



# **Northumberland**

## **County Council**

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

**Paul Jones**

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#### **Extension of an existing 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction between Catchburn Farm and Collingwood Manor**

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

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#### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposed extension of an existing 30 MPH speed limit operating along the B1337 between Catchburn Farm and Collingwood Manor.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the existing 30 MPH Speed Limit is extended to include the section of the B1337 operating between Catchburn Farm and Collingwood Manor.

#### **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. Pedestrian use is more prominent to this specific area since the introduction of the nearby Collingwood Manor Housing Estate.
2. The proposal has been developed following concerns raised by residents in the area, the elected member and the Parish Council.
3. The scheme is supported by Councillor Wearmouth and the Parish Council.
4. The scheme will be funded from the local members allocation.



### Background

Changes to the highway layout, largely as a result of the introduction of Collingwood Manor housing estate in recent years, justifies an extension to the existing 30 MPH speed limit on the B1337 operating between Catchburn Farm and Collingwood Manor.

To facilitate access to Collingwood Manor and neighbouring shopping facilities, a compact roundabout was introduced as the most appropriate means of managing traffic movements. The speed limit change from 50 MPH to 30 MPH when travelling in a northbound direction is currently signed immediately in advance of the roundabout. This is signified by illuminated terminal signs supported by road marking roundels.



**Photograph 1: A197 Northbound approach existing speed limit location**

### 30 MPH Speed Limit

Extending the 30 MPH speed limit further south to encompass the bus stop area would promote slower speeds over that section where increased pedestrian presence is now experienced. The proposed repositioning of the terminal signing and associated 30 MPH speed limit has been carefully considered to ensure the surrounding area is sufficiently built up to warrant inclusion as a 30 MPH speed limit. Pedestrian Guardrail is also proposed as an additional safety measure to guide bus stop users along the footway towards the bus stop.

The speed limit relocation will enable sufficient decision making time to adjust approach speeds travelling northbound accordingly after transitioning from the descent into Morpeth and beyond the bend in the road.

The speed limit relocation will also introduce added road safety benefits for cyclists. The current layout shows the advisory cycle lane coming to an end at the same location as the speed limit terminal signs. The revised layout will retain the existing position of the advisory cycle lane, therefore allowing any transition from cycle lane to general running lane to take place in an area



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where motorists have reduced their speed well in advance of any necessary cycle movements.

The intention is to extend the existing 30 MPH speed limit along the B1337 further south prior to encountering the northbound bus stop. Notification of the speed limit change will be delineated using speed limit terminal signs showing 30 MPH for northbound traffic and 50 MPH for southbound traffic. The signs will be supplemented by new roundel markings on the ground and existing SLOW markings will be refreshed.

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

Council Officers have worked closely with Councillor Wearmouth on the 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

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will be financed from the local members allocation
<b>Legal</b>	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_154)
<b>Procurement</b>	Signage and road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders
<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>	Morpeth Kirkhill



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### **Background papers:**

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\18\HO MEMBERS  
SCHEMES\HO186498 - B1337 Catchburn Farm to Collingwood Manor

Appendix A – Scheme Plan - HO186498 B1337 Catchburn Farm to  
Collingwood Manor

### **Report sign off.**

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

	initials
Finance Officer	
Monitoring Officer/Legal	
Human Resources	
Procurement	
I.T.	
Director	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

### **Author and Contact Details**

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**DECISION TAKEN**

**Title of Officer:**

Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:**

Proposed extension of a 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction operating along the B1337 between Catchburn Farm and Collingwood Manor.

**Consultation:**

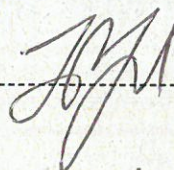
Not required for introduction of a 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction within the vicinity of Catchburn Farm and Collingwood Manor – proposal financed and supported by Local County Councillor, and notified to Northumbria Police.

**Decision Taken:**

Extension of a 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction along the B1337 between Catchburn Farm and Collingwood Manor.

Signature of Director

Date



2/7/19



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### Appendix A









