



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones
16th October 2019

Introduction of a new 20 MPH Speed Limit Restriction at Berwick Middle School, Berwick upon Tweed

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed implementation of a new 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Berwick Middle School, Berwick upon Tweed.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the new 20 MPH speed limit is introduced adjacent to Berwick Middle 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 Berwick Middle School, Berwick upon Tweed 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 of Berwick Middle School and extending along Golf Course Road. This location would benefit from reduced vehicle speeds in the vicinity of Berwick Middle School school where Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs) are present.
3. The scheme is supported by County Councillor Seymour and Berwick upon Tweed Town Council.

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Background

Introduction of 20 MPH Speed Limit

The introduction of a 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Berwick Middle 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 Berwick Middle School and the surrounding area, extending along Golf Course Road towards Parade.

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

Council Officers have worked closely with Councillor Seymour and Berwick upon Tweed Town 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.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed from the 2019/20 Local Transport Plan
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_165)
Procurement	Signage and road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	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	Berwick North Ward

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Background papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\18\HE MINOR
IMPROVEMENTS\HE185327 - Berwick Middle School 20mph
Appendix A – Scheme Plan - Appendix A

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services.

Subject: Proposed introduction of new 20 MPH Speed Limit Restriction at Berwick Middle School, Berwick upon Tweed.

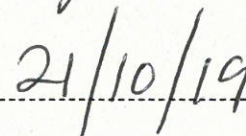
Consultation: Not required for the introduction of new 20 MPH Speed Limit Restriction at Berwick Middle School, Berwick upon Tweed. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and Northumbria Police.

Decision Taken: To introduce new 20 MPH Speed Limit Restriction at Berwick Middle School, Berwick upon Tweed.

Signature of Director

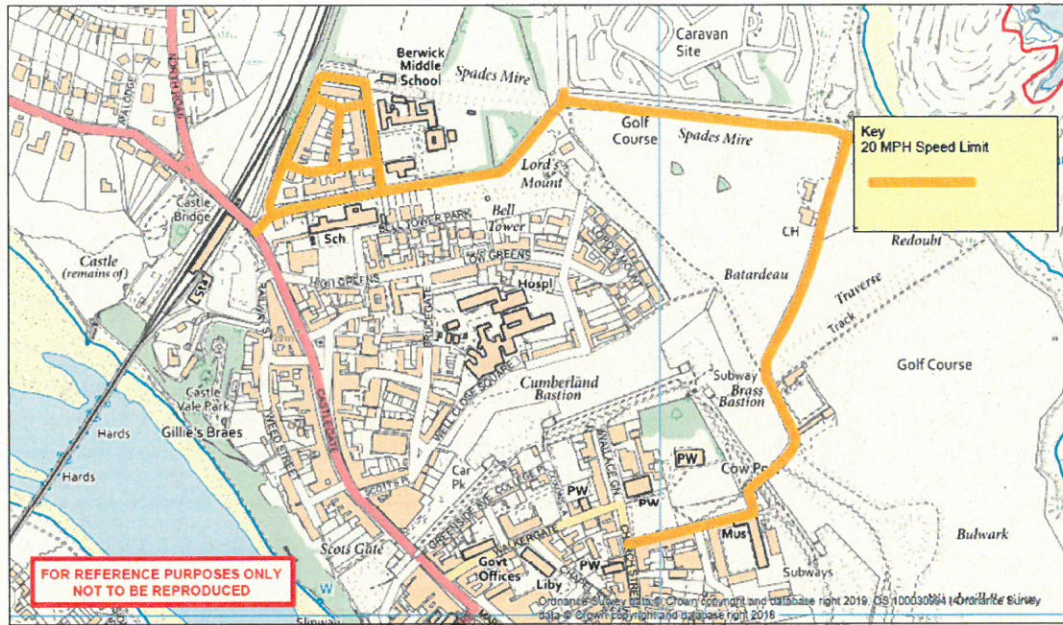


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Appendix A



<p>Northumberland Northumberland County Council</p>	<p>Network Management Information System</p>	<p>Title: Berwick Middle School 20 MPH Speed Limit TROM_165 Nov 2019</p>		
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