

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR

ACTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING: PAUL JONES

PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMIT – ANCROFT VILLAGE

Purpose of report:

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the proposed introduction of a 30mph Speed Limit in Ancroft village.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that in view of the consultation exercise, the 30mph Speed Limit should be introduced as proposed.

Key issues

- 1) Scheme being funded by LTP
- 2) The scheme will assist in improving road safety in the area.
- 3) Scheme has the unanimous supported of Ancroft Parish Council.

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BACKGROUND

- 1) Concerns have been raised by local residents about excessive vehicular speed and road safety in Ancroft Village, The Parish Council and residents of the village are especially concerned with the location of the existing bus shelter, sited next to the former Lamb Inn Public House on the B6525 which has seen a spate of damage only collisions in recent months.
- 2) These concerns have been the subject of numerous meetings with Ancroft Parish Council, and it was agreed that a reduced speed limit should be considered to assist in improving road safety in the village.
- 3) We are working with the local bus operators on alternative locations to pick up and drop off passengers safely.

CONSULTATION

- 4) These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to approximately 25 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 2).
- 5) The consultation exercise ended on Monday 6th June 2016, and responses were received from three consultees, all of which were in favour of the proposals. A summary of these responses is attached as Appendix 3.
- 6) Ancroft Parish Council responded stating that at the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 11th May, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the proposed 30mph speed limit for Ancroft Village.
- 7) North East Ambulance Service and Cycling UK were the other consultees to respond. Both were in favour of the proposals, however the North East Ambulance Service indicated that the measures may affect response times.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8) 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 assessment of the results in any consultation exercise can be a contentious matter, but experience has shown that when levels of opposition are much above 30%, those opposed to the scheme can engender support from neighbours, which can create difficulties in implementing a scheme. The results of the consultation exercise show that all consultees who responded support the proposal. It is therefore recommended that the 30mph speed limit is introduced as proposed.

- 9) The Council has the power to hold a public inquiry before making any traffic regulation order. Such an inquiry might enable disputed evidence to be tested under cross-examination and the need for an order to be critically examined by an independent inspector. In this particular case, officers believe that the extensive consultation process and involvement with interested parties, means that such an inquiry is unlikely to bring any fresh information to light and it is therefore recommended that an inquiry is not held.

APPENDIX INDEX

Appendix 1 – Copy of Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix 2 – Summary of Consultation Responses

BACKGROUND PAPERS

none

IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy:	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money:	Scheme will be financed from LTP
Human Resources:	None
Property:	None
Equalities:	None
Risk Assessment:	Residential area, speeding traffic and associated visibility issues.
Crime & Disorder:	Scheme will reduce vehicle speeds and promote a safer environment.
Customer considerations:	Residents will benefit from reduced vehicle speeds.
Sustainability:	None
Consultation:	Ancroft Parish Council, the emergency services, and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards:	Norham and Islandshires

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

Paul Jones: Acting Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject:

Proposed Introduction of 30mph Speed Limit – Ancroft Village

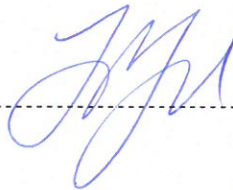
Consultation:

Statutory consultation only.
3 Responses received – all in favour

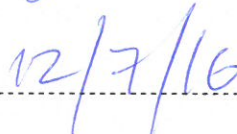
Decision Taken:

To approve the introduction of a 30mph Speed Limit in Ancroft Village as proposed.

Signature of Director



Date



APPENDIX 1 – COPY OF CONSULTATION LETTER AND PLAN

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• Web: www.northumberland.gov.uk

Our Ref: HF152518/26

Your Ref:

Contact: Mr Neil Snowdon

Direct Line: 01670 624128

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Date: Monday 9th May 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed 30mph Speed Limit – Ancroft Village

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

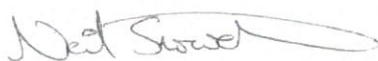
To introduce a 30 mph speed limit at the following location; (drawing attached).

B6525 & C8 Ancroft Village.

So far as the Northumbria Police, Parish Council are concerned, I would welcome a reply as soon as convenient, other organisations should let me have their comments by Monday 6th June 2016. If no comments are received by that date it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations regarding the above proposals.

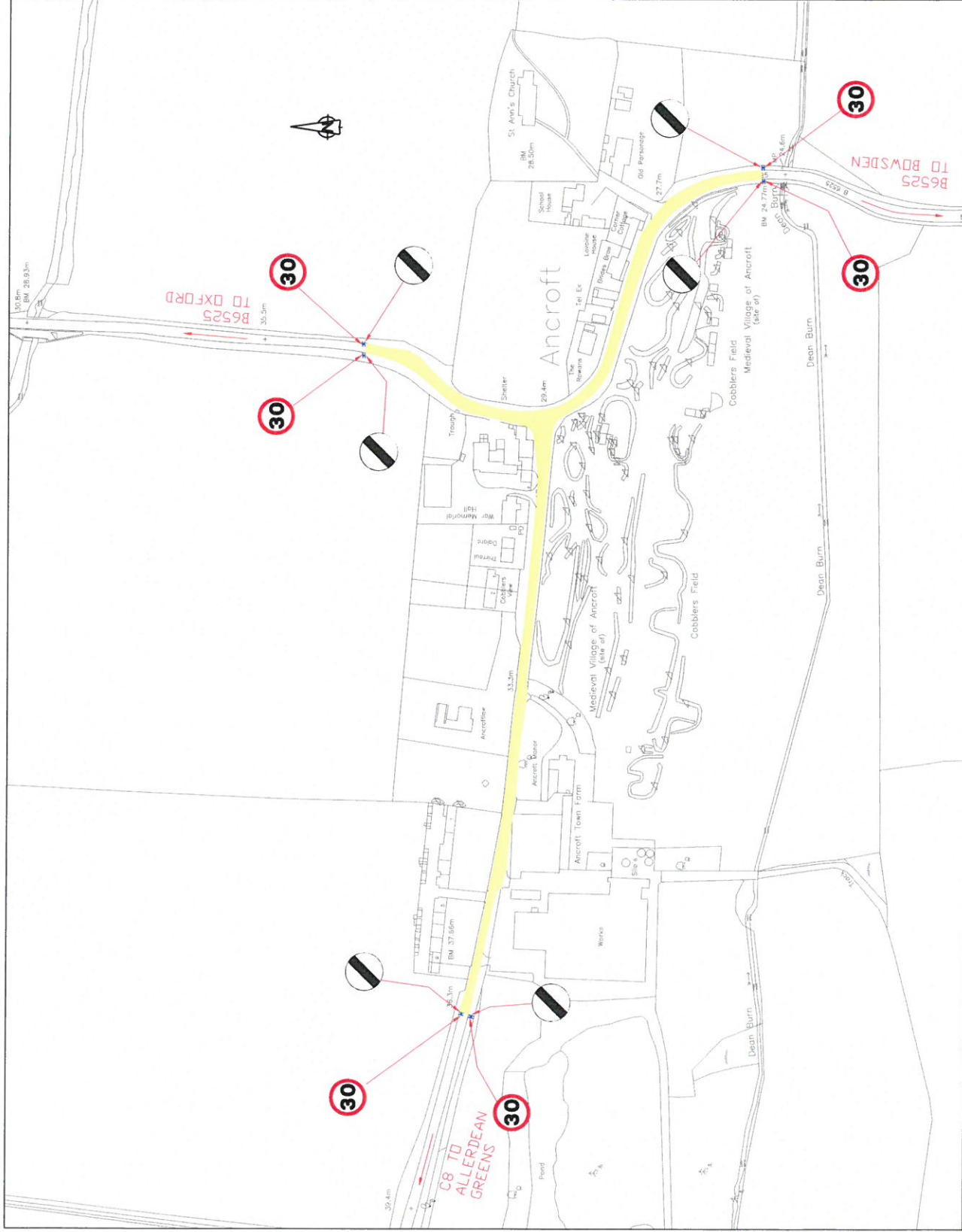
Please note that any comments received may be included in a report to the Planning and Environmental Committee and may be available for public inspection.

Yours sincerely



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Programme & Production Team

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Northumberland Northumberland County Council		
NOTES 1. APPROPRIATE 30mph SPEED LIMIT REPEATER SIGNS TO BE PROVIDED AT REQUIRED INTERVALS WITHIN EXTENTS OF PROPOSED 30mph SPEED LIMIT. EXACT LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED.		
LEGEND <div><div></div>PROPOSED 30mph SPEED LIMIT</div>		
REVISION Drawing Status By Date Rev.		
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Job Title B6525/C8 AT ANCROFT VILLAGE		
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