

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION WISHAW CLOSE AND SURROUNDING AREA CRAMLINGTON 8th April 2016

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit, restriction on Wishaw Close and surrounding area, Cramlington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

It is recommended that the following restrictions are introduced on Wishaw Close and surrounding area, Cramlington: 20 mph Speed Limit.

Key Issues

1. This area has been the subject of traffic safety concerns over a period of time i.e. speeding traffic, raising concerns with residents, local Councillor and Town Council.
2. The Scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Allan Hepple

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BACKGROUND

1. Safety concerns have been identified to Councillor Hepple by residents on a number of occasions with regard to speeding traffic in the area.
2. It is proposed to introduce a 20 mph speed limit restriction in this area
3. This would help improve traffic safety for the residents and road users of Wishaw Close and surrounding area, Cramlington

CONSULTATION

4. A formal consultation did not take place as this proposal is on traffic safety improvement grounds. The design and implementation process is consistent with the County Council initiative to introduce 20 mph limits/zones, adjacent to all schools across the county over the next 5 years.
5. Support for the proposal is provided by both Councillor Hepple and Cramlington Town council who have canvassed local opinion. (Detailed on file).
6. Statutory consultees have been notified.
7. Advertising of the scheme will be carried out via the legal process for the introduction of a new Traffic Regulation Order.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. It is recommended to introduce a 20 mph speed limit restriction on Wishaw Close and surrounding area, Cramlington. As detailed in Appendix A
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.

File References

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Appendix A – Scheme Plans

Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Members' Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Allan Hepple
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Introduction of a 20 mph limit restriction
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. speeding traffic
Customer Considerations	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for residents in the area
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Cramlington Town Council and statutory consultees notified, together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Cramlington South East

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):

Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject:

Proposed introduction of 20 mph speed limit restriction

Consultation

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

Decision Taken:

Introduce speed limit restrictions as proposed.

Signature of Director



Date

18/4/16

