



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY
ACTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**

Paul Jones

**PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMITS
U9017 INGOE VILLAGE**

5th December 2016

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit throughout Ingoe Village and the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit on the C340 adjacent to Ingoe village.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the following restrictions are introduced:

20 mph Limits on:

- a. U9017 Road to Sandyway, Ingoe.
- b. U9017 Road to Crag house, Ingoe
- c. U9017 Ingoe main road through, Ingoe.

30 mph Limits on:

- d. C340 (Matfen junction to Belsay), adjacent to Ingoe Village

Key Issues

1. This area has been the subject of traffic safety concerns over a period of time with residents, the local Councillor and the Parish Council, i.e. speeding vehicles sharing single track roads with pedestrians and children of preschool age.
2. The issues were discussed at the Central Area Committee meeting in March 2016, following a petition from the "20mph speed limit in Ingoe campaign" signed by local residents.
3. The Scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Veronica Jones

Background

1. Concerns have been identified to Councillor Jones by residents on a number of occasions with regard to speeding traffic in the area.
2. It is proposed to introduce a 20mph speed limit restriction in this area, together with a 30 mph speed limit (buffer) on the adjacent C340.
3. It is envisaged that these proposals will help improve traffic safety for the residents and road users of Ingoe village.

Consultation

1. This proposal was discussed at the March 2016 Central Area Committee meeting and subsequent site meeting between the Senior Programme Officer and Councillor Jones. The design and implementation process is consistent with the County Council initiative to promote road safety.
2. A formal consultation did not take place with residents as there was overwhelming support demonstrated at the Central Area Committee meeting (March 2016) and supporting petition.
3. Support for the proposal is also provided by both Councillor Jones and Matfen Parish Council (Appendix B).
4. Statutory consultees were notified of the proposal.
5. Advertising of the scheme will be carried out via the legal process for the introduction of a new Traffic Regulation Order.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended to introduce a new 20 mph speed limit, on U9017 throughout Ingoe Village and 30 mph speed limit (buffer zone) on C340 Matfen junction to Belsay road, adjacent to Ingoe village. As detailed in Appendix A.
2. 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 canvassing 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.

File References

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Veronica Jones
Legal	
Procurement	
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
Risk Assessment	Introduction of a 20mph and 30mph limit restrictions
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. speeding traffic
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for residents in the area
Carbon reduction	
Wards	Matfen Parish Council

Background papers:

Central Area Committee Report (17th March 2016)

Report sign off.

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio Holder Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject: Proposed introduction of 20mph and 30mph speed limit restriction

Consultation Not required – proposal supported by Local County Councillor and Parish Council.

Decision Taken: Introduce speed limit restrictions as proposed.

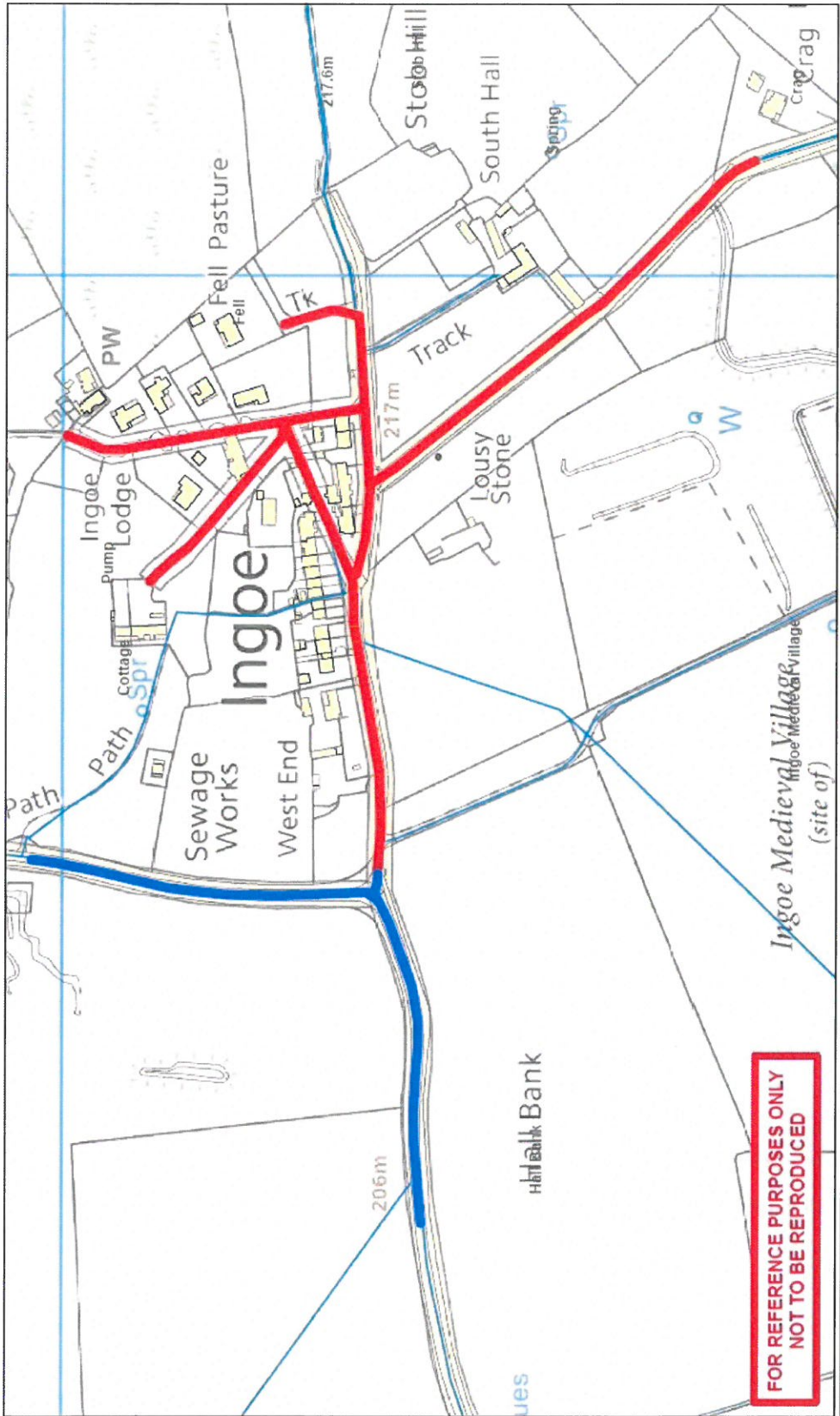
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15/12/16

Appendix A



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Appendix B

12/5/2016

Northumberland County Council Mail - Fwd: Ingoe request for 20mph



Andy Walker <andy.walker@northumberland.gov.uk>

Fwd: Ingoe request for 20mph

1 message

Terry Luck <terry.luck@northumberland.gov.uk>
To: Andy Walker <andy.walker@northumberland.gov.uk>

5 December 2016 at 09:53

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From: Veronica Jones <veronica.jones@northumberland.gov.uk>
Date: 8 November 2016 at 17:03
Subject: Ingoe request for 20mph
To: Terry Luck <terry.luck@northumberland.gov.uk>, Stuart Mills <stuart.mills@heineken.co.uk>, chris austin <chrisaustin789@gmail.com>

Dear Terry

I confirm that the request for a 20mph speed limit in the village of Ingoe initially came to the Central area committee at the end of last year via a petition from residents. The request is supported by the Matfen parish council and myself as County Councillor.

Yours
Veronica
County Councillor Ponteland West ward

Sent from my Windows Phone



Northumberland County Council

CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 17 MARCH 2016

REQUEST FOR 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT IN INGOE

Report of the Director of Local Services and Housing, Kevin Lowry

Cabinet Member: Ian Swithenbank, Local Services

Purpose of report

To consider the petition recently received by this Committee in relation to the request to reduce the speed limit to 20mph in Ingoe.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the 'Stronger Communities and Families' priority included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2013-2017.

Background

- 1) Local residents have expressed concerns regarding excessive vehicular speeds in Ingoe. A petition has been received requesting that consideration be given to reducing the speed limit to 20mph.

20mph speed limit in Ingoe Campaign

This petition has been collected from the residents and regular pedestrians in Ingoe. Ingoe is a small residential village where there is no speed limit set. The petition has been signed by nearly every house in the village and there is strong support for a change to the speed limit to safeguard the safety of all road users.

The main concerns for safety are:-

- *Single track roads being used by pedestrians where there are no pavements/verges and no warning signs to alert drivers to this hazard.*

- *There has been a significant increase of pre-school children in the village in the last two years. These young children have to use these roads to access the village green which is due to be re-fitted with play equipment. This will therefore result in children using the roads more frequently.*
 - *Whilst Ingoe has no through road the number of delivery drivers coming into the village has increased dramatically over recent years. These drivers are often racing against their clock to meet deadlines and are unfamiliar with the hazards of driving in a rural village with numerous blindspots.*
 - *Ingoe is a residential village and in a similar urban environment such as a cul-de-sac it would not be acceptable to have a no speed limit.*
 - *Police have been consulted in the past about vehicles speeding but residents have been advised that they are unable to do anything as there is no speed limit to enforce.*
- 2) Ingoe is a small rural village, with only approximately 30 properties, and limited street lighting. The road network in the village serves local traffic only. Traffic flows are low.
 - 3) A speed survey was set up as shown in the attached plan on Wednesday 24th February. This will be in place for 7 days. At the time of writing initial results showed that the average speed eastbound was 19.1mph and westbound was 18.6mph. On any one day a maximum of 3 vehicles exceeded a speed of 31mph.
 - 4) The complete speed survey results will be presented at the Central Area Committee meeting on Thursday 17th March 2016.
 - 5) The results of the speed survey to date show that, in general, speeds within the village are relatively low. Given the nature of the local road network, its use predominantly by local traffic and the relatively low speeds recorded (assuming the above data is confirmed in the remaining survey data), then it would not seem appropriate to implement a 20mph scheme at Ingoe through the Local Transport Plan programme given competing needs elsewhere. However it is proposed that consideration should be given to improving gateway signing into the village which elsewhere has been found to encourage motorists to drive more considerately. This proposal could be considered for inclusion in the 2016/17 Local Transport Plan programme.

Recommendations

- 1) Given the results of the speed survey and considering the local network, it is recommended that whilst introduction of a 20mph scheme at this location through the Local Transport Plan programme may not be appropriate, consideration be given to improving gateway signing for the village.

Implications

Policy	Consistent with LTP Policies
Finance and value for money	Gateway signage to be considered in 2016/17 LTP Programme
Legal	None
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None
Risk Assessment	Residential area, speeding traffic, pedestrian routes and associated visibility issues
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Motorists and pedestrians will be required to negotiate any new measures implemented.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Ponteland West

Background papers:

None

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