



Northumberland County Council

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

**Paul Jones**

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**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - A697 at Hedgeley Station (north of  
Powburn) (extension of existing 30mph speed limit restriction)  
13 March 2018**

**Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services**

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**Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the implementation of the 30mph speed limit extension at Powburn which was a Local Safety Scheme included in the Local Transport Programme (LTP) Programme 2017/2018.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Experimental Order is implemented on a permanent basis.

**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. The existing 30 mph speed limit was extended on 16th December 2016 by introducing an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for a period of 12 months on the A697 at Hedgeley Station North of Powburn.
2. During the period of the experimental order no objections were received.

## **Delegated Decision**

### **Background**

Concerns have been received for many years about speeding and road safety along the length of the A697. As part of the improvement programme a proposal to extend the 30mph limit to the north of Powburn was included in the LTP programme for 2017/18.

Making an experimental order as a precursor to a permanent order can have material benefits. As well as being a more cost effective and flexible approach (allowing e.g. for immediate feedback and minor changes) than a permanent or temporary order.

The existing 30 mph speed limit was extended on the A697 at Hedgeley Station North of Powburn, using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for a period of 12 months, commencing on 16th December 2016. Reducing the speed limit here has also meant introducing a 30 mph speed limit on the adjoining roads where previously a de-restricted limit was in place:

- U1093 Branton junction – Hedgeley Crossroads road,
- C82 Hedgeley Crossroads to Eglington junction road and
- U3062 Powburn junction to Crawley Farm Junction.

During the period of the experimental order no objections were received.

It is therefore proposed to implement the traffic regulation order on a permanent basis with no amendments to the advertised experimental order.

Consultation took place with Hedgeley Parish Council, Local County Councillor Wendy Pattison, the emergency services and relevant statutory consultees.

## Delegated Decision

### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme with be financed from LTP
<b>Legal</b>	Traffic Regulation Order (reference TROM_098)
<b>Procurement</b>	Signage to meet Regulations
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	A reduction in speed will lead to a safer environment for all road users.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	Speed reduction assists with carbon reduction
<b>Wards</b>	Longhoughton

### **Background papers:**

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[The County of Northumberland \(A697 at Hedgeley Station \(North of Powburn\) Introduction of New 30 MPH speed limit\) Experimental Order 2016 \(TROM\\_059\).](#)

[The County of Northumberland \(A697 Hedgeley Station North of Powburn 30 MPH Speed Restriction Extension\) Order 2017 \(TROM\\_098\)](#)

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

### **Report sign off.**

## Delegated Decision

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## Delegated Decision

### DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer:**

Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:**

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order A697 at Hedgeley Station (North of Powburn)

**Consultation:**

This proposal is part of LTP 2017/18, the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order has been in place for a year and is supported by Local Parish Councils, Local County Councillors and Northumbria Police.

**Decision Taken:**

Introduction of an extension to the 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction on the A697 at Hedgeley Station North of Powburn and adjoining side roads :- U1093 Branton junction – Hedgeley Crossroads road, C82 Hedgeley Crossroads to Eglington junction road and U3062 Powburn junction to Crawley Farm Junction on a permanent basis following an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order

Signature of Director



Date

23/3/18

## Appendix A

