

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR

ACTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING: PAUL JONES

PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF 40MPH SPEED LIMIT – B1340 BEADNELL

Purpose of report:

To consider the results of the consultation exercise, regarding the proposed introduction of a 40mph Speed Limit on a section of the B1340 at Beadnell.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that in view of the consultation exercise, the 40mph 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 support of Beadnell Parish Council.

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BACKGROUND

- 1) Concerns have been raised by local residents about excessive vehicular speed and road safety in on the B1340 on the approaches to Beadnell Village. A fatal collision occurred in October 2015 on this section of road, and two additional minor collisions have occurred in recent years.
- 2) Following a site investigation, it was agreed that a reduced speed limit should be considered to assist in improving road safety on the approaches to the village.

CONSULTATION

- 3) 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).
- 4) The consultation exercise ended on Thursday 8th September 2016, however, Beadnell Parish Council requested an extension so this matter could be discussed at their meeting of 14th September 2016. 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.
- 5) Beadnell Parish Council responded stating that at the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14th September, the general consensus of the Parish Council was that the 40mph speed limit is a very welcome sight.
- 6) 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

- 7) 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 40mph speed limit is introduced as proposed.

- 8) 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:	Beadnell Parish Council, the emergency services, and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards:	Bamburgh

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

Paul Jones: Acting Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject:

Proposed Introduction of 40mph Speed Limit – B1340 at Beadnell

Consultation:

Statutory consultation only.
3 Responses received – all in favour

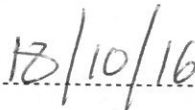
Decision Taken:

To approve the introduction of a 40mph Speed Limit on the B1340 at Beadnell as proposed.

Signature of Director



Date



APPENDIX 1 – COPY OF CONSULTATION LETTER AND PLAN

County Hall • Morpeth • Northumberland • NE61 2EF
• Web: www.northumberland.gov.uk

Our Ref: HF163501/17/B1340
Your Ref:
Contact: Mr Neil Snowdon
Direct Line: 01670 624128
Fax: 01670 626136
E-mail: HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk
Date: Thursday 11th August 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed 40mph Speed Limit – B1340 Beadnell

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:

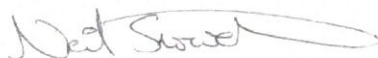
To introduce a 40 mph speed limit at the following location; (drawing attached).

B1340 Beadnell.

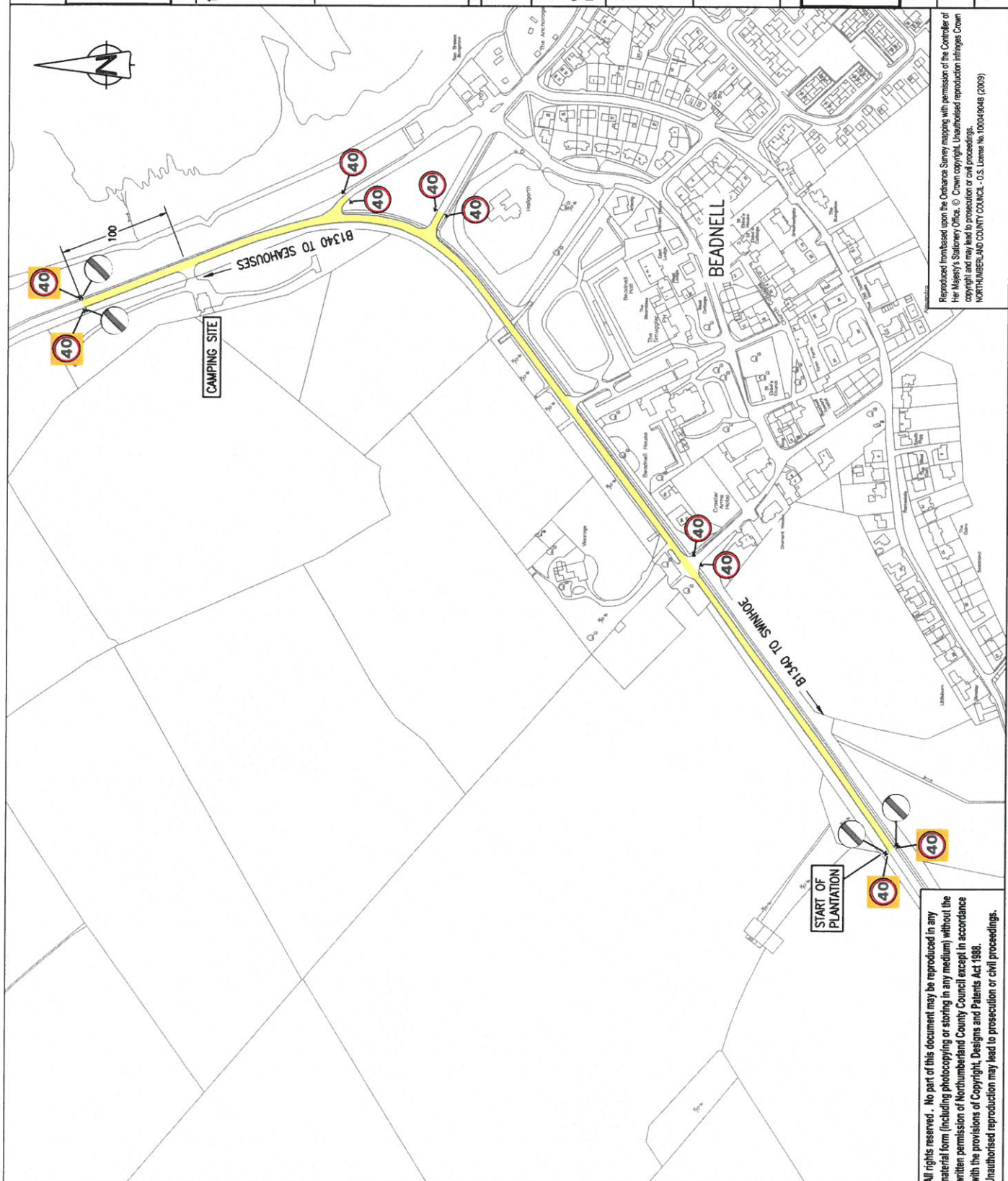
So far as the Northumbria Police, Parish Council are concerned, I would welcome a reply as soon as convenient, other organisations should let me have their comments by Thursday 8th September 2016. If no comments are received by that date it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations 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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Senior Programme Officer
Programme & Production Team



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NOTES

1. APPROPRIATE 40mph SPEED LIMIT REPEATER SIGNS TO BE PROVIDED AT REQUIRED INTERVALS WITHIN EXTENTS OF PROPOSED 40mph SPEED LIMIT. EXACT LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED.

LEGEND



PROPOSED 40mph SPEED LIMIT

REVISION
Drawing Status

By Date Rev.

CONSULTATION

Client
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY HALL, MORPETH,
NORTHUMBERLAND, NE61 2EF

Job Title

B1340 AT BEADNELL

Drawing Title

EXTENTS OF PROPOSED 40mph
SPEED LIMIT

Scales NOT TO SCALE

Northumberland
Northumberland County Council
Technical Services

Dm PJ Date JAN '16 Passed KB GM

Rev Drawing Number HF152518-22/00/B1340/13/01

Rev Job Number/File Number

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APPENDIX 2 - SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Initial	Name	No	Thoroughfare	Post Code	FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
	Cycle UK				1			We would definitely support the introduction of a 40mph speed limit at this location.
	Emergency Services				1			Thank you for your letter dated 11th August 2016 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as 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 outpatient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
	Parish Council				1			The general consensus of the Parish Councillors at our meeting last night was that the 40 mph speed limit signs are a very welcome sight. It is quite a sharp corner on a currently fast stretch of road which also has one of the turnings into/out of the village.
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