



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

REMOVAL OF EXPERIMENTAL 20MPH SPEED LIMIT AT CHRISTON BANK

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the removal of the existing 20mph Speed Limit in Christon Bank which was introduced in May 2018.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Experimental 20mph Speed Limit is removed with the former speed limit of 30mph speed limit being reintroduced.

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. Following discussions with Embleton Parish Council a 20mph speed limit was introduced in Christon Bank.
2. Because of the nature of the road network and concerns whether the 20mph limit was introduced as an experimental order.

Delegated decisions

3. Feedback was welcomed throughout the duration of the order. However it was agreed that the scheme would be reviewed after 6 months.
4. A number of concerns have been received from residents that the scheme has had a detrimental impact on road safety in the village, with several reports of motorists being overtaken when travelling at 20mph.
5. A drop in session was arranged at Christon Bank Methodist Church Hall on 8th November. Letters were delivered to all residents to invite them to this event.
6. The letter stated that we were minded to remove the Experimental 30mph Speed Limit and return to a 30mph limit.
7. The drop in session gave residents the opportunity to provide feedback about their concerns, how the felt the scheme was working, and whether other measures should be considered.
8. Drop in session was a huge success with over 50 residents attending.
9. The vast majority of attendees stated that the 20mph speed limit was not working.
10. Following the feedback obtained during the drop in session, County Councillor Pattison and Embleton Parish Council support the decision to remove the Experimental 20mph Speed Limit and reintroduce the former 30mph speed limit.

Background

A scheme to introduce a 20mph speed limit for Christon Bank was included in the 2017/18 Local Transport Plan Programme.

Embleton Parish Council were keen for this speed limit to be introduced this was despite a mixed response from local residents. After introducing several 20mph speed limits across the County, officers expressed reservations about how effective the 20mph speed limit would be. It was therefore agreed to introduce the scheme on an Experimental basis for a period 12 months.

Feedback was welcomed throughout the duration of the order. However it was agreed that the scheme would be reviewed after 6 months.

A number of concerns have been received from residents that the scheme has had a detrimental impact on road safety in the village, with several reports of motorists being overtaken when travelling at 20mph.

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A drop in session was arranged at Christon Bank Methodist Church Hall on 8th November. Letters were delivered to all residents to invite them to this event.

Drop in Session

When asked if they feel the 20mph speed limit is working in Christon Bank, 90.9% of responses stated that it was not.

72.2% of responses stated that they had experienced an increase in poor driver behaviour since the introduction of the 20mph speed limit.

83.3% of responses stated that they would like the speed limit in Christon Bank to revert back to 30mph.

The vast majority of residents commented that physical measures be provided to reduce vehicular speeds through the village.

Recommendations

Following the drop in session, it is recommended that the Experimental 20mph Speed Limit is removed with the former speed limit of 30mph being reintroduced.

Following the drop in session it is clear that there is overwhelming support for alternative speed reducing measures in the village. Suitable solutions will be investigated and options will be the subject of a further drop in session. Residents will be informed of this in due course. It is anticipated that any favoured solution is implemented during 2019/20.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	
Finance and value for money	Removal of 20mph speed limit and reinstatement of 30mph speed limit to be funded through 2018/19 LTP. Physical Traffic Calming measures to be funded through 2019/20 LTP
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) will be revoked and reintroduced as necessary
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None

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(Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk Assessment	None
Crime Disorder &	None
Customer Consideration	Requirement to adhere to 30mph speed limit once reinstated, and negotiate any physical traffic calming measures once introduced.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Longhoughton

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Background papers:

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DECISION TAKEN

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

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

Subject:

**REMOVAL OF EXPERIMENTAL 20MPH SPEED
LIMIT AT CHRISTON BANK**

Consultation

Drop in session held on 8th November 2018

Decision Taken:

It is recommended that the Experimental 20mph
Speed Limit is removed with the former speed limit of
30mph speed limit being reintroduced.

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

Date



3/1/19

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Delegated decisions

Appendix A - Copy of letter inviting residents to drop in session



Northumberland County Council

Resident

Your ref:

Our ref:

Enquiries to: Neil Snowdon

Email: highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk

Tel direct: 01670 624128

Date: Monday 29th October 2018

Dear Resident

You will be aware that a 20mph speed limit was introduced in Christon Bank earlier this year. This was introduced as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order where comments are invited throughout the duration of the Order which assist in making an informed decision when it comes to determining whether or not to make the order permanent. In the decision report we stated that we would do a 6 month review, while the completed scheme has not quite been in place for this length of time we feel it is appropriate to review the scheme now because the County Council have received a number of concerns from residents that the scheme has actually had a detrimental impact on road safety in the village. The County Council are keen to avoid any increased risk to public safety and are therefore minded to remove the Experimental 20mph Speed Limit and return to a 30mph limit.

We would like to invite all residents of the village to a drop in session at Christon Bank Methodist Church Hall which will be held between 3pm and 7pm on Thursday 8th November.

The intention of the drop in session would be for residents to drop in at a time which suits them and provide feedback about their concerns. We would be very interested in how you feel the scheme has worked and whether other measures should be considered.

Please attend the session if you can, if you are unable to attend we would encourage you to provide feedback to highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk

Following the drop in session we will allow any responses until Friday 16th November 2018, after which a democratic decision will be made on the future of the existing scheme. We would be proposing a further drop in session in early 2019 where any new proposals can be commented on. Further details would of course follow in due course.

Yours faithfully

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Appendix B - Copy of responses from drop in session

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Christon Bank Drop in Session Questions & Responses

QUESTIONS

RESPONSES 55

55 responses



SUMMARY

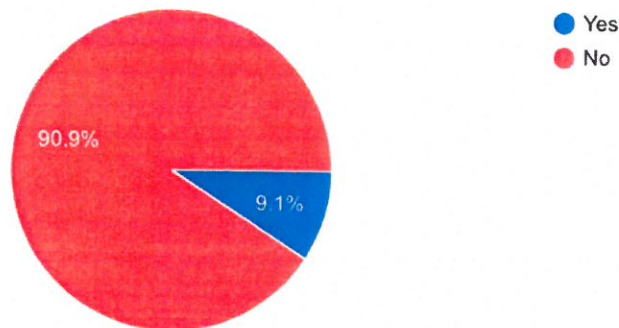
INDIVIDUAL

Accepting responses



Do you feel the 20mph speed limit through Christon Bank is working?

55 responses



Any comments.

54 responses

No comment

None

We need chicanes or road humps

Made no difference to speeding cars but I would like it to stay in place for the safety of the villagers

Need chicane

Cars seem to speed up. We walk our dogs through the vilage. Half the time they don't see us or they are on the phone!

Not at all

Yes, at the east side of the line towards Alnwick. Should have interactive lights at west end of village same as Chathill

Having it 20mph it makes people go 30mph. Having it 30mph it makes people go 40mph

Question 1 above: Marginal - it doesn't stop the most dangerous speeds. NCC should know statistically what works best. I personally respond to the red / green flashing light which say "thank you" when you slow down

Since the introduction of the lower speed limit (20mph) there has been an increase in bad driving and dangerous driving

Complete waste of time and money. You never listen to local knowledge

Without measures that "force" drivers to reduce speed there will always be those who ignore limits

The whole speed limit is totally ignored. People still do 40 - 60 mph - sometimes 70mph

Neither tourists or locals (some) stick to the limit

Motorists are not keeping to limit, but are also overtaking making it more dangerous

Not so easy to answer yes or no. It is like asking if you have stopped beating your wife. The answer is yes and no. Yes because we have noticed a difference and some drivers do obey a 20mph limit. No because not all drivers are obeying the 20mph

No school - very few children around

People don't take any notice no matter what speed

Doesn't belong in Christon Bank. Should be in Embleton. No children or very few children in village

It causes frustration because it is very slow

I feel it is too slow and it causes frustration with drivers who are desperate to get passed you.

I think it is more dangerous. Changing from 30 to 20 will not change bad driver behaviour. Any traffic calming measures be they speed humps or pinch points will be inconvenient for some residents, also the noise created by traffic going over speed humps - particularly empty wagons who are returning from evening deliveries

I was overtaken twice when doing 20mph

There are numerous drivers exceeding 30mph making no effort to slow down

In majority of cases it has NOT reduced speed...

I do not feel that 20mph or 30mph will work without speed cameras sited within those limits

Very few people adhering to it

The scheme was introduced in a piece-meal fashion, confusing many drivers. It would work better if other nearby villages adopted the same speed. It is confusing to have a mix of 20mph and 30mph in the area

To[o] slow at 20mph

Cars still travel far in excess of 20mph and also 30mph

Situation has worsened since 20mph installed.

It was never going to work!

It is too slow for compliance

Even, as a driver who sticks to speed limits, I found holding 20 mph was difficult to achieve

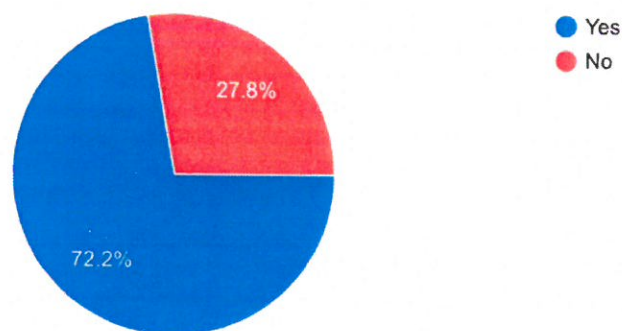
20mph is and would be a fantastic idea however no-one drives at 20mph and those that do are overtaken and bullied by vehicles following

I use the roads to the east of railway line. Always empty - of cars and people. Please go back to 30mph - at least to EAST of railway line. Please - NO traffic calming measures - keep to smooth, clear and wide roads - and no potholes!!

But from observation, as having a property alongside the road, traffic tends to slow coming FROM Alnwick, but in the other direction, speeds are in excess of 40 mph by the time they approach the end of the speed limit zone

It has been reported that there has been an increase in poor driver behaviour since the introduction of the 20mph speed limit. Is this something you have experienced?

54 responses



Any comments.

55 responses

No comment

None

Impatient drivers make it very difficult to get out of my drive

Impatient drivers - people speeding, near miss crashes, and road rage from speeders

Cars doing more than 20mph

Overtaking, blowing their horns to speed up

What a load of rubbish

Bad driving is bad driving - report them

Doesn't make a difference

We need more police action with convictions to curb serious speeders. I would say about 1 every 30 minutes on a busy weekend

Cars just overtake you

Cars have been seen overtaking slower moving cars doing 20mph

Have been overtaken 3 times once outside Horsley Place and twice between "The Sidings" and "The Steadings"

Verbal and physical abuse / threats. Reported to the police 6 - 8 times - even from people within the village

Chiefly ignoring the 20mph limit

Whilst complying to 20mph speed limit have been overtaken several times, so [the overtaking vehicles] must have been in excess of 20mph

Whilst the 20mph with rumble strips is a good idea, it relies on the driver keeping to the limit. Unfortunately for many as it is not their village they disregard the signs

Been overtaken within 20mph limit

A licence for vehicle to go fast

Twice overtaken, each time by someone driving like a bat out of hell. It never happened to me when speed was at 30mph

Not myself personally, but my mum who lives with me has had 2 vehicles overtake her. I have however experienced frustrated drivers being aggressively too close behind me.

Driving from Newton to Christon Bank I have been overtaken as soon as I slow down to 20mph

I would say people are driving faster

Tailgating by drivers exceeding speed limit

Lot of drivers are impatient when behind vehicles doing 20mph. They either overtake or are dangerously close to vehicle in front.

It's only natural that speeding drivers will overtake slower cars in front of them

Another driver has beeped at me when I was following the 20mph rule

Overtaking within 20mph limit and tailgating. Effect is that I'm looking in my mirror more and less on the road!

Overtaking because I was keeping to the 20 mph

Some DO drop down to the required speed. Others carry on as usual and I have NOT been overtaken on ANY occasion. (Sidings resident)

Excessive speed

Increased overtaking occurring

Yes once - overtaking prior to Pippins Park

Disregard of 20mph limit. I cannot say that driving has worsened through the village. Once drivers see straight road ahead, they accelerate. Difficult to think of ways to address this

I have now been overtaken on 2 occasions whilst complying with the 20mph. 1. Travelling west on B6347 past Springfield Park. 2. Travelling east on B1340 past Horsley Place

Drivers overtaking when roads are not safe to do so

No-one wants to keep to 20mph

There have been many reports of overtaking in the village, which is unacceptable. Cars will drive bumper to bumper looking for opportunities to overtake within the village boundaries

Have had reports of overtaking

Cannot understand how this can possibly be the case!

Can you think of ways in which we could improve driver behaviour.

55 responses

No comment

Speed camera

Speed checks

Install chicanes to the entrances of the village, speed bumps to keep speed low in village, regular speed checks and speed cameras

Put chicanes in, speed checks and speed humps

Flashing signs at all entrances to village

No, as many of them are holiday makers and don't seem to care! Road humps may work

Take no. and report - set up speed camera group

See above

Police presence

Random police checks

Place a chicane at each end of the village

Install a warning of your speed when entering the village from the three entrances

Speed cameras would stop this speeding

Enforce limits with measures that punish drivers for breaking the law

Speed camera put in place

Physical impediment such as a chicane or two in strategic places. Most appear to take little notice of please to reduce the speed of the vehicle

Most of the speeding is done by locals. Farm vehicles are a problem - talk to farmers about their workers

Consider legal proceedings

Speed bumps or camera

1. Chicanes - with big signs (for those who miss the current 20mph) 2. Occasional visits from the police 3. Speed Check Group in the village to monitor speeds and to inform them with statistics of numbers speeding

1. Visual speed indicator showing driver speed or 2. chicane type single flow

[Teach] them to respect other drivers and people living in the village

Speed camera where people are prosecuted

Interactive signs - SID signs. These have a positive impact in my experience

Apart from having police monitoring speed at all times which is I know very impractical, I really have nothing constructive to suggest

Increase speed again to 30 so as not to antagonise drivers who in turn will hopefully drive more carefully!!!

Impossible - maybe speed cameras???

Speed traps

I don't know what the best way [is] to slow people down

Speed humps at all entrances to the village large road markings. Electric speed signs - ideally giving actual speed of driver

Speed cameras

Occasional police presence

I like the signs that measure your speed as you enter a 30mph zone

Flashing speed limit signs

More 30 mph signs which we never had before

Have a display (as at Chathill) which tells drivers what speed they are ACTUALLY doing

Fine culprits!

Traffic calming - ideally prior to Pippins Park with right of way or flashing traffic warning recording speed

Solar powered speed display signs. Indicate actual speed and when driving at speed limit flashes a green "Thank you". Rumble strips and white fence adjacent to limit signs to draw the driver's attention to the speed limit

Better thought out and more appropriate scheme for the type of roads we have through our village

Keep to SENSIBLE speed limits etc - as before

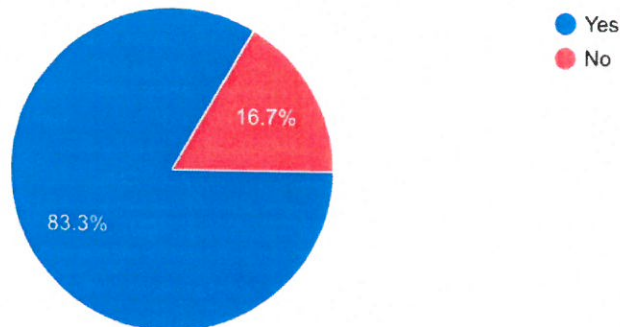
Put back the 30mph limit and install flashing speed indicator signs at the entry points to the village (x3)

See below: "There is no clear..."

Please see below "From experience..."

Would you like to see the speed limit through the village revert back to 30mph?

54 responses



Any comments.

55 responses

No comment

None

It's much safer for residents of the village at 20mph. Children and the elderly have more time crossing the roads

It's much safer for residents of village at 20mph

If we go back to 30, they will do 40

It takes time to work eg Longhoughton

We grateful to NCC for attempting something

Just to point out I can't remember the last accident in the village with a 30 mile limit

It is now more dangerous than before the new limit was introduced due to overtaking

ONLY if it can be enforced

Yes - only if an effective method of controlling speed can be introduced

SID [interactive] signs

Not so easy to answer digitally. It is like asking if you have stopped beating your wife. Yes if the limit was obeyed. No if not

If people stick to 20 or 30 village is quieter

Definitely. I believe it is safer at 30. Drivers are not as frustrated

Chicanes not appropriate - combine. Humps not appropriate

It would stop the overtaking in the village but not stop the speeding

It is very difficult to maintain 20mph in a modern vehicle. 30mph is an easier speed to drive at people seem to think 20mph is voluntary

Virtually impossible to drive at 20mph in modern cars

If considered safe

Drivers approaching Fallodon corner / junction at more than 30mph make it difficult to exit

It will be safer

More likely to persuade drivers to stick to 30mph than 20mph, by introducing speed limit reminders or calming measures

Would agree to 30mph only because the current 20mph is not working and maybe adding to driver aggression

The 20mph should not have been introduced to Christon Bank given the current Government guidelines for a through road. The 30mph should be put back in place ASAP. Whilst the 20mph limit is in place there is a significant risk to public safety

I believe that 30mph should be the target to aim for.

We've already established that a 20mph Limit won't work. The only way to try and get cars to stick to 20mph is to create a 20mph Zone. I don't feel this is appropriate for our area. The village has a wagon yard at the west side, and the HGVs regularly come through the village. Also, the village gets significant agricultural machinery coming through during the summer months. Some of this machinery is so large, there have been many occasions when drivers have had to knock on residents' doors and ask them to move their vehicles off the street, so that the machinery can fit through. Therefore I don't think any of the physical road narrowing measures that would be required for a 20mph Zone would be suitable for the village. And I would not like to see any vertical deflections, as they are not recommended by NICE due to decreases in local air quality and they will have similar noise impacts to the rumble strips that have already been partly removed.

In addition to this, the B1340 is the only route for Emergency Vehicles responding from Alnwick to the coastal villages where they won't encounter a level crossing, so is an important route. It is classified as a Resilient Road Network, so anything to physically narrow or alter the constitution of the road seems unwise. The village is a through road, therefore I don't think it is suitable to be a 20mph zone.

30mph was never unsafe (as we had no recorded accidents), so sticking at 30mph limit, with some additional measures to get people to adhere to it, would be my preferred choice

Because expecting drivers who cannot even observe 30mph to observe 20mph is a lost cause!

We are aware that there is a problem of excessive speed through the village.

What measures would you like to see introduced to help alleviate this problem?

55 responses

No comment

Road humps

No response

Speed checks, humps, chicanes and policing

Speed camera

See above

Speed cameras and speed camera signs

Speed cameras or "half chicane". My definition of a half chicane is it only being on one side of the road on the "inward" side. Priority to traffic leaving the village

Build a chicane on ALL 3 roads into the village. Put up speed camera and enforce 30mph

Chicanes

Parked vehicles are the only method of controlling speed! Or possibly speed cushions

Speed bumps or camera cushion

Chicanes or build out priority working or pinch point working

Speed cushion

Speed camera, community speed watch, and chicanes

SID sign

Speed back to 30 and flashing speed indicators at either end of the village

There are always speeders, but a flashing camera like the one, which did flash 30 at the entrance to the village on B6347 would be beneficial at the entrance to Christon Bank on B1340. Also maybe false road humps

I believe that the LED signs that show you the speed you are doing as you enter the village at least make drivers aware that they are speeding

Interactive signs (SID). Red stripes as on A19

Chicane would not work as too many wagons come through the village. Maybe road humps or speed cushions may help

Traffic calming. Electric signs that show drivers how fast they are going

SID signs. Chicanes and pinch points would NOT work in village because of heavy traffic that uses road through

In my opinion the only deterrent is speed cameras

Chicanes - don't let motorists speed up in between. Speed cameras?

A speed indicator the same as the type which is in Chathill (mph and thank you) it does help

Stop directing ALL traffic through the village, when some could easily travel through Chathill (as they did many years ago!) More people live and work here in Christon Bank

False road hump roadmarkings (only)

Consider false road hump

Speed cameras and culprits fined

Traffic @ West Fallodon - instead of turning right onto Christon Bank road should revert to straight on through Chathill to Swinhoe as it always had been, alleviates the Tughall bends, an altogether better, straighter road to drive on!

False road hump (road markings only) and pinch point

False road hump treatment (road markings only) and pinch point

Solar powered speed reminders

A chicane on the B1340 when entering from Embleton side and Alnwick side

Speed camera. The quick set rumble strips are not working and drivers still drive at speeds causing noise as they travel over the strips

I haven't noticed this when driving through

Flashing speed indicator signs at the entry points to village

There is no clear solution. But some sort of speed calming measure is required

I would like to see the introduction of vehicle activated flashing LED signs (the ones that display exact speeds in red or green). They have a researched evidence base that shows they reduce the 85th percentile speeds by an average of 4mph. The speed study in 2017 showed that at the East and West entrances to the village, the 85 percentile speeds were between 33-34mph, therefore an LED sign should bring this down under 30mph. Speed cameras are shown to give a 5mph reduction, but I imagine a camera at each entrance is a less realistic solution. Obviously speeds at the South entrance are a little faster, but there have not been any accidents there, and if flashing signage can reduce the speeds more towards 30mph, this would obviously still be beneficial.

With regards the placement of the signs, I would suggest they are placed to be visible to drivers entering the village at the South and West entrances. However on the East entrance, the residents of the property on the front of Horsley Place have raised personal concerns about traffic accelerating past their house. As a former resident of Horsley place myself, I can appreciate this, as vehicles tend to start accelerating as soon as they get past the T-junction and the shop. Therefore I would like to see an LED sign placed for drivers exiting on the East exit, to discourage accelerating until they are past the Horsley Place entrance and the front houses. I've attached an image of where I would like to see the sign, as I think any earlier and people will pass the sign and still accelerate past Horsley place. If placed beyond the houses, then people will be past the housing before considering to react to the sign. There is already a lamppost at the marked location, so not sure if a sign can be incorporated onto that.

[For LED sign location image, see PDF for Response 54]

From experience, the most effective measure is the deployment of solar-powered digital displays of actual speed which are clearly seen. If the speed limit is exceed[ed], "Slow Down" is displayed in red, otherwise "Thank You" in green

Are there any particular areas in the village where you feel that excessive speed is of greatest concern?

55 responses

No comment

It is a great problem getting out of a concealed driveway when cars are parked on the other side as there is no pavement in the village on the left side going towards the A1

B1314 - the main road through the village

All the village

The village

All of the village

The west end of the village on the straight road into the village

Next to my house (no. 5) and no. 3. Also next to the shop where the children and elderly folk cross the road

Railway crossing

Over the railway crossing. Along past Redsteads

South side at entry to Steadings. This is of course where I live

All three entrances to the village

The 2 main roads

Speeds of 50 - 60 mph along B6347 - heading to Embleton

Those already noted as being of concern

Roads south & west to the village

Entry of village

B1340 towards Seahouses & Embleton and B1340 towards Rock and Rennington

Coming into village over railway crossing. Leaving village towards Rennington

From the railway crossing out of the village to the west Fallodon road

Entry to village on B1340 level crossing to Seahouses

Level crossing to Seahouses

Junction at centre of village

Entering the village on B1340. Also the junction opposite the shop & Post Office

As you have 3 x 60mph roads leading into the village excessive speed comes from all directions

No. Problem everywhere

All of it

From Pippins Park to the T-junction all other entrances to the village

Entrances & exits

No

Everywhere

Coming into the village from Denwick on the B1340 would like to see signs for motorcyclists warning them of people!!

South end towards Rennington

Either side of railway crossing they use it as a launching pad

West end road and east exit towards Embleton

Through the main part of village i.e. from church upto farm

Redsteads road heading west and over level crossing

Road to Rennington and road to Embleton / Newton

Road to Rennington and also road towards Newton

Straight sections of road, where people accelerate out of the speed limit

The B1340 coastal through road both from south and east

The main streets coming into the village, the roads leading to the A1 at the top of the village and exiting the village

Don't know

Overtaking is occurring at all the entry / exit points of the village

From the west side of railway crossing residents on LH side have great difficulty in gaining access to main road

As explained above, traffic exiting the village to the East. Also entering from the South, where speed is faster. If there is only budget for two LED signs (i.e. one from Councillor Pattison's budget and one from Parish Council budget), I would like to see them at the position marked on the map and the South entrance. There is still the existing LED sign at the West entrance that could be used, though I think it could do with being repositioned to make it more effective.

Towards the end of the speed limit zone in the Alnwick direction. Traffic coming from Seahouses / Embleton and turning left towards Alnwick see a long straight road and simply accelerate along this stretch

Are there any other road safety issues which you are concerned about within Christon Bank?

55 responses

No comment

No

When cars are passing the parked cars they are on the side of the drive that I am trying to come out of. It is very dangerous

Poorly lit streets forcing you to walk on the roads in the dark

Need more lights in the village

Drivers on the phone and does the co-op truck need to come into the old part of the village

People reversing out into speeding traffic

Cars parking on side of road

Roadside parking

Bad parking in the village

To[o] many to mention

Parking on pavements

None

Parking on pavements. Volume of traffic especially delivery vehicles

Lack of a pavement from the village centre to the planned (planning approved) new 13 houses next to the bungalow (last house in the village on the Seahouses road). The Parish Council have written to NCC (Planning) awaiting an answer - we suspect they have no answer at this time

Only summer time when the motor bikes fly through

Why is traffic travelling from the A1 to Seahouses directed through the village at West Fallodon and not Chathill route? I appreciate that there is a narrow road at Chathill but the advised route sends vehicles around narrow, sharp bends and Tighall Bridge, which is single file

West side of rail line not enough street lights in the middle

Parking on footpath

Several streetlights broken - difficult to see pedestrians

Large vehicles frequently have problems getting through village

Motor bikes speeding at weekends

Poor lighting at the T-junction, with an indeterminate corner kerb

The state of kerbs and poor street lighting

Large amount of HGVs

The Redsteads road and once over the level crossing heading east

Parking outside the Blink Bonny. Traffic can back up over the crossing

Cars parking at Blink Bonny could cause build up towards railway crossing

The overtaking in the village is a risk to cars pulling out of estates, pedestrians crossing the road, children on bikes within the village and passing cars through the village. The 20mph needs removed ASAP

There is a continual problem of cars parking so far on the pavement at the West end of the village, that pedestrians are sometimes forced to walk on the road. This is often from people staying at holiday lets, so it's difficult to inform and educate individuals until it happens. This is also causing significant damage to the footpath.

Only excessive speed

Any other comments.

55 responses

None

Since traffic was diverted at West Fallodon through Chathill the village is worse

We just need the speed under control before someone gets killed

Speed camera signs and false road humps

Move the Seahouses and Beadnell signs so [traffic] go[es] through Chathill!

Visitors take notice if locals don't. I have been driving here for 30 years and I now slow down

I take a risk every time I go into my drive (100 metres SW of the church). We need urgent action with increasing tourist numbers and imminent dual carriageway. Bypass perhaps for us, or direct the traffic via Chathill with a bypass

Can the traffic be diverted at West Fallodon through Chathill as it used to be

With current situation the police can't enforce ANY speed restrictions because road layout is not correct

No comments

Introduce "Please drive carefully" signs

I hope you can reduce the speed limit to 30 miles only

Good to see as many people out in the village to give their opinions

Consideration needs to be given to the proposed route through Christon Bank when the A1 is closed next year. We will have wagons and farm vehicles at all hours of the day and night

I'm sure it is a small minority that totally disregard the speed limits. However a high percentage seem unable to drive anywhere near 30mph

Would like the County to NAME Christon Bank on its tourist maps, so people realise there are residents here i.e. that it's not just a "passing through" place!

The chicane is the answer

Circular 20 [roundel] is not legible when driving, whereas oval 30 [roundel] road markings are legible. Most of the suggested calming measures appear more appropriate to urban roads. Of those shown, pinch point with priority working may be appropriate on straight stretches, or speed cushions, again on straight stretches of road, as these would reinforce the speed limit

I would not be in favour of road humps or speed cushions as drivers still speed over these causing noise again but not slowing traffic. I agree with the automatic speed light (not sure what they are called) or maybe the machine that lets you know what speed you are travelling at. People will have to slow down some day surely. Thank you for taking the time to conduct this survey

Please look at speed reduction 24/7 from HIPSBURN to ALNMOUTH (-> 20mph). Why not have flashing lights when 1st school opens and closes?

Please look at height of speed humps in AMBLE - esp. Charles Rd and Glendale

Thank you,

Chicanes, road humps, speed cushions and pinch points are not a viable option for the village. There are large combines passing through the village at harvest time which would not pass over / get through these easily. We already need to move cars off the roads at times to get these vehicles through the village

My concern will still remain that the Parish Council will not be able to make an objective decision, as they do not look at the facts and evidence. They will just consider aesthetics, or cost, or who shouts the loudest, rather than effectiveness. I think it would be good if your department can present any schemes alongside the evidence for their effectiveness, so the decision makers can't hide from it, and must consider it in their decision process. For instance, if you agree with me, that due to the strategical importance of the road, that road narrowing features should not be introduced, please explain that to the Parish Council, otherwise they'll just keep calling for schemes they "think" are correct. This cannot be left to their misguided opinions anymore, they need to be led by (and listen to) your expertise on this subject.

Thanks once again for all your help with this.

Most of the suggested calming measures are a more appropriate for an urban setting. However I would favour rumble strips and speed cushions, but road markings are generally ignored in my opinion. But see my preference in answer above "From experience..."