



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed 'speed camera compliance' designation of an existing 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction within Cornhill-on-Tweed

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to designate the existing 30 MPH speed limit throughout Cornhill-on-Tweed as a 'speed camera compliant' site.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 'speed camera compliance' designation is applied to the existing 30 MPH speed limit throughout Cornhill-on-Tweed.

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. Speed concerns have been raised at this location over recent years.
2. Speed surveys have demonstrated that there are speeding issues.
3. We wish to designate Cornhill-on-Tweed as a 'speed camera compliance' site to allow Northumbria Police to carry out enforcement activities.
4. Appropriate Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) are therefore required to enable effective enforcement, although the extents of the existing 30 MPH speed limit will remain the same.
5. The scheme is supported by Councillor Lawrie.
6. The will be funded from the 2018-19 LTP programme.

Background

On an annual basis officers from the council meet with officers from Northumbria Police to discuss collision sites, sites where there is a history of speeding and additional concerns that have been raised by the public in the previous year about speeding in the local community.

At the end of this workshop it is agreed whether any existing speed restrictions should be checked for compliance with the current regulations that allow enforcement to be carried out.

Amendments to the existing 30 MPH Speed Limit

The amendments to the existing 30 MPH Speed Limit throughout Cornhill-on-Tweed forms part of the 2018/19 LTP. As described above, the scheme is being proposed to designate areas of Cornhill-on-Tweed as a 'Speed Camera Compliance' site to allow Northumbria Police to carry out speed enforcement.

Speed Camera Compliance

We are working with Northumbria Police to identify and introduce 'speed camera compliance' sites where speed concerns have been raised by the public and surveys demonstrate that there is an issue. These are locations where various road safety issues are tackled through camera enforcement measures undertaken by Northumbria Police. Chosen sites including Cornhill-on-Tweed will benefit from the use of mobile speed cameras. To legally enact this process, the associated Traffic Regulation Orders require 'speed camera compliance' specific amendments. In terms of physical infrastructure, signing and road marking measures are required to inform motorists that they are entering an area designated for speed camera enforcement.

The site has been chosen in conjunction with Northumbria Police following concerns raised about vehicle speeds in the area and on the basis of resulting speed surveys that we carried out.

Scheme Detail

The intention is to enhance the existing 30 MPH speed limit throughout Cornhill-on-Tweed by designating the area as a 'speed camera compliance' site. The specific areas used to delineate the entry to the 30 MPH Speed Limit will remain the same as the existing speed limit and are shown in Appendix A. The speed limit will continue to include the following routes;

- The A697 westbound approach to the village,
- The A698 Main Street eastbound approach to the village,
- The A698 southbound approach to the village,

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- The B6350 northbound approach to the village.

Terminal signs showing National Speed Limit and 30MPH positioned back to back will form the gateway entry/exit points to the scheme. The existing speed limit signs will be replaced to include the 'speed camera compliance' sign co located with the 'speed limit' sign. New repeater signs and 'speed camera compliance' signs will also be positioned within the extents of the scheme to allow enforcement to be carried out by Northumbria Police.

The associated Traffic Regulation Orders are being updated to rationalise the existing orders that are currently in place.

This scheme will enhance the existing permanent 30 MPH speed limit within Cornhill-on-Tweed by introducing 'speed camera compliance'. Details of the proposals are shown on the plan at Appendix A.

Council officers have worked closely with Councillor Lawrie 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

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed from LTP 2018/19
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_149)
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	None
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	A reduction in speed will lead to a safer environment for all road users.
Carbon reduction	Speed reduction assists with carbon reduction
Wards	Norham and Islandshires

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Background papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\18\HF LOCAL SAFETY
SCHEMES\Local Safety Schemes\HF185504 - Countywide
Schemes\HF185557 - A697 at Cornhill-on-Tweed - Site Compliance

Appendix A – Scheme Plan - HF185557 Cornhill-on-Tweed Proposed
amendments to existing 30mph Speed Limit

Report sign off.

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services


Subject: Proposed 'speed camera compliance' designation of an existing 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction within the vicinity of the A697 Cornhill-on-Tweed.

Consultation: Not required for the amendment of a 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction within Cornhill-on-Tweed – proposal part of LTP 2018/19 and supported by Local County Councillor, and notified to Northumbria Police.

Decision Taken: To introduce 'speed camera compliance' specific amendments to the existing 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction within Cornhill-on-Tweed.

Signature of Director

Date


19/3/19

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Appendix A



