



**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY
SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES**

Paul Jones

**Proposed 20mph Speed Restriction
Dunsdale Drive, Cramlington**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of 20 mph speed limit, restrictions at Dunsdale Drive, Cramlington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that 20 mph speed limit, restrictions be introduced at Dunsdale Drive, Cramlington.

Link to Corporate Plan

Living - "We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for"
Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"

Key Issues

1. This area has been the subject of traffic safety concerns over a period of time with residents raising concerns about speeding traffic with their County Councillor and the Town Council.
2. The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Dunbar, through her members' Local Improvement Allowance.

Background

1. Residents contacted their local Ward member with safety concerns regarding speeding traffic in the area.

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2. After meeting with Councillor Dunbar, Officers proposed that a 20mph speed limit restriction be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns.
3. A consultation letter was sent to 24 Residents and 21 statutory consultees on the proposed speed restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A
4. 6 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 4 in favour, 1 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
5. The results were passed to Councillor Dunbar, who agreed that 20mph speed restrictions be introduced as proposed.
6. The scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Dunbar through her Members' Local Improvement Allocation.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Christine Dunbar
Legal	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
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	
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. speeding traffic
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for pedestrians, residents and road users in the area
Carbon reduction	
Wards	Cramlington Eastfield

Background papers:

File ref: HO176273

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Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan
Appendix B - Consultation Response

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Report sign off.

Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the report:

	initials
Finance Officer	
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Friday 2nd February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed 20mph Speed Restriction,
Dunsdale Drive, Cramlington**

Residents have raised concerns with County Councillor Dunbar, regarding vehicles being driven at excessive speeds in Dunsdale Drive, Cramlington causing a traffic safety issue. Councillor Dunbar has therefore requested that the speed limit be reduced from 30mph to 20mph in order to address these concerns.

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) to formally advise you on the proposed introduction of 20 mph speed restrictions at Dunsdale Drive, Cramlington as shown on the attached plan.

If you have any comments or observations regarding this proposal please can you email or write to Highways Programme, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF before the 2nd March 2018

Yours faithfully



Andy Walker
Technical Assistant (Members Small Schemes)

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	<p>DM: AW</p>	<p>Date: Feb 18</p>	<p>Scale: NTS</p>

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F O R T		A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R
Other Relevant Comments			
1			Fully support the proposed 20mph speed restriction on Dunedale Drive. Repositioning the attractive planters at the entrance to the estate to allow exiting traffic to see the traffic on the B1505 is welcomed. A speed limit reduction on the B1505 to 30 or 20 would also be supported. All other single carriageway roads in Cramlington are 20. This is an exception. The speed advisory boards erected at both ends of the B1505 do nothing to change driver behaviour. Using the term 'restriction' has a connotation that somehow vehicles will be inconvenienced. The vehicles cannot change their behaviour. It is the drivers that need to change. It is doubtful that this reduction will change behaviour without enforcement. What measures are being proposed to enforce this amendment?
1			Any chance of speed bumps to help enforce the limit.
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1			I write to advise that as a resident of Dunedale Drive, Cramlington, I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to this proposal as I do not believe that there is any case or need for a 20 mph speed limit. I do not believe that there is any traffic safety issue in my street, and would welcome sight of any evidence. Dunedale Drive is very short and winding and little more than an access drive. We do not experience speeding vehicles. The road is barely long enough to reach 30mph. I am not aware of any traffic incidents occurring in the street. I also do not believe that there have been concerns raised by residents. I have certainly never been consulted or approached by other residents. I believe that councillor Dunbar is using the facilities of the County Council for his own electioneering purposes which is a gross abuse of public resources which could be put to much better use.
1	1		Thank you for your correspondence dated 6th February 2018 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. 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. In light of this, can you please advise whether we would be permitted to cross the no-entry restriction? I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
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Title of Officer:

Service Director, Local Services

Subject:

Proposed 20mph Speed Restriction
Dunsdale Drive, Cramlington

Consultation

For: 4
Against: 1
Neutral: 1

Decision Taken:

To introduce the speed restrictions as proposed

Signature of Director



Date

