

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

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### PROPOSED 20mph SPEED LIMIT AND EXTENSION OF SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS – STAKEFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### Background and Key Issues:

- 1) A New County Council initiative is in place to ensure that all schools in the County are governed by a 20mph Speed Limit.
- 2) Concerns have been raised about indiscriminate parking and road safety at Stakeford Primary School at start and finish times. In order to address these issues it is proposed to extend the existing School Keep Clear Road Markings on East Ford Road to ensure that the front of the school, including the new school extension is covered by these restrictions.
- 3) The proposed 20mph Speed Limit and extended School Keep Clear Markings have the support of approval of County Councillor Foster, Choppington Parish Council and the Head Teacher. Their letters of support are attached as Appendix A, B and C.
- 4) East Ford Road in Stakeford is due to be resurfaced during the October half term holidays, and it is proposed to paint the School Keep Clear markings and introduce the 20mph speed limit at the same time on the grounds of efficiency.
- 5) The emergency services have been informed of the proposals, and notices have been displayed on site to inform residents of the intended works. A copy of the notice is attached as Appendix D.
- 6) Due to the legal process attached to making the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), it is unlikely that the TRO will be in place until late November 2015. The 20mph Speed Limit and School Keep Clear road markings will therefore only be advisory until that time. Any signage which is erected as prior to the TRO being in place will be bagged over.
- 7) In addition, as part of Northumberland County Council's First Response Initiative, Road Safety Officers will be visiting the school to arrange pedestrian training and to encourage behavioural changes in terms of the school run.

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## **Recommendations:**

**It is recommended that the 20mph Speed Limit is introduced and the School Keep Clear Road Markings are extended.**

## **APPENDIX INDEX**

Appendix A – Email showing support from Councillor Foster  
Appendix B – Email showing support from Choppington Parish Council  
Appendix C – Email showing support from Stakeford Primary School  
Appendix D - Information Notice and Plan displayed on site

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

## **IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT**

<b>Policy:</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will be financed from 2015/16 LTP
<b>Human Resources:</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Residential area, route to schools, speeding traffic and associated visibility issues.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Scheme will reduce vehicle speeds and promote a safer environment.
<b>Customer Considerations</b>	Residents will benefit from reduced vehicle speeds, and additional parking restrictionsThe measures may marginally affected response times of Emergency Services.
<b>Sustainability</b>	None
<b>Consultation</b>	The emergency services have been informed of the scheme. Information notices will be posted on site to inform residents. The proposals have been approved by Council Foster, Choppington Parish Council and Stakeford Primary School.
<b>Wards</b>	Stakeford

## 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 and extension of  
School Keep Clear Road Markings – Stakeford  
Primary School.

**Decision Taken:**

To approve the proposed 20mph Speed Limit and  
extension of School Keep Clear Road Markings at  
Stakeford Primary School.

**Signature of Executive Director**

*DA. Lawe*

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**Date**

*30/10/15*

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**Snowdon, Neil**

APPENDIX A.

**From:** Foster, Julie D  
**Sent:** 19 October 2015 12:54  
**To:** Snowdon, Neil  
**Subject:** RE: Stakeford First School

Hello Neil,

My apologies for the delay in replying.

I certainly support the introduction of a 20mph speed limit and the extension of the keep clear markings outside of the school.

However, we discussed further options by telephone this morning, to be included to further support the safety of our school children whilst keeping any inconvenience to the residents minimal.

Please note, your enclosed letter refers to Stakeford First School which is now Stakeford Primary School. Could this be amended please?

Kind regards,

Julie.

Sent from my Windows Phone

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**From:** Snowdon, Neil  
**Sent:** 19/10/2015 09:38  
**To:** Foster, Julie D  
**Subject:** FW: Stakeford First School

Hello Julie,

Please could you respond to my email asap. I am compiling a decision report and need to attach your written support as an Appendix.

Thanks

Neil

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**From:** Snowdon, Neil  
**Sent:** 06 October 2015 13:41  
**To:** Foster, Julie D  
**Subject:** Stakeford First School  
**Importance:** High

Hello Julie,

How are you? I hope you are well!

You will recall that at the end of the 2104/15 School Term we meet at Stakeford to discuss various issues. We are proposing to introduce a 20mph Speed Limit and additional School Keep Clear Road Markings as shown on the attached plan.

**From:** Angela Brindley <brindley@choppingtonparishcouncil.org>  
**Sent:** 13 October 2015 16:14  
**To:** Snowdon, Neil  
**Cc:** dln@choppingtonparishcouncil.org  
**Subject:** RE: Stakeford First School

Neil

Apologies for our late response, the office was closed last week so we only saw this yesterday. The Parish Council has had road safety concerns about this area for some time and we support the proposals outlined in your email.

PS Are you able to attend the next School Avenue/Cleasewell school meeting at Stakeford and Bomarsund Welfare on 22 October at 2.00?

Angela Brindley  
Asst Parish Clerk  
Choppington Parish Council  
01670 858664

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**From:** Snowdon, Neil [<mailto:Neil.Snowdon@northumberland.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 06 October 2015 14:01  
**To:** Angela Brindley  
**Subject:** Stakeford First School  
**Importance:** High

Hello Angela,

As part of the Northumberland County Council initiative to introduce 20mph Speed Limits outside all schools in the County, we will be introducing a 20mph Speed Limit as part of the forthcoming resurfacing works at East Ford Road.

In addition, we will be extending the School Keep Clears, ensuring that markings will be in place at the whole frontage of the school.

For your information, I enclose a notice and plan which is to be displayed on site to inform residents of the forthcoming 20mph Speed Limit and extended School Keep Clear Markings.

For the purposes of the Decision Report, please could you please confirm that the Parish Council support the proposals shown. It would be appreciated if you could get back to me as soon as possible. I am busy compiling the decision report which is being rushed through to allow us to programme the works as part of the resurfacing scheme.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Regards

**Snowdon, Neil**

APPENDIX C

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**From:** Wilson, Christine  
**Sent:** 05 October 2015 17:01  
**To:** Snowdon, Neil  
**Subject:** RE: : Stakeford primary

Hi Neil , spoke to the head and showed her the map , she is happy about it all, she gave you the thumbs up

Sent from my Windows Phone

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**From:** Snowdon, Neil  
**Sent:** 28/08/2015 13:32  
**To:** Gilbert, Leslie; Wilson, Christine  
**Subject:** Canceled: First Response Programme





Go Gently At Twenty

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Northumberland County Council



Go Gently At Twenty

**Introduction of a School Safety Zone –**  
**20 mph Speed Limit –**  
**adjacent to Stakeford First School**

As part of an on-going safety initiative by Northumberland County Council, it is proposed to introduce 20 mph zones adjacent to all schools within Northumberland over the next 5 years.

Under the “Go Gently At Twenty” campaign. The following school has been included in the 2015-16 Local Transport Plan programme.

### **Stakeford First School**

#### **Details and extent of the new restrictions**

The extent of the new restrictions are detailed on the attached plan and include:

- A new 20 mph speed limit on East Ford Road, Ford Park, Ellesmere Gardens, Half Moon Street/Harrington Gardens Back Lane and Half Moon Street/Ellesmere Gardens Back Lane.
- Extension of existing School Keep Clear markings (yellow zig zag lines) adjacent to Stakeford First School on East Ford Road.

#### **Process and Timescales**

A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is required to enforce these new and extended restrictions.

The first of the legal notices will be advertised week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 for a three week period. It is anticipated the Order will come into force early December 2015.

#### **Consultation and Feedback**

This proposal has support of the County Council, Local Councillors and Head Teacher. Statutory organisations are currently being consulted.

Your views are important to us and we would welcome any comments before Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015.

#### **Please contact us by:**

**Email:** [HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk)

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**Write to:** Northumberland County Council, Programme & Production Team, Technical Services, Local Services Directorate, “Go Gently At Twenty”, County Hall Morpeth NE61 2EF

**Telephone:** 01670 - 620420

Thank you

**Traffic Safety Team**

