



Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

PROPOSED 20mph & 40mph SPEED LIMITS, NEWTON BY THE SEA

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to provide 20mph and 40mph speed limits at Newton by the Sea.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 20mph and 40mph speed limits are implemented.

Link to Corporate Plan

Living - "We want to feel safe, healthy and cared for"

Enjoying - "We want to love where you live"

Key Issues

The County Council has received concerns from the local Parish Council about traffic speeds in and on the approaches to Newton by the Sea.

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Background

1. The County Council has received concerns from the local Parish Council about traffic speeds in and on the approaches to High Newton by the Sea.
2. Currently a 30mph speed limit is in place within the village of High Newton. The approach roads are all subject to the national speed limit of 60mph.
3. As part of a wider project to address parking and traffic issues within High Newton, the Parish Council requested a 20mph speed limit to improve traffic safety within the village.
4. The village is subject to a significant amount of visitor traffic, particularly during the summer months.
5. A 20mph speed limit is considered appropriate within the village due to its rural nature, narrow roads with no centreline markings and lack of footways.
6. It is proposed that the 20mph speed limit should have the same extents as the existing 30mph speed limit.
7. In order to facilitate the 20mph speed limit, the limit on the approaches must be reduced to 40mph, so that drivers are able to transition from the national speed limit down to 20mph.
8. The approach roads to High Newton are generally narrow, in some cases single track, with no centrelines. It is therefore considered that a 40mph speed limit is appropriate for these roads.
9. The village of Low Newton is currently subject to the national speed limit of 60mph. It has approximately 200m of frontage development which is too low to justify a 20mph or 30mph speed limit. Government Guidance recommends at least 600m, or 300m in exceptional circumstances.
10. However, public vehicles are not permitted into Low Newton so traffic speeds are not considered to be a significant issue.
11. The 40mph speed limit proposed for the road to High Newton will therefore be extended to include Low Newton.
12. Because the area is within the Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, minimal signage and road markings will be used throughout.
13. A consultation was carried out with statutory consultees. A copy of the consultation plan is shown in Appendix A.

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14. The results of the consultation were:

For: 1 (50%)

Against: 0 (0%)

Neutral: 1 (50%)

A copy of the responses received is shown in Appendix B.

15. Newton by the Sea Parish Council support the proposal.

16. The local Ward Member supports the proposal.

17. It is therefore recommended that the 20mph and 40mph speed limits should be implemented.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	The proposal accords with policies to improve road safety.
Finance and value for money	The scheme will be funded through the Local Transport Plan Programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the speed limits..
Procurement	None
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	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Longhoughton

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Background papers:

File ref: HE174328

Report sign off.

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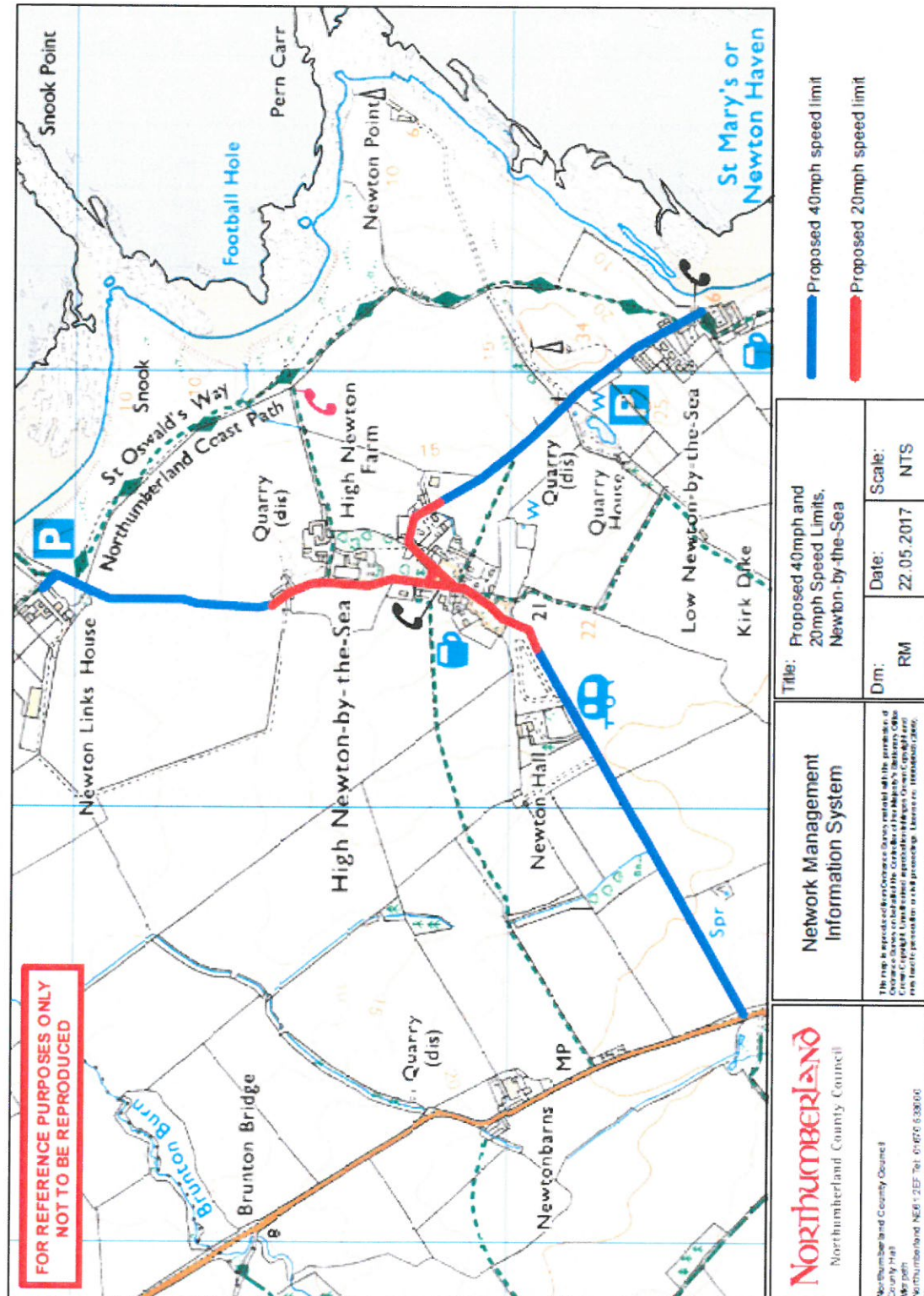
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Appendix A - Consultation Plan



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Appendix B - Consultation Responses

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
			Other Relevant Comments
1			We would support this proposal.
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 14th November 2017 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 ongoing road safety programme.
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DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio
Holder (where appropriate):**

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

Subject:

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NEWTON BY THE SEA

Consultation

For: 1 (50%)
Against: 0 (0%)
Neutral: 1 (50%)

Decision Taken:

The proposed 20mph and 40mph speed limits should
be implemented.

Signature of Director/
officer/Portfolio Holder where
appropriate)*

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