 8.45-9.30am and 2.45-3.30 pm.
Thornhill Gardens	NE62 5LQ		1	To remove the speed humps from Ashington Drive.
			1	But you should stops cars parking on either side of road a only one can get though you have to stop. And let them through it should be soo.?
Ashington Drive	NE62 5XR		1	I fully endorse the 20mph speed zone for pedestrian safety and also as my house still shakes on Ashington Drive when a bus goes past at 30mph. Please make this happen.
Bankside Walk	NE62 5BL		1	We support the proposed 20mph speed limit if you also remove the speed bumps along Ashington Drive. The height of the bumps most recently renewed cause great discomfort to any driver with neck/back problems and cumulative damage to cars. They increase the rate of accidents as many drivers ain for the middle of the road to reduce impact and from out observation, do not slow down the few reckless drivers who exceed the speed limit. An enforced 20mph speed limit with signs to heighten public awareness of the reasons for it would in our opinion be more effective.
			1	I don't think this will deter the idiots who drive at speed. I would be more supportive if the speed bumps on Ashington Drive were removed far from deterring these pests, it only creates rat runs through neighbouring streets, at the same time they are causing damage to law abiding motorists vehicles.



Mowbray Terrace	NE62 5QP	1	I live at No14 of 17 Terraced houses on the Main Road between Guidepost and Stakeford. I am constantly surprised at the speed cars go up and down the road crossing the road is not an easy task as the only pedestrian crossing is outside the school I like many others think something needs to be done.
Beverley Drive	NE62 5XZ	1	To improve safety on our roads.
	NE62 5BD	1	I am definitely in favour of the above although I seem to remember when the Wansbeck Estate was first built over 50 years ago there was a large signpost saying 20mph at the entrance which just seemed to disappear over time. I and many others are not in favour of the New large humps on Ashington Drive we will soon all be putting repair bills in to the council.
Wansbeck Avenue	NE62 5EX	1	A 20mph limit on the estate is a good idea. My street - Wansbeck Avenue is used by a lot of Drivers as a link between Ashington Drive and Stakeford Lane and many of them drive more than 30mph. There are a lot of children on the estate and this should help. A good friend of mine's 11 year old was killed at Guidepost 16 years ago and incident troubles mine peculiarly.
Leander Court		1	None. Doing the right thing.
Wansbeck Avenue	NE62 5EZ	1	How will you ensure motorists adhere to the new - lower - speed limit, if implemented?
Cleasewell Hill	NE62 5DZ	1	Personally I don't think 20mph terminal signs work. Before I moved here just over 2 years ago I lived in a big long street Beaumont Terrace westerhope and I fought with the council for the safety of children and the elderly. They started with 20mph signs which did not work and ended up putting humps in the road. P.S I live at the top of Cleasewell Hill and the traffic is leathe!
Ashington Drive	NE62 5BJ	1	Speed restriction on this estate is a great idea, the problem is enforcing it. On the bend at the junction of Ashington Drive and Ringway there already exists a 20mph limit but virtually no one adheres to it making exit and entry of residents vehicles onto Ashington Drive on the bend very tricky and at times chancy. Double yellow lines on Ashington Drive might not be a bad idea too.
Ashington Drive	NE62 5BQ	1	We support this speed limit please enforce it.
Crossfell Gardens	NE62 5LA	1	If we cant keep the drivers to 30mph how will we keep them to 20mph.
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EP	1	How do you propose to police the system once installed.
		1	I fully agree with this proposal. However how will the speed limit be policed to be sure ti works.
Simonside Avenue	NE62 5LJ	1	we think this is a good idea but like many new laws it will be difficult to enforce. Hopefully most people will respond in a positive manner.
	NE62 5LA	1	I do support the above but I do hope you will realise that the 20mph speed limit will only be observed by responsible law abiding motorists. The 'tossspots' will still put their clogs down and stick their 'bow fingers' up to the limit. Therefore will all the added expense be of any use - if doubt it! P.S while on the subject of vehicles - parking in the estate is terrible I understand cars, vans need to put 'two' wheels on footpaths otherwise the world would come to a stop! But I strongly inject when irresponsible owners do not leave enough room for pushchairs, wheelchairs and even pedestrians to pass without having to walk on the roads and may be knocked over by cars etc. doing 20mph? P.S yes I am a car owner (just in care you think I'm anti-car).
Ashington Drive	NE62 5BQ	1	The vast majority of road users comply with current speed limits throughout the estate a small minority find it necessary to drive above the speed limit! A speed camera suitably placed would solve a lot of problems.
Allendale Crescent	NE62 5YG	1	Both my husband and I support a 20mph speed limit. Indeed when Wansbeck Estate was newly built the original speed limit on Ashington Drive at the northern turn off to Ringway (i.e. from roundabout at Half moon pubchase) was 10mph. However this support would only hold on the provision that all speed humps be removed. a) They do NOT deter the speed merchants. b) As anyone with back pain would confirm, they cause pain if having to drive over them, especially when driving slowly.
		1	Adress the problem of parking on parkway NE62 5EA.
Ashington Drive	NE62 5EH	1	Not before time. Worried about damage to vehicles because of new traffic bumps in some parts of Ashington Drive.
School Avenue	NE62 5DJ	1	Introduce car parking facilities at Cleasewell Hill school to ensure access to residences in School Avenue. Enforce notices for vehicle drivers to adhere to.
Ringway	NE62 5YJ	1	Prohibiting vehicles from obstructing pavements would 1) remove obstructions for wheelchairs etc. 2) reduce width of roadways, thereby reducing traffic speeds, at no extra cost. 3) fines could be imposed to further increase council revenues. If motorists breaking the current speed limit and the illegal parking at guidepost shops cant be polices how is a 20mph limit going to be policed? Has a survey been conducted to see how many motorists are speeding through the estate?
Wansbeck Estate		1	What was the point of putting speed bumps all along Ashingto Drive at ridiculously high levels if not to slow the traffic down anyway!
		1	Yes a 20mph speed limit would eb great but how will you make it work? Drivers take little notice of the 30mph limit I can not see how putting signs up will make a difference to it.
Lesbury Avenue	NE62 5YD	1	I support the proposal most empathetically. I also believe the car parking, outside the post office, at Guide Post, on double yellow lines, and in the bus stop bay should be seriously addressed, as a safety hazard, and in contravention of the law.

		1		You need to take grass up in Walton Drive and put car bays in or make it a one way street before there is an accident.
Rutherford Close	NE62 5DT	1		It is impossible to drive any faster than that down Olympia Avenue Guidepost past the scouts hut down to Rutherford Close as the road is in a terrible state with potholes. Maybe looking at spending money on these roads would be beneficial as a lot of older people live in this area and use the scooters to get about which is impossible as they cant cross the road.
Westbourne Avenue	NE62 5YN	1		
Westbourne Avenue	NE62 5YN		1	
Ringway	NE62 5YJ	1		
Ashington Drive	NE62 5XS	1		
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AE	1		
The Square	NE62 5DA	1		
		1		
Ashington Drive	NE62 5JD	1		
Ashington Mews	NE62 5JD	1		
		1		
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5ES	1		
Thornhill Gardens	NE62 5LQ	1		
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EP	1		
		1		
Ashley Gardens	NE62 5AG	1		
	NE62 5DJ		1	
Ringway	NE62 5YW		1	
Cleaswell Hill	NE62 5DZ	1		
Beverley Drive	NE62 5XZ		1	
Leander Avenue	NE62 5AY	1		
Beverley Drive	NE62 5YA	1		
Thornhill Gardens	NE62 5LP		1	
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EP	1		
Ashington Drive	NE62 5BJ	1		
Fairway	NE62 5LB	1		
Simonside Avenue	NE62 5LJ	1		
Leander Avenue	NE62 5BD	1		
		1		
Bankside Walk	NE62 5BL	1		
School Avenue	NE62 5DN	1		
Freehold Avenue	NE62 5DQ	1		
Lansdowne Gardens	NE62 5LF	1		
Olympia Avenue	NE62 5DU	1		
Simonside Avenue	NE62 5LJ	1		
Thirlmoor Place	NE62 5AY	1		
Ringway	NE62 5YJ	1		
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AB	1		
Bankside Walk	NE62 5BL	1		
Cleaswell Hill	NE62 5DP	1		
School Avenue	NE62 5DN	1		
Hillcrest Avenue	NE62 5ED	1		
Clifton Close	NE62 5AZ	1		
Fern Court	NE62 5NE	1		
School Avenue	NE62 5DJ	1		
Sheepwash Bank	NE62 5NA	1		
Simonside Avenue	NE62 5LJ	1		
Fairway	NE62 5LH	1		
Wansbeck Avenue	NE62 5EZ	1		We whole heartedly support this initiative. Wansbeck Avenue serves as a connection between the A196 Ashington Drive and Sheepwash Bridge. Tis contributes to the whole estate being a 'feeder' between the South and the North of the river Wansbeck, thus a considerable part of the through put has no consideration for the residents. traffic regularly exceeds the speed limit excessively The initiative should be underpinned by regular checks on speeding.
Glendale Avenue	NE62 5AN	1		
Lesbury Avenue	NE62 5YD	1		
The Square	NE62 5BZ	1		
Ashington Drive	NE62 5BQ	1		
	NE62 5OU	1		
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EP	1		
Westwood Gardens	NE625YF	1		
	NE62 5ES	1		
Byron Close	NE62 5DF	1		
Olympia Avenue	NE62 5DU	1		
Crossfell Gardens	NE62 5LA	1		
Walton Drive	NE62 5EG	1		
Waverton Close	NE63 6 PF	1		
Leander Avenue	NE62 5AX	1		
Leander Avenue	NE62 5AU	1		
Wansbeck Avenue	NE62 5EX	1		
Wansbeck Avenue	NE62 5ES	1		
		1		
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AL	1		
Ringway	NE62 5XT	1		Could something also be done about parking on Ringway outside the school and the rest of the area at dropping off and picking up times
Olympia Avenue	NE62 5DU	1		As am a elderly person I have come across this problem quite a lot cars speeding especially from Cleaswell to Guide Post shops
Olympia Avenue	NE62 5DU	1		Good idea
Norham Garden	NE62 5YE	1		Yes I think something should be done about the people parking cars on the street corners and also parking on the footpaths in the estate and also about the people parking on the yellow in outside the shops at the square at Guidepost.
Beverley Drive	NE62 5X2	1		Both my wife and myself would very much support the proposed, though we both feel it may be difficult to enforce.
Wansbeck View	NE62 5BH	1		25 mph would be Max in said area
Simonside Avenue		1		Something should be done about school run parking (especially on the A196) before an accident happens
Glendale Avenue	NE62 5AN	1		My husband and I are both in our eighties and would support 20 mph speed limit.



Westwood Gardens	NE62 5YF	1	<p>The speed bumps do not work - waste of money. The roundabout at the old peoples home (at the top of Stakeford Bridge) has limited visibility for people coming out of Stakeford Estate. Traffic lights, although costly, would be the solution. How you monitor compliance with a 20mph is an issue for me, Everyday I see people on the estate driving and using mobile phones - so policing that does not work (mind you it does not work elsewhere) The old peoples home needs a more secure barrier - erected in front of the lounge facing Stakeford Bridge/The Half Moon.</p>
		1	<p>This years council tax increase is attributed to 'essential services' which I do not believe this is. Cars not adhering to the 20mph limit will need to be addresses - how and by whom? Other authorities across the County are withdrawing this system as police will not manage it. Motorists in this area need to be educated to keeping to the current speed restriction, not parking illegally around the schools an pavements (which are in a disgraceful condition all around this estate due to cars, vans, caravans all parking on and over pavements.)</p>
Fern Court	NE62 5NE	1	<p>We are in full agreement with proposals to introduce 20mph in the above area, Great! However, in our opinion, your greatest priority MUST be controlling the speed of vehicles on Sheepwash Bank. This is supposed to be a 30mph zone but the speeds up and down here have to be seen to be believed - cars, motorcycles and larger vehicles - it is a serious accident waiting to happen. I have in the past voiced my concern to the police. While on the subject of this road may I ask if there is no weight limit on this road and so onto Sheepwash Bridge? Heavy articulated lorries are the daily norm but come Harvesting time from early morning till late at night giant tractors pulling enormous loads of grain are running non stop. what effect is this having on the houses and the bridge? The bridge is in urgent need of re-surfacing. See for yourselves the behaviour of traffic here!</p>
Leander Avenue	NE62 5BD	1	<p>I honestly believe a 20mph speed limit would be useless. Who is going to police it I have never seen a policeman for 10-15 years up Leander Avenue and surrounding areas. The only police cars seen are the ones calling in to someone's house. A 20mph speed limit would not stop the boy racers as neither does the existing 30mph they travel at least 40-45mph so 20 would mean nothing to them. Speed bumps are the only way of reducing speed effectively. As not even boy racers want to wreck their car suspensions by racing over the bumps. I say speed bumps correctly positioned are the answer not 20mph speed limit with no means of enforcement.</p>
Ashington Drive	NE62 5BQ	1	<p>If enforcement for a 20mph limit was to be the same for 30mph, telephone handheld use when driving or in use of a vehicle, the implementation of same 20mph limit would be a waste of time, effort and money. The same people responsible for breaching or breaking the current laws or regulations would be unaffected. It could be a possibility that people could be dashing around trying to find a possible toilet!</p>
Wansbeck Avenue	NE62 5EX	1	<p>We live on Wansbeck Avenue and witness on a regular basis vehicles coming into the estate from Stakeford Terrace at speeds well in excess of 30mph, so introducing a 20mph limit would be good. However I think that enforcement on occasions would be needed to drive the message through that speeding in the estate is not acceptable. We are not in favour of speed humps or chicanes as these are seen by speeders as just another challenge to overcome! Thank you.</p>
	NE62 5EZ	1	<p>The introduction of traffic calming would suggest this is a bad area to live in the closure of a local school, therefore 20mph speed restriction in not required, 30mph adequate for Wansbeck Ave. If your proposals are to include traffic calming measures eg. speed humps etc. then I feel that the enclosed letter is deliberately misleading people into thinking that you only intend to erect 20mph signs and nothing else. I cant see how you expect 20mph signs on their own to have any effect so there must be other measures that you have failed to mention. I personally have not seen any incidents that suggest a lowering of the speed limit. You have not provided evidence to help people make an informed decision. "Concerns raised by local residents" tells me nothing. How many residents, what streets? My feeling is that it is only a few residents in a small area and is not representative of the whole estate. I am therefore against the proposal.</p>
Ashley Gardens	NE62 5AQ	1	<p>About time, speed humps have made very little difference I hope ones found guilty will be treated and prosecuted. Children too need parent control as they run across the road from the shops without looking, schools too have a duty in road safety. I do hope this proposal goes through, what about a pedestrian traffic light control from the shops in Ashington Drive? Or is this asking too much!</p>
Bankside Walk	NE62 5BL	1	<p>Some years ago I received the same letter for the county council. My reply was then was to put a speed camera at Bankside Walk at the bottom cheviot way. But the County Council then chose to put speed cushions he full length of Ashington Drive (FAILURE). Repeater signs with slow down that same as they have in Scotland may work. There is nothing wrong with the current speed limit, whatever limit you set it at you will always get the law breakers they need to be caught. I do appreciate you are trying to do something about it.</p>
School Avenue		1	<p>We need to do something at Guidepost Square (Post Office) everyone has trouble crossing the road due to parked cars outside shops and at the bus stop beside the butchers shop and speeding traffic this is an accident waiting to happen there are a lot of elderly people and mothers and children have trouble grossing at this spot.</p>

Ashley Gardens	NE62 5AG		1	Main Road has that many speed bumps you cannot go much faster than 25mph anyway - however I do feel that the area on Ringway and Wansbeck Avenue where the schools are need to be 20mph. Also how about making area around Ringway one-way only!!! Also a crossing on Ashington Drive near to shops would be a good idea. That would benefit the whole community.
Percy Gardens	NE62 5YH		1	
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AB		1	Remove new higher traffic humps on Ashington Drive they cause problems for buses and cars they are too high. Will the 20mph signs be sola and flashing if exceed 20mph? I think they will have more impact.
Therlmoor Place	NE62 5AY		1	The road is a narrow road through the estate and does not warrant a 20mph limit. I have lived here 11 years without any bad accidents on that road. Drivers just need to take care as they should normally.
Ringway			1	I think 30mph would be more reasonable! I was leaving my house some weeks ago on a dark morning at 8.50am and cars driven at some speed on the pavement missed me as I reached my garden gate. Given more seconds and I wouldn't be writing this. Cars are parked on the pavements all around my area. Mothers with pushchairs and small children forced to walk in the road. The congestion around Ringway School three times a day and in-between causes great concern and street to me and my neighbours. I would prefer something be done to relieve that situation as well as speed limit.
Allendale Crescent	NE62 5YG		1	Could something also be done about parking of cars and vans on footpaths, at time so close to walls pushchairs cant get through.
Farndale Avenue	NE62 5YQ		1	I agree to the proposal. I live in Farndale Avenue, which crosses from Ashington Drive to Beverley Drive and the speed which some vehicles travel is very often more than 30mph. I welcome this proposal.
Abbotts Close	NE62 5BE		1	
Ashington Drive	NE62 5BJ		1	This could be a good thing. As lately Ashington Drive is used by the younger drivers as a race track!
Walton Drive	NE62 5EG		1	
			1	
Thornhill Gardens			1	Maybe it will mean we can get rid of speed bumps on Ashington Drive now?
Ashington Mews	NE62 5JD		1	Most residents would agree with the proposal - the problem I would suggest is the policing of the scheme - many motorists of various age and gender totally disregard the in site traffic calming measures - speed humps - speed limit - road lining etc. However I would give 100% approval to the proposal - but research measures to make it work.
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AL		1	The public bus services drive up Ashington Drive at high speed and do not slow down for the speed bumps. This results in our house shaking due to vibrations.
Leander Avenue	NE62 5BG		1	I feel that introducing the signs may reduce the speed of some drivers however if someone choses to do more than 20 they will, speed bumps are laid down on most roads, around this area, and I don't think hat has made a big impact on slowing down inconsiderate drivers!! So the signage to then **** ***** existing!! However if signs are put in place I take that as it may just make people think that little bit more.
Crossfell Gardens	NE62 5LA		1	
			1	
Fairway	NE62 5LB		1	
School Avenue			1	Plus School Avenue. As vans, taxis, school buses need to go slower. Also since yellow lines have been put at top of School Ave parking terrible. More parking needed around The Square at Guide Post.
Abbotts Close	NE62 5BE		1	
Ashington Drive	NE62 5BJ		1	Does proposing the 20mph speed limit mean that the humps have failed and you will remove them if the 20mph limit is introduced.
Beechwood Avenue	NE62 5AP		1	There is a definite requirement for the introduction of speed reduction measures within the area shown however unless the restriction is enforced it would be an expensive waste of time and money. A combination of chicanes and speed humps I believe would be the only solution. I believe those similar to those in place at Green Lane or Lynemouth would be the only way to achieve the aim.
Ringway	NE62 5XX		1	
Fairway	NE62 5LH		1	A blanket speed limit would be great - however 1 question the ability to enforce it - I live on a so called rat run, and a 20mph speed limit will not make any difference to those who do not adhere to the 30 already in place... and on some sections you cannot hit 30 anyway, due to on street parking. would it be possible to put up some 30 solar powered reminders, like the one at the Cherry Tree on the streets where this is an issue~? It does make me check my speed - the majority of residents do adhere to the 30 speed limit, and sods law, it will be those who get penalised for going over 20, not the drivers who go over 30!! Overall, I don't think it will make any difference on the Wansbeck Estate. I would appreciate being kept up to date on this proposal.
Byron Close	NE62 5DF		1	I am agreeable to the 20mph speed limit. I hope they make a better job of policing it than they do cars parking on the double yellow lines, there are more cars parked on the paths than ever before.
Riversdale Avenue	NE62 5LE		1	
Simonside Avenue	NE62 5LJ		1	Safety First. Remove road bumps will not be needed.

Front Mowbray Terrace	NE62 5QP	1	<p>Concerned Grandparent. Long Overdue. But we would like to see speed cameras on A1976/ Stakeford Lane from Guide Post Roundabout to School areas. The school signs on Mowbray Front is a joke no one takes any notice to reduce speed for the kids. The only 30mph sign is in entry to Guide Post itself and then a flashing sign just before the cherry tree. Last week and quite regular there are a few idiots that drive as though they were in a F1 Race. The lack of mandatory speed restrictions on Stakeford lane from Guide Post is self evident. I suggest a traffic survey is carried out in front of Mowbray Terrace. Plus all the sat naves direct traffic down back Mowbray only to come out again at Front Mowbray, even blur lights like at night which if have had to redirect its just sturd.</p>
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EN	1	<p>I would also like you to think about the traffic on Woodhorn Drive in the mornings and evenings when children are being dropped off for school and being picked up. The volume of traffic parking on the pavements on Woodhorn Drive, it is only a matter of time before a child runs out and gets hit by a car. We who live in the cul de sac where the school gate is cannot get parked and sometimes cannot get out to go to work. I personally have had my car damaged by people dropping their kips off and parking in the cul de sac where there is only four parking spaces for those who live there. I think its about time the school gate is blocked off and use an alternative place to park so we can park outside our own doors. When the gym is pulled down try telling the parents to park in there.</p>
Byron Close	NE62 5DF	1	<p>I would like to take this chance to inform you of a serious problem regarding cars parking along the road and bus stops around Guide Post Square. Other than being a constant nuisance it also poses a great risk to all. This road is already narrow enough without people parking alongside the shops etc. and reducing it to a single lane road with traffic coming in both directions, this is also true when they park in bus lanes. This also makes it harder and more dangerous crossing the road, especially when children or if you are disabled which many of the residents are. Times when parking is and is not allowed are posted, but are ignored with people parking in front of the disability ramp and on the speed bump also. im sure a programme could be worked out with a traffic warden etc. were the cost of their hire would be fully covered by fines etc. distributed to offenders. Please could you help in this matter. Thank You.</p>
Allendale Crescent	NE62 5YG	1	<p>I am 100% in favour of the speed limit of 20mph. May I point out that Allendale Crescent is a proper rat run with the speeds ridiculous. It is not just the speed that is a hazard at times there is also the question of caravans parked in the streets for days at a time.</p>
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AE	1	<p>Speed bumps on Ashington Drive fail to stop some motorists to travel 30mph or less. The height of the bumps are not high enough to deter speeders or heavy duty vehicles but they do create vibrations to our houses when travel over them. The bumps should be the full width of the road as some motorists straddle them to avoid the full height. Hope the comments will be noted. Thank you.</p>
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AL	1	<p>As a resident of Ashington Drive for the past 42 years I support the plan to consider this public safety measures. This has been a long time coming and as someone who has seen at first hand the ever increasing traffic volume on the main artery through the estate it is long overdue. The humps in place at this moment in time are as much use as a chocolate poker and have never achieved what they were designed to do. All vehicles are able to straddle the obstacles with ease and drivers of all ages race along without any consideration for others or the elderly or children. It was never imagined that so many vehicles would use the drive and originally there were no bus routes on the estate. I remember there being a speed limit sign of 10mph at the Stakeford entrance. The mature families with grown up children have more than one family car and some as many as four with the overflow parked on the road causing a hazard to all. there is justification to ENFORCE a 20mph restrictions through-out the estate and on the minor off shoot routes from the drive, some of which are rat routes not only for locals but large wagons delivering to shops or delivering to residences where improvements are on-going. I would approve of any strong measures enforced throughout the estate with strong penalties applied to those who ignore. An action such as this may prevent the death of a child which I am surprised has not happened yet. Ashington Drive was never built with bus transport in mind and did not have any when I moved here in 1964. This action would not affect timetables and may even make travel through this area just as convenient but much safer. I have motived that wherever you travel across the North East many areas have already applied this regulation so it must be advantageous for all. Introduction of new traffic regulations is a good idea but if the NCC are unable to apply these without strong enforcement of policing then success is maybe reduced. The same can be said of enforcing and particularly ASHL..TON Drive. This is not a spelling error but sadly a fact.</p>
Simonside Avenue		1	<p>I totally agree with the suggested scheme being implemented in the Wansbeck Estate as this is long overdue. For our 51 years living on the estate we have seen on many occasions' speeds well exceeding the lawful limits - mostly by youths and on some occasion's middle aged people. How there hasn't been more accidents is rather remarkable. I only hope that if this scheme is implemented that all areas of the estate are posted with signs and not only the bus routes, as this is a rat run with other residents having more problems lawful limits - mostly by youths and on some occasions middle aged people. how there hasn't been more accidents is rather remarkable. i only hope, that if this scheme is implemented that all areas of the estate are posted with signs and not only the bus routes, as this is a rat run with other residents having more problems.</p>

Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EN	1	1	A good safety feature, as long as people abide to the 20 mph limit. Will it be policed?
Ringway	NE62 5XT	1	1	There is little to no justification provided in the consultation letter; only that local residents have raised concerns about traffic speed and road safety. How many residents have expressed these concerns and what exactly are they? Do these concerns relate to a particular area? (e.g. near the schools). Has any incident prompted this? I would like a more detailed explanation of why this is necessary; on what basis is the argument made? What realistic impact will the imposition of a widespread 20m.p.h. restriction have? It is possible this may lead to further frustration for drivers which may lead to increased risk taking. As presented I do not support the proposal.
Westbourne Avenue	NE62 5YN	1	1	
Westbourne Avenue	NE62 5YN	1	1	We do not agree with the proposal to reduce the speed limit within the specified area. We believe the area proposed is unreasonably large and includes many areas where speeding is not an issue or even possible, especially in those streets surrounding this address. In the last few years we are unaware of any accidents happening as a result of excessive speed through the estate. Any accidents that we are aware of have been as a result of inconsiderate parking, especially along Ashington Drive (between Glendale Avenue and Wansbeck Avenue). In this area a number of cars and work vans park on the road often directly opposite or on junctions as well as virtually opposite other parked vehicles. As a household with three cars who paid for the privilege of moving our dropped curb (whilst being forced to stop up the original one despite still needing it to access the drive), we do not find this acceptable; especially where the driveway is then left unused. The proposed reduction of the speed limit will clearly have cost implications which we believe are unnecessary. The area covered already has speed measures in place through the installation of speed bumps along Ashington Drive, some of which were made more severe following the recent resurfacing work. The money involved would be better spent addressing the inconsiderate parking and carrying out repair work to the concrete roads that have not been looked at in at least 20 years. This would especially benefit the end of Ringway (adjacent to the field), which was damaged by heavy goods vehicles involved in the work by the water authority but ignored by the recent resurfacing work. Finally, we do not believe that the reduced speed limit would have any effect on the people you would be trying to target.
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EN	1	1	It would also be a good idea to try to police the parking on the top end of Woodhorn Drive (particularly the corner) at school times. Not only are parents double-parking they are also parking across driveways. I have been late for work on numerous occasions due to this and the school just are not interested. It may also be a good idea to prevent them parking on the path given the condition these are being left in. I had cause to complain a few years back about cracked paving slabs across my drive hitting the bottom of my car when pulling on the drive - however I was less than impressed when a council worker said if I didn't stop damaging them I would be charged - ITS NOT ME ITS THE PARENTS WHO BUMPED UP ON THE PATH AT MY DRIVE AND PROCEED TO DRIVE RIGHT ROUND THE CORNER ON THE PATH.
Mowbray Primary School	NE62 5HQ	1	1	As Headteacher of Mowbray Primary School I support the proposed 20mph in the area identified as the safety of pupils at our school is a major concern.
		1	1	Thank you for your letter dated 8th May 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.
Ferndale Avenue	NE62 5YQ	1	1	Ramps or speed restrictions for Farndale Ave as drivers already use this as a fast thoroughfare and an accident is inevitable.
School Avenue	NE62 5DN	1	1	This is well overdue. I have witnessed several near misses in this area. Hopefully signs could be placed at frequent intervals, not just on the main thoroughfares (eg. Ashington Road) but also around residential streets leading off the main roads. There is also a desperate need for some kind of traffic management around Cleaswell School area, on School Avenue where I live the large buses and fast taxis cause problems on the street which cannot cope with the size of the vehicles using it, there is a larger access road via Cleaswell Hill to the school. A 10mph speed limit would be useful on this street!
The Sycamores	NE62 5LW	1	1	I think its also time a crossing was put in on Sheepwash Bank Half way down. It's a busy road and dangerous to cross for adults never mind children. Someone will end up injured if it doesn't happen soon.
Leander Avenue	NE62 5AU	1	1	20mph should be imposed in all residential areas, why leave out Sherbourne Park and Guidepost Council Estate (North Ave etc.)
Clifton Close	NE62 5AZ	1	1	Cant see this improving anything. A) most drivers of not speed. B) parked cars and vans throughout the estate restrict speeding anyway. C) if a 20mph was imposed who would enforce it? No, I cant see this working and would be a complete waste of public finance there will always be a minority of drivers who speed on public roads and a few signs on lampposts are not going to stop them Rather surprised the Professional transport staff even considered putting prefect money into this sort of scheme!

Percy Gardens	NE62 5YN	1	1) a major accident waiting to happen at Guide Post!! The road outside the post office has been narrowed and bollards installed, and also the bus stop moved. However drivers are parking on the double yellow lines to use the hole in the wall at the post office. At the same point there are speed bumps (painted white) and people are using this as a zebra crossing. 2) Mothers who drive their cars to take the children to school are blocking Ringway and Beverley Drive. This also occurs on the A196 outside Mowbray School and to a lesser extent on Wansbeck Avenue.
Woodhorn Drive		1	Hopefully this will aim to address road safety which is well overdue. The area of Woodhorn Drive in particular is a disaster waiting to happen i.e. lots of cars parked on the roadside with poor visibility. By reducing speed will hopefully minimize some risk, but the number of cars parked there issue continue to park a XXXX. Also, during the end of the school day when parents pick up their children, the number of cars parked outside the entrance makes it even more unsafe. Perhaps restricted parking i.e. double yellow lines needs to be considered too.
Westbourne Avenue	NE62 5YN	1	People should be fined for parking on the main road, especially the corner of Ringway (Westbourne Avenue) as there has been a few close shaves there. You can not see what is coming down the main road, buses etc. Also people parking on the path. We often have to go on the road to get past with the pram, which is ridiculous. We have to put our grandsons life in danger because of these idiots. Some of these people don't take any notice of the speed limits anyway. The speed bumps have helped a little bit, but some of them are too high, and are crumbling already.
Fairway	NE62 5LB	1	I have lived on Wansbeck Estate for over 50 years and if I remember when the estate was first built there was a speed limit of 15mph!!
Thirlmoor Place	NE62 5AY	1	We feel the new speed humps are too high although they do work. The other problem is the number of cars and vans that are parked on the road, especially on Ashington Drive, this causes real problems.
Freehold Avenue	NE62 5DH	1	Parking can be a problem at the Guide Post end of the estate. Some teachers park at the cottage end of Freehold Avenue and on School Avenue causing problems for residents and school transport. A car park exists at the first school and is locked up. This could be used for teachers from the other two schools.
Mowbray Terrace	NE62 5QP	1	Please do not bring the speed limit in place. I speak as a motorist of nearly 10 years with a completely clean driving license and really hope you will listen. I live along the main road, and for the most part motorists obey the speed limits and are respectful of pedestrians. The issues I see are mainly UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN running out into the road, or pedestrians who do not look before stepping onto the road. Most commonly, problems are caused by children not following basic road safety, and by parents parking all over the place to avoid having to walk more than two steps to get their children to school. By the time motorists are through, they'll be so late I frustrated they may well, in some cases exceed the speed limit! I'd recommend teaching road safety to children and liaising with parents to stop them congesting the roads. I'd also say that it is hard enough to merge onto the road at the minute what traffic being flowed further a this making the flow of traffic completely impossible to negotiate. The roads here are too heavily used to accommodate such a low speed limit. Please don't punish the many because a few idiots driving too fast. By all means bring in traffic calming measures, etc. but don't make the roads unusable!
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EN	1	My house (see below) is situated on a 'nasty' bend in the road. We are on Mowbray Primary School route I would urge a slow sign or written paint sign on road. Thank You.
Ashley Gardens	NE62 5AQ	1	But is you must then remove the humps. They should never have gone in in the first place.
Cheviot Way	NE62 5BH	1	Something needs to be done about the speeding traffic. The cars race up and down especially at night.
		1	As a pensioner I think it's a very good idea. It is sometimes very difficult to get across the road to get to the shops. The speed of some of the cars is terrible if a child or elderly person were crossing the road they would be in danger.
		1	If you are putting in chicanes please could we have some tubs of flowers. I support the reduced speed limit, it should have been brought in years ago.
Bowfell Gardens	NE62 5HA	1	My concern is inconsiderate parking.
Heatherlea Gardens	NE62 5AT	1	The implantation of a 20mph district in the area proposed will be a complete waste of precious funds, which are in short supply. The introduction of speed control bumps along Ashington Drive failed. The introduction of a few signs will make no difference I feel. As proved by the erection of dog control signs which are ignored because the signs have no back up. How many prosecutions have there been for dog fouling.
Ashington Drive	NE62 5EL	1	I would support the proposal for the minor streets but not the streets which are on the local bus routes.
Thirlmoor Place		1	Parking on corners leading to Ashington Drive and Leander Avenue too many work vans.
Leander Court	NE62 5BT	1	
Freehold Avenue	NE62 5DH	1	
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EP	1	
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5ES	1	
Fairway	NE62 5LB	1	
Meldon Gardens	NE62 5EW	1	
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AL	1	
Ringway	NE62 5YJ	1	
Norham Gardens	NE62 5YE	1	
Abbots Close		1	
Fairway	NE62 5LH	1	
Simonside	NE62 5LJ	1	
School Avenue	NE62 5DN	1	
Cleaswell Hill	NE62 5DP	1	



Beverley Drive	NE62 5XZ	1	I believe you should consider enforcing the 30mph before reducing the limit to 20mph. Terminal signs and repeaters are well overdue for the area and I believe these will have a positive effect without reducing the limit to 20mph. While I am unaware of any incidents there are vehicles travelling on Ashington Drive in excess of 30mph and I believe the terminal signs will have a positive effect. The speed humps are also not very effective due to the low profile. In summary address the 30mph (especially on Ashington Drive) before attempting to enforce a 20mph a speed that more people will ignore.
Simonside Avenue	NE62 5LJ	1	Please check car parking spaces around shops at Leander Avenue when fish and chip shop if open. Could any more car parking spaces be provided.
Riversdale Avenue	NE62 5LE	1	We've voiced our concerns for years since our children were young so we are pleased to support the proposed speed limit. Hope you succeed with this move with the backing of all the residents concerned.
Brinkburn Gardens	NE62 5XY	1	Ashington Drive Road was ie resurfaced it was great until the squares were put down to slow traffic, they are far too severe for traffic and public transport including ambulances and motorcycles, why not fix speed camera at one end of Ashington Drive for 20mph and not these dangerous speed humps and they will cause damage to vehicles who will boot the bill?
Mitford Gardens	NE62 5YR	1	I cannot see any reason to restrict speed to 20 mph on Main roads in the estate is your idea that the people who flout the speed limit of 30mph are going to suddenly decide to stop within. The speed limit of 20mph living on Ashington Drive I see very little evidence of speeding or bad driving.
Mitford Gardens	NE62 5YR	1	
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AE	1	The resurfacing of Ashington Drive Main Road has made a dramatic reduction of traffic noise. Most traffic using Ashington Drive exceed 30mph. Visual 20mph signs may not be enough of a traffic speed control. The "speed control humps" are not very effective.
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AH	1	I think that the imposition of a 20mph speed limit across the Wansbeck Estate is frankly ridiculous. Ashington Drive is a main route through the estate with bus, car and delivery access to the variety of shops throughout. There are currently a number of speed humps which make little or no difference to the speed of the traffic through the estate. I fail to see how the 20mph limit would make any difference at all. It would not be adequately policed and will not be effective. A far better solution would be some strategically positioned speed cameras or regular patrol by police officers with speed trap equipment. There will be an unacceptable build up of traffic particularly of busy periods if speed is limited to 20mph.
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AL	1	As residents living on Ashington Drive we are totally in support of the proposals to introduce a 20mph within the Wansbeck housing Estate. However as you are fully aware, the 30mph speed limit which is in force at present has never been policed and I do not understand how you will enforce the change if it is approved. There is a speed restriction sign of 20mph situated on Ashington Drive just before the bend which is largely ignored by vehicle drivers and speeds clearly in excess of 30mph go unabated. In addition, the speed ramps have no effect in controlling the traffic speed but are good at disturbing residents who own property opposite them because of the consistent vibration and thud LGV and buses travelling over them.
Ringway	NE62 5YP	1	
		1	Q. How would this limit be enforced? A. The usual way, speed camera to fine drivers at 25mph during daylight hours while kids are at school. There of course would be back in the garage after dark when kids are on the streets and the boy racers (and taxis) are driving at 50-60mph in the estate. If road safety is the prime concern, please think again. There must be a better answer.
Cleaswell Hill	NE62 5DY	1	A waste of tax payers money - no amount of signs will stop people who want to speed from speeding! I fail to see how a 20mph limit can be policed effectively under current regulations. I also feel that to impose this speed limit on a bus route along Ashington Drive may ultimately result in the withdrawal of the service when arriva cannot keep to the timetable! I live on one of the streets on the estate which does not have "sleeping Policemen" and have not noticed a real problem with speeding past my house! I feel that the current 30mph limit is not a problem.
School Avenue	NE62 5DN	1	We would welcome a lower speed limit, hopefully it would make crossing the road safer for everyone. Particularly children and the elderly.
Beechwood Avenue	NE62 5AP	1	
Ringway	NE62 5YK	1	Parents should remind their children that roads are not playgrounds and simply trying to reduce accidents by lowering the speed limit may have a serious detrimental impact when visiting other places. Problem areas I have observed include: - Vehicles parking in bus stops and on double yellow lines - CF Guidepost shopping area. - Children skateboarding in the middle half of the road. - Cyclists riding as fast and as close as they can to pedestrians on pavements. - Inconsiderate parking including on apexes of corners. - People crossing the roads without taking due car (including car users). - Uneven pavements.
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AL	1	None of the above will be resolved by introducing a 20mph speed limit.
Beechwood Avenue	NE62 5AP	1	I/We have not seen 'speeding' cars in the streets around or on this estate. Reasons being - there are of course speed humps on a large part of Ashington Drive already, which does slow traffic. Also more significantly, there are so many parked cars outside of a great deal of houses on every street, there is no way anyone can go fast these days even 30mph. I would say most traffic already does about 20mph - if that!



Ashington Drive	NE62 5RQ		1	<p>My objections to this proposal are: 1 Environment - Increases Traffic noise particularly on main routes ie Ashington Drive - Stakeford Lane - Increased Air pollution - Vehicles constantly driving low gears - increased fuel usage - increased signage clutter. 2 Seems a Draconian solution to a limited problem to apply 24/7 speed limits. Anyone observing these areas will simply realise that footfall is very low in most areas with the exception of particular time ie Schools start and finish times 5 days per week <u>NOT 24 HOURS A DAY</u>. 3 Anyone waking or driving any of the streets in this area will quickly realise that the combination of speed humps and parked cars on street already seriously limit driving. 4 May be some justification for controls in the Vicinity of Schools in the area - but limited to school peak times - A196 &amp; A1084 appear to be outside of the zone. What about Stakeford 1st and the Barrington Corner?</p>
Mitford Gardens	NE62 5YR		1	<p>Proposed 20 mph Speed Limit on Wansbeck Est, Stakeford and Cleaswell Hill, Guide Post. We support the proposal for the above. The 20mph speed limit will not however address the dangerous problem of parking near the Ringway School, and yes we must take one step at a time but:- The Ringway becomes effectively a single lane at School opening and closing times and parking now takes place on small grassed areas next to residential property and also on pavements. Parents and children walking, cycling, scootering or push chairs/prams have difficulty passing on pavements and the parking is such positions that residents cannot get cars off our own drives. As we are to have an increase in numbers the above will become an increasingly dangerous problem, one of the main concerns that should an accident happen at school times NO emergency services would be able to get through - I think local residents may prefer a solution before any accidents. I am sure that not only junctions at Ringway/Mitford Gardens are the only area to suffer this problem but that it will be all roads in close proximity to the School. The grassed area can have maybe a small fence erected as is in place around the green area which separates the two ends of Mitford Gardens this would stop the considerable damage done to the grass which happens particularly in winter when it turns to mud. I am sure that experts on traffic will have options to resolve some of these issues but perhaps a one way system around the area and immediate road near the school, together or separate with allocated drop off/collection times for the classes - this will or course need to be discussed with the School/Education Dept.</p>
Norham Gardens	NE62 5YE		1	<p>I support the proposal but, wouldn't support any more speed humps as it would cause rat runs in the roads around them. Some people would try and sue the council if they were to damage their cars. And the bus company might take the buses off the route through the estate.</p>
Rothlea Gardens	NE62 5YB		1	<p>At last something is being done.</p>
Wansbeck View	NE65 5BN		1	
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5ES		1	
Bankside Walk	NE62 5BL		1	<p>I do not believe that making the speed limit 20mph would have any effect on the people that are breaking the 30mph now. Even after the speed humps were introduced. You would have to police it or introduce the 30mph highlight boards that you have on Stakeford lane to Guidepost.</p>
Farndale Avenue	NE62 5YQ		1	<p>I fully support Cllrs Foster and Ledger's proposal to have a 20mph introduced within the marked area on the map covering the Wansbeck Estate, Cleaswell Hill and surrounding area of Guide Post. I feel that introducing this will help make our residents feel safer in our area where we live. it will also make it safer for our school children travelling to and from school. At the end of the day reducing your speed saves lives. If or when this is introduced there might need a little bit more in the way to say that this area is now a 20mph zone, to advertise and to contact schools to ask to put into their newsletter as part of their road safety programme.</p>
Mitford Gardens	NE62 5YR		1	<p>I am more concerned about the parking outside Ringway Primary school at 9am and 3pm. Cars are parked in such a way that an accident is inevitable and the death of a child is all too real a possibility.</p>
Fairway	NE62 5LH		1	<p>Speed limit signs do not deter speeding, it would be an utter waste of time and money. If speeding is a real issue, I have one evidence it is, then more stricter policing methods should be employed to combat it.</p>
Woodhorn Drive	NE62 5EN		1	<p>I believe that in addition to this speed limit proposal attention should be given to parking on Woodhorn Drive during school terms at 8.30am and 3.30pm. Parents dropping off children at Mowbray Primary School are giving no consideration to other drivers, parking very close to each other, no pavements and generally causing a nuisance. I feel that an accident is just waiting to happen unless something is done urgently.</p>
Leander Avenue	NE62 5AX		1	<p>The introduction of a 20mph speed limit will do nothing for road safety without enforcement. This has been proved on many occasions throughout the UK. We already have traffic calming measures on Ashington Drive and Cleaswell Hill which are effective to a certain extent. Most drivers exceeding the speed limit in these areas are young and a sign will do little to slow them down. Physical traffic calming measures are your only chance of slowing down traffic and that will be too expensive. 20mph signs will be cheap but wholly ineffective. Save your money and plant some flowers outside the old folks bungalows.</p>
Linden Close	NE62 5LD		1	
Ashington Drive	NE62 5XR		1	
Brinkburn Gardens	NE62 5XY		1	
Ashington Drive	NE62 5XR		1	<p>I fully support the introduction of the 20mph speed limit. If this proves to be successful I would hope that consideration would be given to possibility of the removal or at least the reduction of the speed humps on Ashington Drive</p>

	NE62 5XT	1		I greatly support this proposed speed limit. What would compliment it would be to make it a traffic offence to park and run on the footpath. Over the last 12 months there has been 4 lots of building extensions in Ringway, where the footpaths have been considerably damaged and still are making it quite dangerous to parents and children walking to school. Manoeuvring through the parked cars and damaged paving.
Wansbeck Avenue	NE62 5EY	1		Whilst I fully support any welcome attempts to reduce the speed of traffic in Wansbeck estate. I doubt if simply declaring a 20mph limit will be observed by many drivers. We live on the corner of Wansbeck Avenue and Beechwood Avenue and can attest to the fact that Wansbeck avenue is a rat-run with many vehicles exceeding the present 30 mph limit by a considerable margin. I do not believe that many of these offending drivers will heed a 20 mph limit. Perhaps a couple of chicanes could be considered which would certainly be effective, but please don't disfigure out road with speed humps, which, sadly fail to slow some drivers down.
Ashington Drive	NE62 5AH	1		There is no need for such low speeds - I have lived on the estate for over 30 years and have never heard of or experienced a problem with speeding vehicles. It is far too slow and I strongly object to the reduction that would be impossible to enforce. However, I do agree with a speed restriction to the front of the school during school hours which would be sensible. Perhaps more emphasis should be placed on parking restrictions to the area surrounding the school and at the shops at Guidepost which have been problematic for many years. Would public transport companies be willing to continue routing through the estate with such low speeds - Possibly not as it's bad enough with the speed humps.
	NE62 5YG	1		It would be fine if the public could read signs. (No disrespect to those that can read). It is still an offence to park cars on pavements, park opposite road junctions, park on bends of road, also ride bicycles on pavements, no lights on bicycles (no bells to). I'm not a perfect driver but I do drive like there were other people on the road. I know you will say there aren't enough staff or whatever, but if people were fined for these offences and people on phones, putting makeup on whilst driving, eating or drinking, dogs and kids on drivers knees. Residents everywhere could have lower Poll Tax bills. that would be common sense!!!! ( how how who has that anymore).
		1		I think it is too vast an area for 20mph, people won't stick to it, there are some people who can't stick to 30mph. I don't think it is necessary with as many speed bumps, also it is a bus route so I think there will be a queue of cars on many occasions all getting impatient to move on.
Simonside Avenue	NE62 5LJ	1		A new surface was completed recently through Wansbeck estate upon which 'humps' were placed. Were the humps necessary after all, if a 20mph speed limit was being considered so soon after completion?
Simonside Avenue	NE62 5LJ	1		Firstly sometime ago a new road was opened up from Boomersund to Bedlington Station which is the site of traffic lights to reduce traffic in the Station area, also making it safer of the public. Travelling south to the lights limits are observed but going north this does not apply giving speeds in excess of the limits. what has been done about this ? ( Nothing). Between the Lord Barrington and Marshes crossing some youngsters use this area around the obstacles to see who does it from A to B in the shortest time. Information signs have been demolished to date, cyclists don't use the pathway made, and ride round the obstacles risking an accident with a car in this area. Traffic coming from Ashington to Guidepost cross the roundabout as if they have right of way, the same applies in the other direction. What has Mr Ledger done about this over the years, a zebra crossing at the half moon that you take your step onto the crossing people drive over in front or behind as though your not on it, over 20 years see Mr Ledger traffic control I suggest you look at Tyndale Drive and see what takes place on the traffic calming measures down Cowpen.
School Avenue	NE62 5DJ	1		It will be good for the area at the moment its like wacky races. There are a lot of elderly people like myself.
Simonside Avenue	NE62 5 LJ	1		People on Wansbeck Estate are lucky if they can drive at 20 miles per hour. As cars are parked both sides of the roads most days. Corners are a nightmare as vans are parked and you turn corners on the wrong side of the road. Or cannot see behind the vans if there is other traffic coming at a junction. Cars parked on pavements obstructing people walking with buggys & disabled persons having difficulty and also sight impaired people maybe in some cases having to walk on the road. Maybe people driving over 30 mph will eventually slow down.
Riversdale Avenue	NE62 5LE	1		The parking problems on this estate is far greater than any with speeding cars. Motorists park their cars on the paths in ways that create dangerous situations for pedestrians. 1 Cars are parked in a way that cover 3/4 of the surface. Anyone pushing a trolley or buggy has to step onto the road. 2 Vans are parked on the pavement at corners and can block the view of the approach roads. Other people who may be hard of hearing or short sighted are at a disadvantage. 3 Drivers routinely park directly outside the gates of houses blocking the main and only entrances. Every house on the Wansbeck Estate has an adequate garage space and driveway. However in the 50+ years since the estate was built, car ownership has doubled even trebled creating the present problem.
Wansbeck Avenue	NE62 5EZ	1		
Olympia Avenue	NE62 5DU	1		I think this is a great idea. For far too long delivery vans and reckless drivers have sped down Olympia Avenue using it as a cut from the square to sheepwash. I dare not allow my son out the front as these drivers would hit him without warning was he to step out of the many, many parked cars on our street, as children do. His paly has been restricted by this.