

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

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### PROPOSED 20mph SPEED LIMIT – HIGH MARKET AREA, ASHINGTON

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#### **Purpose of report:**

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise regarding the proposed introduction of a 20mph speed limit at the High Market area of Ashington.

#### **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 Councillor Grimshaw.
- 2) The scheme will improve road safety in the area as the 20mph speed limit will reduce vehicle speeds.
- 3) Supported by Local Councillor, Town Council, and the vast majority of residents who responded to the consultation.

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## **BACKGROUND**

- 1) Concerns have been raised by local residents about excessive vehicular speed and road safety in High Market area, Ashington. In view of this, Councillor Grimshaw requested officers consult residents on the possible introduction of a 20mph speed limit.
- 2) These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 530 households, and approximately 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 1).

## **CONSULTATION**

- 3) The consultation exercise ended on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014, and responses were received from 133 households, with 125 in favour and 7 against the proposals. One consultee did not express a preference. A summary of these responses is attached as Appendix 2.
- 4) North East Ambulance Service was the only statutory consultee who responded to the consultation, they supported the proposals, however they indicated that response times may be affected.

## **IN FAVOUR**

- 5) Whilst indicating their support of the proposals on the response form provided, the following comments were made:-
  - Scheme cannot be introduced soon enough.
  - Scheme will significantly improve road safety in the area.
  - Physical Traffic Calming Measures are needed.
  - Parking problems in the area need to be investigated.
  - Pedestrian Crossing needed on A197 Morpeth Road.
  - Traffic Lights needed at Ellington Road junction.
  - One Way system needed at Bothal Cottages.
- 6) In response to these comments, where appropriate, requests have been added to the Directory of Requests for consideration in a future Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme.
- 7) We are aware of the parking problems in the area, particularly in relation to Bothal Middle School. A suitable scheme will be considered in due course which will hopefully assist in improving the situation.
- 8) With regard to the request for a pedestrian crossing on the A197 Morpeth Road, a scheme to provide a light controlled crossing at this location has already been included in the draft 2015/16 LTP Programme.

## OBJECTIONS

- 9) Whilst objecting to the proposals on the response form provided, the following comments were made:-
- Scheme is a waste of money
  - There are no speeding problems in the area.
  - Children need to be educated to cross the road correctly.
  - Money would be better spent on resurfacing roads.
- 10) In response to the comments about resurfacing, a scheme is already planned for High Market.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11) From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concerns raised in this area and it is inevitable that some sections of the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. The results of the consultation exercise show that the majority of residents who responded support the proposals. It is therefore recommended that the 20mph Speed Limit is introduced as proposed.
- 12) 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.

## APPENDIX INDEX

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Appendix 2 – Summary of Consultation Responses

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

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## 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 Councillor Grimshaw's Local Members Small Schemes Budget
<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

**Customer Considerations**

promote a safer environment.

Residents will benefit from reduced vehicle speeds. The measures may marginally affected response times of Emergency Services.

**Sustainability  
Consultation**

None

Ashington Town Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.

**Wards**

Ashington Bothal



## DECISION TAKEN

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

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

**Subject:**

Proposed 20mph Speed Limit – High Market Area, Ashington

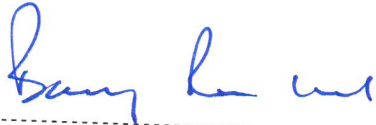
**Consultation:**

133 Responses  
125 For  
7 Against  
1 Neither

**Decision Taken:**

To approve the proposed 20mph speed limit in High Market Area, Ashington.

**Signature of Executive Director**



**Date**

19/03/15.

## APPENDIX 1 – CONSULTATION LETTER AND PLAN

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The Occupier

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Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Dear Sir / Madam

### **Proposed 20mph Speed Limit – High Market Area, Ashington**

Concerns have been raised by local residents about traffic speeds and road safety in the above area. Councillor Grimshaw has also expressed her concerns and has agreed to fund the introduction of a 20mph Speed Limit in the High Market area of Ashington 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 in the High Market area of Ashington as shown on the attached plan.

The following streets will be governed by the 20mph speed limit:- High Market, Bothal Cottages, Aged Miners Homes, Wellhead Terrace, Somerset Close, Devon Close, Dorset Close, Northumberland Close, Norfolk Close, Suffolk Close, Surrey Close, Kent Close, Cheshire Close, Essex Close and First Row.

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.

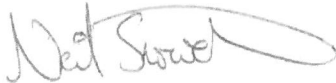
Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014. 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 'Neil Snowdon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Neil Snowdon  
**Transport Projects Officer**

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DRAWING No. 1 OF 1  
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Northumberland County Council

KEY: —  
EXTENTS OF PROPOSED  
20MPH SPEED LIMIT

600mm TERMINAL SIGNS  
LOCATED ON NEW POST

300mm REPEATER SIGNS  
LOCATED ON EXISTING  
LIGHTING COLUMNS

20MPH ROUND EL ROAD  
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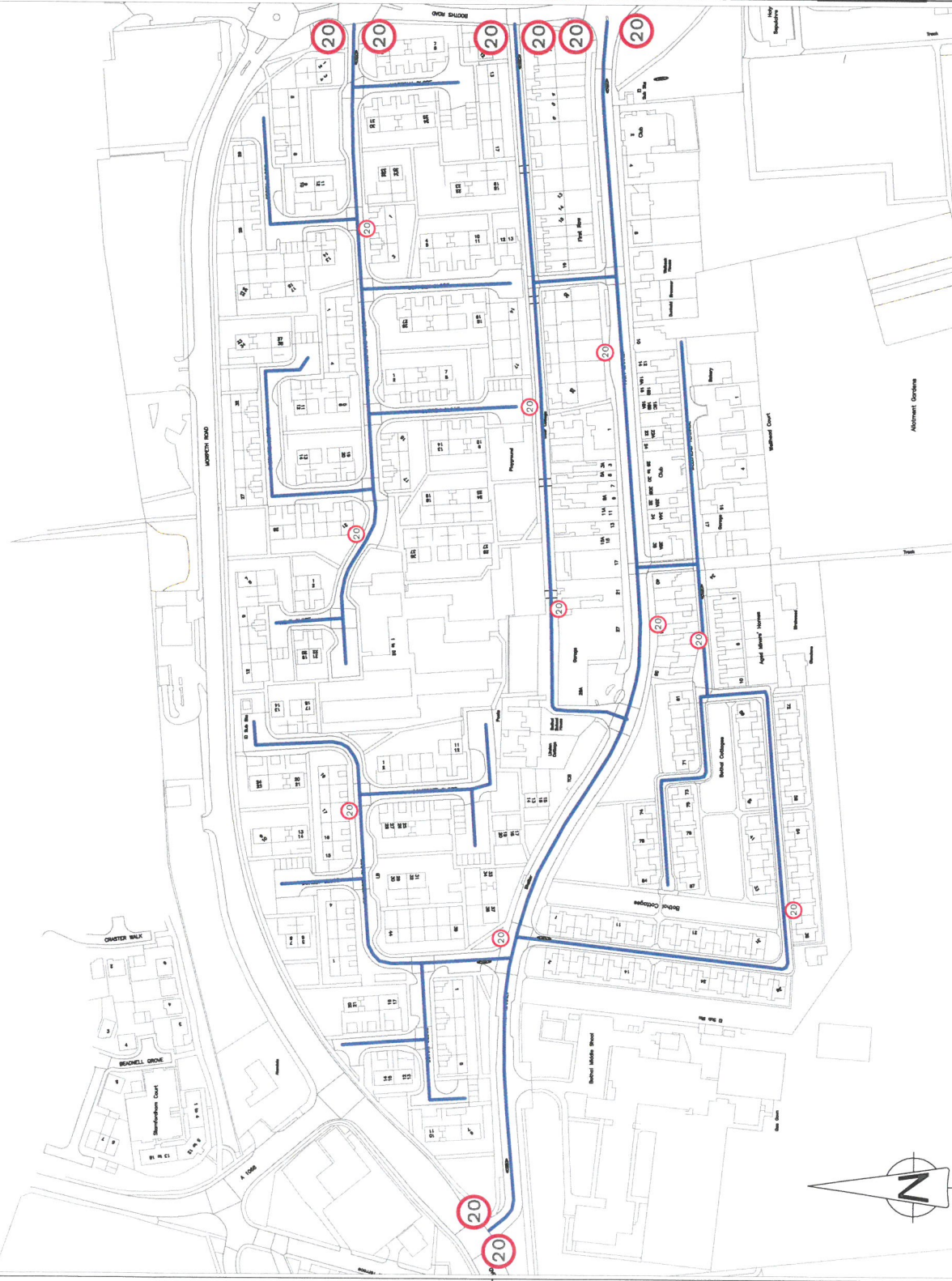
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## APPENDIX 2 - SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Post Code	FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
NE63 8NH	1			
NE43 8ND	1			We as a family fully support the application and any further traffic calming measures that may be needed to reduce the volume and speed of traffic in the area.
	1			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 do appreciate however the need for restrictions to improve road safety. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
NE63 8PQ	1			
NE63 8QA	1			I welcome the speed limit. With my house on the bend of the road into the estate three times my garden fence has been knock down during the winter months and bad roads as cars take the bend too fast cars do come into the estate high speeds I would welcome some speed humps on the bend and maybe that would save my property and maybe someone's life, and a lamp post which had to be replaced.
NE63 8ND	1			When you are looking at road safety it would be worth looking at the parking in this area. Parking on yellow lines grass verges and especially footpaths prohibiting use of pedestrians and especially elderly people with disabled scooters and walking frames. The last traffic calming, speed humps, in First Row have never been successful as large volumes of traffic ignore them as the back lane is used for short cut. The height of them is no real deterrent and with vehicles parked on one side small children have to be extra vigilant. Maybe worth raising the height of these humps.
NE63 8PB		1		This is yet another waste of money by the council which will benefit no one. Maybe if children were taught to cross the road properly and lazy parents banned from blocking the road while dropping off and collecting children from the school there would not be any problems. Also the double yellow lines are on the wrong side of High Market as parked cars at the junction of Wellhead Terrace and Bothal Cottages completely block vision for pulling out in either direction.
NE63 8QD	1			
NE63 8PD	1			Pedestrian crossing - drivers do not stop when you are waiting to cross perhaps new signage highlighting that drivers to stop by law. Also school run cars are always travelling above the speed limit. Which is dangerous and reckless given the closeness of aged miners and Bothal Cottages and the fact that these house older people and take longer to cross roads etc. Speeding cars are a 24/7 problem throughout year and on some occasions the "boy racers" race up High market doing 70-80mph. This speed limit is long overdue.
NE63 PL	1			
NE63 8DT	1			This is a very good proposal as it will make it safer for all the residents in the designated 20 mph area.
NE63 8PE	1			Good Idea, if they can read the signs?
NE63 8QA	1			Speed humps on High Market would also help the problems of cars speeding.
NE63 8PE	1			Good idea there's one thing I would like to suggest Pelican crossing lights on Morpeth Road after Double roundabout at Alder. Thank you.
NE63 8NY	1			Long time coming
NE63 8PL	1			The junction at Ellington Road ends is also traffic congested and racers often pull out screeching their tyres, this can be heard from our flat until late evening, traffic lights would be beneficial for everyone trying to get out of that junction.
NE63 8PQ	1			



NE63 8NY	1			Pleased to hear something is going to be done.
	1			
NE63 8NH	1			
NE63 8PF	1			
NE63 8PF	1			I support your proposals but I disagree on ONE road the Main Road on High market should be kept at 30 mph to help the flow of traffic.
NE63 8PG	1			There is a lot of speeding on the run up to Northumberland Close, maybe 'slow down' or similar notices could be displayed.
NE63 8PG	1			
NE63 8NS	1			While agree with proposal don't think it will make any difference on the High Market Road as people don't even stick to the 30 mph speed limit. It is amazing how much traffic uses High market as a short cut both to and from the Pegswood road. The best option would be to place chicanes on High Market.
NE63 8PB	1			Great News!! I am so pleased you have done this as it is really bad and it's a wonder nobody has been knocked over. I hope there is going to be speed humps on the road or something to stop the speeding cars and I must say buses are no better. Also I hope the yellow lines over the road on High market are going to disappear as we live on High Market and can never get our car parked outside our door as the people living in the flats over the road use our parking and they have people using the hairdressers etc. always park outside our door and when I come back from Asda I have no where to park!! But Great News!
NE63 8DQD	1			There has no warning speed from this van I almost got knocked down on Tuesday afternoon, I chuffed over the road to the 1st row and as I stepped off the curb at the 1st row a car sped round the corner and had to do an emergency stop or he would have knocked me over. It was actually a van, I had to step back to let him pass. I saw the same van this morning as I was going for the Morpeth bus - but thankfully I am talking about the Main road. the traffic especially cars speed down and up that road - some at least 80 mph. So I support a 20mph speed limit. I cross that road regularly as I go across to the Holy Speculate church at least 4-5 times a week. Also, a lot of school children travel that route - from brothel heal, another problem is cars parking from 2pm to collect youngsters from school each alder of the road. I don't know why buses don't complain I can cross Morpeth road because there an island in the middle - not to easy where the zebra crossing is.
NE63 8PH	1			I totally agree for the 20 mph limit. I'm guilty of speeding main times down that road, especially as its near a school it makes sense to do it.
NE63 8QE	1			Fully agree in traffic control. Could this not be possible for the main road passing K F C and Maxwells maybe 30mph much safer than the speeds that currently leave you with your heart in your mouth when trying to cross road whether using zebra crossing or not
NE63 8NY		1		Like a lot of traffic calming proposals there isn't the police on the job to enforce them. If any funds available, these would be better directed to resurfacing short road (wellhead tce) and leading from main road to back high market and double yellow lines on this site. it is in my opinion the main concern of most drivers if any driver coming out of back lane, means incoming has to reverse onto main road.
NE63 8PQ	1			
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NE63 8QB	1			
NE63 8PN	1			Proposals are fine but if there is money to be spent why cant we have a new road surface at Wellhead Terrace. The council have resurfaced much better roads in the area and as a disabled person I find the road dangerous either by car or walking. As you drive Wellhead Terrace the junction is blind on the right side because of traffic parking right to the corner. That would be money well spent.

NE63 8NE	1		High market is a main thoroughfare and as such should not be subject to 20 mph speed restrictions. I would have no objection to 20mph speed restrictions in the other areas as children play in some of these locations. This is not the case for high market and first row etc. If there are problems with traffic speeds I would suggest enforcement of the existing speed limit without impeding the progress of law abiding citizens. If people ignore 30mph speed limits I'm sure they will also ignore 20mph speed limits. therefore a change in the speed limit would not solve the problem but only worsen the situation by creating greater disparity in vehicle speeds.
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NE63 8QD	1		What about checking the speed of motorists between the catholic church and the Portland arms especially at night time. I've seen cars going far to fast even when its raining. An accident waiting to happen.
NE63 8NH	1		Bothal Cottages need speed ramps down back street plus 20mph markings
NE63 8NY	1		I propose that double yellow lines are put on the road leading to the allotments, as times its not possible to get round the corner for parked cars.
NE63 8PG		1	I don't think there is any need for a 20mph speed limit in the high market. I have lived in this area most of my life, and haven't experienced any real problems. You will always get the occasional bad driver, but it is not always fast drivers who cause the problems. slow drivers cause frustration by holding up the traffic and can result in someone taking a RISK to pass them. I suggest you spend your money getting the traffic moving better in the town centre near the bus station, and the grand corner.
NE63 8QE	1		Admirable project but dependent on motorists observing the limit. We can but hope.
NE63 8ND	1		I have argued for years that high market is a speeding opportunity for bad drivers tonight Thursday 30/10/14 a car travelling west to east was doing approx. 80mph across a zebra crossing next to 25 First row, then breaking incredibly hard at the Whitehouse social club 6.30pm. First row is also dangerous with cars parking on grassed areas in the surrey close estate and then driving fast across grass. Another major problem is parking. High Market garage has parked cars everywhere therefore it is very difficult to leave first row at the garage and see what traffic is coming from both directions. Dental surgery parking also. match days at the Whitehouse social club when new lands cars are shown no police presence cars parking generally on the grass in front of garages in first row etc. and bus stops with no access. some people drinking excessively then driving out of ticket spots. why cant parking wardens be on duty when those cars are shown. stops restriction good idea for school.
NE63 8PG	1		
NE63 8NH	1		
NE63 8PD	1		An excellent idea. Long overdue.
NE63 8PL		1	The only proposal I support, is the parking at tea time. The parents picking children up I'm not against parents picking children up, but I strongly object to all these cars coming into the estate. They make our lives difficult if we need to go out at 3.30, we cant instead of your 20mph signs, which will be at a cost. please stop all cars coming into the estate. it wont cost a penny.
NE63 8NX	1		There needs to be a 20mph limit as the traffic is getting out of control. The drivers treat high market like a racing circuit.
NE63 8NS	1		We could do with a safety road crossing nearer to Bothal Cottages I appreciate that there is a crossing for school children but when your old it seems a long way off. And why cant parents drop their children off at Whitehouse and let them walk to school look at the exercise they would get because take my word for it is a nightmare trying to cross the road at 8.30am and 3.00 o'clock.
NE63 8PL	1		

NE63 8ND	1			I agree with high market and back first row becoming a 20 mph zone, though I feel I cant speak for the other areas. High market is not safe for children crossing especially due to the proposals to lower the age of children to Bothal school. However I don't feel speed restrictions are enough the pedestrian crossing is under (approx. 18 high market) delivery vans park on chevrons delivering to Dinkins at school time, blocking view, cars overtake cars who have stopped to let children cross, and I feel a button controlled crossing would be justified. also I think chevrons like those on park road would help show traffic I placed further end of high market. Also by lowering speed less delivery wagons delivering to high street may use it as it still shows up on guidance systems as route. As my final point. this route is normally the dried route for FIRE ENGINES as opposed to the by pass changing speed limit may help stop this.
NE63 8PN	1			Speed limit will be good but our street is in greater need of resurfacing I have lived here nearly 20 years and walking is very dangerous, I have complained many times I am now seventy seven years old and find it hard to walk in the street our last car had its springs broken, I have noticed resurfaced but ours is still waiting, when it rains the road is flooded because the water does not reach to any of the sinks I think this should be a priority, and some double yellow lines where you come around from high market please try to get something done just drive around and have a look!
NE63 8PD	1			
NE63 8PF	1			Whist I agree with what you are proposing I think you are slightly missing the main source of the problem. The main cause of this problem in this area is the congestion of boy racers in Aldi's car park off Morpeth Road. They use the loop system as a race track coming out of the Aldi car park onto Morpeth Road then onto Booths road then through high market back into booths road again back to the car park. this is happening sometimes into the small hours of the morning so may if suggest some measures at least to Aldi car park on Morpeth road or that something be done with Aldi car park to stop this occurring.
NE63 8PH	1			To many use it as a race track.
NE63 8PB	1			More parking area required on high market for residents and business and their customers. What traffic calming measures to be employed. Policing of the limit. It doesn't work elsewhere.
NE63 8PG	1			I agree totally with the 20 mph speed limit on this area of Ashington.
NE63 8QF	1			
NE63 8PD	1			The speed of some traffic has put me at risk on at least three occasions. The road is used as a commute to Bothal school. The speed should reflect the presence of school children.
NE63 8PH		1		Yes there is speeding on the high market, but I think that the 30mph speed limit is all right it only needs policing in some way.
NE63 8NE	1			
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NE63 8QB	1			I am pleased that something is going to be done about the speed on roads at Bothal Cottages and Dorset Close there is something going to hit an old person who are slow on crossing the roads.
NE63 8PJ	1			Will be most welcome
NE63 8ND	1			I hope the speed limit can be enforced, by speed humps etc. as the main road passing the white house unique social club is often used like a race track.
NE63 8ND	1			
NE63 8ND	1			It is vital this proposal goes ahead. Traffic speeds far exceed the 30 mph in place at the moment. In terms of back of First Row, is it possible to introduce an 'access only' area. Cars are parked on the left of the street and heavy traffic (particularly at school times) make getting alone the street to out own door extremely difficult.
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NE63 8NS	1			
NE63 8PE	1			
NE63 8PQ	1			



NE63 8NE	1			The back lane of 13/13B High Market needs to be re-surfaced, we have suffered over a decade of patch ups and the back lane has become a safety hazard.
NE63 8QE	1			<p>1. The one in agreement to limit speed to 20 miles per hour. However, I very much doubt signs will achieve this. Case in point, Ashington Main Street is pedestrian gaoler this year the bollards were left down through the day and no one took any notice of the signs. They drove up and parked when and where they liked until the bollards were replaced by gates.</p> <p>2. Morpeth Road: Its like Silverstone race track. There are 30mph speed signs. Do folk take notice – not always, especially the boy racers that congregate in Aldi car park. Can anything be done about this or does someone have to die?</p> <p>3. Setting into out cul-de-sac at Cheshire Close is becoming a joke. People parking anywhere; on pavements, junctions, causing obstructions. It's a wrote off and getting it out. Also people cut the corner as may enter. We have avoided a collision on many occasions.</p>
NE63 8NH	1			A one way system around Bothal Cottages
NE63 8NY	1			
NE63 8QE	1			I do support in efforts U try, but signs on post... It doesn't work 4 dog fauling!!! It is written in your council agreement that gardens are to be kept tidy, the gardens are disgraceful now compared to 12yrs ago. Your signs are ignored by the ignorant.
NE63 8PQ	1			How do you police 20 MPH if you cannot police 30 mph? I'm 82 and have to cross Morpeth Road at times some do more than 50mph, how about that road.
NE63 8PN	1			Please refer to map. -(yellow)- cars park here obstructing access to Wellhead Terrace, Double yellow lines alone here would help. Also obstruct sign turning onto High Market. -(green)- the state of this road is bad - potholes 3 inch's deep, uneven road surface - wear and tear on my tyres, I also tripped and sprained my ankle in August 2014 as a result, cars park in ridiculous places on this road resulting in obstruction, also stopping me from getting out of my drive without nearly hitting ends of parked cars. The vans/lorries that deliver to Dinkins (the Bakery) drive at ridiculous speeds along this road, I can never allow my child to play along this road. I think may be double yellow lines should be placed in some places. I have known cars being damaged due to stupid parking
NE63 8NH	1			
	1			
NE63 8PE	1			
NE63 8PE	1			I do not think sign posts alone will deter any of the youth who speed down Northumberland Close (old carl rd.) I would suggest humps be placed down this road to the old peoples home IE from booth road past Suffolk close necessary for humps down cul-de-sac, but its the main road into the estate which, at the moment, feels like a race track.
NE63 8QE	1			
NE63 8QE	1			the new speed limit is certainly needed for High Market the current speed of a lot of cars on that road seem to ignore the 30 mph limit. I would suggest that the level of flood lightings at the zebra crossing be increased (and lights maintained to a high standard). The sight lines for the zebra crossing are sometimes reduced by vehicles parking in the zig-zag areas each side of the crossing. This is particularly at times when the 'Heavenly' Chinese takeaway is open. Stricter enforcement possible??
NE63 8NH	1			New 600 terminal sign to be erected at entrance to Bothal Cottages on road between No1 and No2 Bothal Cottages
NE63 8NH	1			I feel that this plan should make it safer for the children at the school and would some double yellow lines on High Market. Due to the fact that some parents dropping off and picking up children park dangerously and thoughtlessly.
NE63 8NS	1			

NE63 8PJ	1			Like most residents wouldn't say 'why has this taking so long' here I live in Somerset close since 1979 facing the main roads I've quite often witnessed vehicles exceeding the speed limit by 50mph+ certainly not by the majority of drivers, only a few who regard this stretch of road opposite Bothal cottages as their very own racetrack. perhaps a 20mph speed limit would custail some drivers to around 30mph?
NE63 8QD	1			
NE63 8NH	1			
NE63 8NH	1			Parking on pavements.
NE63 8NQ	1			
NE63 8NH	1			I avoid coming or going when its school coming out because the children walk straight over the two entrances to Bothal Cottages without any cares so drivers have to be careful for them. It would help if the top part of the lane leading to aged miners had NO parking signs on, its sometimes difficult to get in or out, and a reflecting mirror would be a great help.
NE63 8PD	1			I would also say along with the proposed 20mph speed limit we need something like road humps or another traffic calming method along High Market. High Market is a long straight road and gets quite a lot of traffic especially at school times. People regularly drive their vehicles at high speed along this road and even overtake. We get motorcycles racing along this road and also boy racers at night. We have had accidents where people have come out of the junction and a fast oncoming vehicles has hit them or there has been a near miss. Its difficult to see oncoming vehicles as cars are parked along High Market and road humps will slow traffic and give people more chance to exit the junction safely. There is also a zebra crossing on High Market and some vehicles are driven far too fast to stop in time if someone were to step onto the crossing.
NE63 8QD	1			
NE63 8HE	1			In the winter of 2010 the gas board dug 6 holes plus a ditch from one side of the road to the other right outside my door. When they finally fitted them in - they did a really poor job. I looks like a patch work quilt - and it is not level - which means when the buses rear around the corner - from Morpeth - they go over this shoddy tarmac and my flat just shakes. EVERYTIME! Seeing as roads are never re-layed or re-tarred, so yes - slow the traffic down. To will stop cars using High Market rather than just stay on the Morpeth Road too.
NE63 8QB	1			Main road thru need repairs.
NE63 8PF	1			I do think it is a good idea but will people stick to the limit. I do think bumps and other slow road things would be better. Bumps especially down my estate up to Northumberland Close, the speed down here especially on summer nights. Wansbeck Road has bumps + 20mph signs and that has worked as the did speed down there a few years back.
NE63 8QA	1			Although I agree with the proposals of a 20 mph limit it is not the main issue where I live in Dorset close. The trouble where I live is the parking, you cant get in or out of the estate when I ask people to move their car I get a mouth full of abuse and told that there is no parking restrictions in place. if have been on the phone to county hall the local council on Wansbeck square and the police. same answer off them "no parking restrictions in place." if was told off the council that they would send a traffic warden but that hasn't happened. I this all takes place when the school at Bothal comes out. if have special guardianship of my two granddaughters they live with us, they cant play outside until the cars have gone. could you please look at the situation and put some parking restrictions in place. I there is an accident waiting to happen if something is not done. if am 67 years old and disabled thankyou yours faithfully Mr J O'Grady.

NE63 8QE	1			I definitely agree the speed limit should be lowered to 20. My husband and I was walking over the zebra crossing in High Market one evening we had to step halfway due to a car speeding and would not have had time to stop, if we had carried on the car would have hit us. It is very common for cars speeding on the High market Road also on the nearby housing estate and around Bothal. A lot of elderly live up this area and children out playing. There are a lot of speeding cars up Station Road too.
NE63 8NE	1			We desperately need traffic calming on High Market. Also the issue around removing the yellow line, residents have nowhere to park I have walked with Cllr L Grimshaw on this a attended site meeting. This is purely a cash-cow for parking wardens and very unfair to those who live here. The main traffic are using as a short cut and don't live here if there was a deterred, such as traffic calming this may stop and the bypass used - this should also have a speed camera and the 30mph limit is not adhered to.
NE63 8NH	1			I support the proposal, also would you please consider stopping lorries coming around Bothal Cottages to get to Donkins Bakery. The street is not wide enough, especially as residents cars are parked. Would you also consider making the Parking in High Market, especially outside 'fell-em-doom' and the Chinese takeaway a one side only street parking please.
NE63 8NH	1			
NE63 8QB	1			
NE63 8ND	1			I am resident in the First Row and have particular concerns around my lane as highlighted the small St notes with 'X' and the high market all of which seem to be used as race tracks. The road marked 'X', at times is very dangerous. With parked vehicles and poor visibility when trying to gain access into the first row. if definitely fell there should be an extra 20 sign at 'A' on entrance to the lane and also wonder if this should be access only - it is also used by people parking to use the white house social club which contributes to the danger - often parking on footpaths too - stopping access for wheelchairs/pushchairs. and it is used as a vehicle turning point - this makes me wonder if some sort of one way system should be in place or the high market also being access only.
NE63 8NS	1			
NE63 8PE	1			About time!
NE63 8NE	1			I fully support this change. Drivers often use excessive and inappropriate speed on High market frequently in excess of the current limit. They also ignore the zebra crossing and park in the cycle lanes. School run parents are among the worst offenders putting other children at risk. I genuinely fear for the safety both so my young children living on high market and that of pupils of Bothal middle school and Wansbeck first school who use these roads to get to school. One question the current limit is not well enforced will new one be? Is it possible to get a speed camera? surely the number of Scholl children using the route would justify this.
NE63 8PG	1			
NE63 8NX	1			
NE63 8PQ	1			I fully agree with the proposal but I would love something about the state of the parking at school run times why all of these with only one child being dropped off or picked up its MAYHEM.
NE63 8NS	1			
NE63 8PD	1			I cant see if would make much difference unless you put a speed camera up between the white house club and sovereign garage. Most cars do between 40 and 60 miles an hour. You have speed humps behind first row why not put them along High market
NE63 8NX	1			
NE63 8NS	1			
NE63 8QD	1			
NE63 8PQ	1			
NE63 8PE	1			
NE63 8NZ	1			

NE63 8QB	1			I am in full agreement with these proposals there is always a lot of vehicles parked at the road side and it is sometimes dangerous to have to step between these vehicles to cross the road. This also applies when you have to go onto the road because of traffic parked on the footpaths.
NE63 8PF	1			
NE63 8PN	1			the car parking at the entrance to Wellhead Terr is very congested. On a number of occasions I've had to reverse back onto the main road to allow cars to get out of the opening. Reversing onto a main road is not a safe solution. Double yellow lines would resolve this problem.
NE63 8ND	1			The proposal regarding 20mph speed limit in the area could not be supported enough by me and my family. This is a very worthwhile suggestion and have experienced on my occasions traffic in the area travelling at speeds beyond 50mph! There are many families and older people in the area which may cause potential accidents if the current speed limit remained.
NE63 8NT	1			
NE63 0LF	1			
NE63 8PD	1			<p>Both my wife and I who have lived at the address below for 26 years and 2 months both wholeheartedly support the proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit within the area of the High Market.</p> <p>We feel it is long overdue as the High Market street itself has over the past couple of years become a 'rat-run' for drivers not wishing to wait at the roundabout at the junction of Morpeth and Booth's road but who somehow feel traveling up the High Market is in someway shorter and can be done at speed.</p> <p>How there has never been an accident given the speed motorists travel both up and down the High Market is baffling although over the period we have been living in Braemar there have been a number of bumps/smashes involving cars either turning into or exiting the road leading to the back of the first row directly in front of our house.</p> <p>We both feel that 20mph signs though a very welcome start would be largely ignored by a substantial number of motorists particularly those who do not live in the area but who use the High Market as a 'rat-run'. If funds were available we would urge the council to go further and introduce speed bumps on High Market itself similar to the scheme that currently exists on Green Lane to deter motorists who do not live in our area to stop using the road.</p> <p>The introduction of speed bumps might also encourage motorists to actually take heed of the pelican crossing opposite the end of the first row. On far too many occasions I have actually witnessed people particularly elderly attempting to walk across the crossing only for cars to ignore them and pass at speed without any due regard for pedestrians. The same problem also occurs on the pelican crossing at the junction of Morpeth/Booths road !</p>
NE63 8ND	1			Me and my family fully support the proposal set out in the consultation letter. There proposed speed limit would be of great benefit having experienced a lot of very fast cars driving in this area close to residential and schools. There are a lot of young people and older people live in the area who we need to support. if would also urge the council to consider the zoning of a cycling lane as on many occasions I have left my house on High Market and had very near misses with bicycles passing my door. Again it is amazing a very bad accident hasn't happened by now. Thank you.
NE63 8QF	1			
NE63 8PL		1		
NE63 8NH			1	I believe that the speed limit should be 10MPH. Sticking signs up does not mean they are going to stick to that limit, until you deal with the main area of complaint as in wagons 2 vans going up and down lane access in and out of estates like Bothal Cottages and Age Miners Homes, which we were often told was not made for cars, so why do you let big wagons use a road where people over 60plus live.
NE63 8NS	1			I support every thing you are hoping to achieve. I wish speed cameras could be in place because drivers don't take notice of traffic signs only.

NE63 8PG	1			
NE63 8NS	1			
NE63 8PE	1			NO CALL BACK REQ - FOR INFO ONLY CUSTOMER RECIEVED LETTER ABOUT PROPOSAL OF TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE AREA CUSTOMER RANG TO TELL US HE AGREES WITH THIS AND HOPES IT IS INSTALLED SOON AS THE AREA IS A DANGE
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