

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones 18th October 2019

Introduction of a new 20 MPH Speed Limit Restriction at Seghill First School

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

18th October 2019

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed implementation of a new 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Seghill First School.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the new 20 MPH speed limit is introduced adjacent to Seghill First School including the surrounding area.

Link to Corporate Plan

Living - "We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for"
Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"
Learning - "We want you to achieve and realise your potential"

Key Issues

- 1. The provision of a permanent 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Seghill First School is in line with the County Council's current policy.
- 2. The existing 30 MPH speed limit as indicated by the system of street lighting is proposed to be reduced to 20 MPH in the area Barrass Avenue and surrounding area. This location would benefit from reduced vehicle speeds in the vicinity of Seghill First School where Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs) are present.
- 3. The scheme is supported by County Councillor Richards, Seaton Valley Parish Council and Seghill First School.

Background

Introduction of 20 MPH Speed Limit

The introduction of a 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Seghill First School forms part of the 2019/20 Local Transport Plan. This is part of the County Council's road safety initiative to introduce 20 MPH speed limits adjacent to all schools in Northumberland provided it is feasible to do so.

This scheme will introduce a permanent 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Seghill First School in the area of Barrass Avenue and surrounding area.

In addition, a section of the A190 Main Street/Station Road Seghill adjacent to Seghill First School shall be an advisory 20 MPH speed limit, monitored via a variable message sign. This approach has become an effective way of reducing speed, especially adjacent to schools.





Details of the proposals are shown on the plan at Appendix A.

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Council Officers have worked closely with County Councillor Richards and Seaton Valley Parish Council on this scheme.

Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Orders.

In addition to this scheme, there is a provision to amend the current parking restrictions to accommodate the new boundary fencing that is being installed around the perimeter of Seghill First School.

This Scheme will be financed by Property Services as part of the proposed boundary fencing amendments.

This scheme is currently being prepared and it is anticipated that both schemes may be programmed together, in order to minimise any disruption and deliver cost savings. This scheme will be detailed in a separate Decision Report - Seghill First School.

Implications Arising out of the Report

| Policy | Consistent with existing policies | |
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| Finance and value for money | Scheme will be financed from the 2019/20 Local Transport Plan | |
| Legal | Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_166) | |
| Procurement | Signage and road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders | |
| Human Resources | None | |
| Property | None | |
| Equalities | N/A | |
| (Impact Assessment attached) | | |
| Yes □ No □ N/A □ | | |
| Risk Assessment | N/A | |
| Crime & Disorder | 20 MPH speed limit schemes will reduce vehicle speeds and promote a safer environment in the area where the new speed limit is being introduced. | |
| Customer Consideration | Residents in the area, parents and staff using the school will benefit from reduce vehicle speeds. | |
| Carbon reduction | Reduced vehicle speeds can lead to reduced vehicle emissions and potential nudging towards more sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling. | |
| Wards | Seghill with Seaton Delaval | |

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Background papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\HE Minor Improvements\HED19331 - Seghill Primary School\ Appendix A – Scheme Plan -

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DECISION TAKEN

| Title of Officer: | Service Director, Local Services. |
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| Subject: | Proposed introduction of new 20 MPH Speed Limit Restriction at Seghill First School |
| Consultation: | Not required for the introduction of new 20 MPH Speed Limit Restriction at Seghill First School . The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and Northumbria Police. |
| Decision Taken: | To introduce new 20 MPH Speed Limit Restriction at Seghill First School . |
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| Signature of Director | The |
| Date | 28/10/19 |
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Appendix A



