



# **Northumberland**

## **County Council**

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

**Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services**

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#### **PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING, DERWENTWATER TERRACE, SCREMERSTON**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to provide traffic calming at Derwentwater Terrace in Scremerston.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed traffic calming is implemented.

#### **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**

The County Council has received a petition from residents of Derwentwater Terrace requesting traffic calming measures.

Investigations have demonstrated that there are safety concerns.

The response to the consultation has been positive and includes support from the parish council.

The scheme will be paid for from the LTP.

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### Background

1. A petition of 70 signatures requesting traffic calming on Derwentwater Terrace in Scremerston was reported to the North Northumberland Local Area Council in May 2018.
2. The petition stated: *"We would like to request that traffic calming speed ramps be installed along the U62 between its junction with the U59 in Scremerston and Berwick Rugby Club."*

*The reasons for this are as follows:*

*Traffic is heavy especially on match days at Berwick Rugby Club and when private functions are held there.*

*Drivers often travel at excessive speeds.*

*The U62 is much used by dog walkers and children walking to school.*

*Two families living in Derwentwater Terrace, which is situated on the U62 between the U59 and the Rugby Club, have children with disabilities which makes their actions unpredictable and occasionally difficult to control on the pavement.*

*Children are often playing after school and during holidays, running around, riding bikes and scooters.*

*We fear for children's safety. We want to act now, before an accident happens."*

3. Derwentwater Terrace is a short street of 10 houses. All the houses are located on the south side of the road, with garages and parking areas located on the north side. It leads to the adjacent rugby club then on to Restoration Cottages. It's location is shown in Figure 1.

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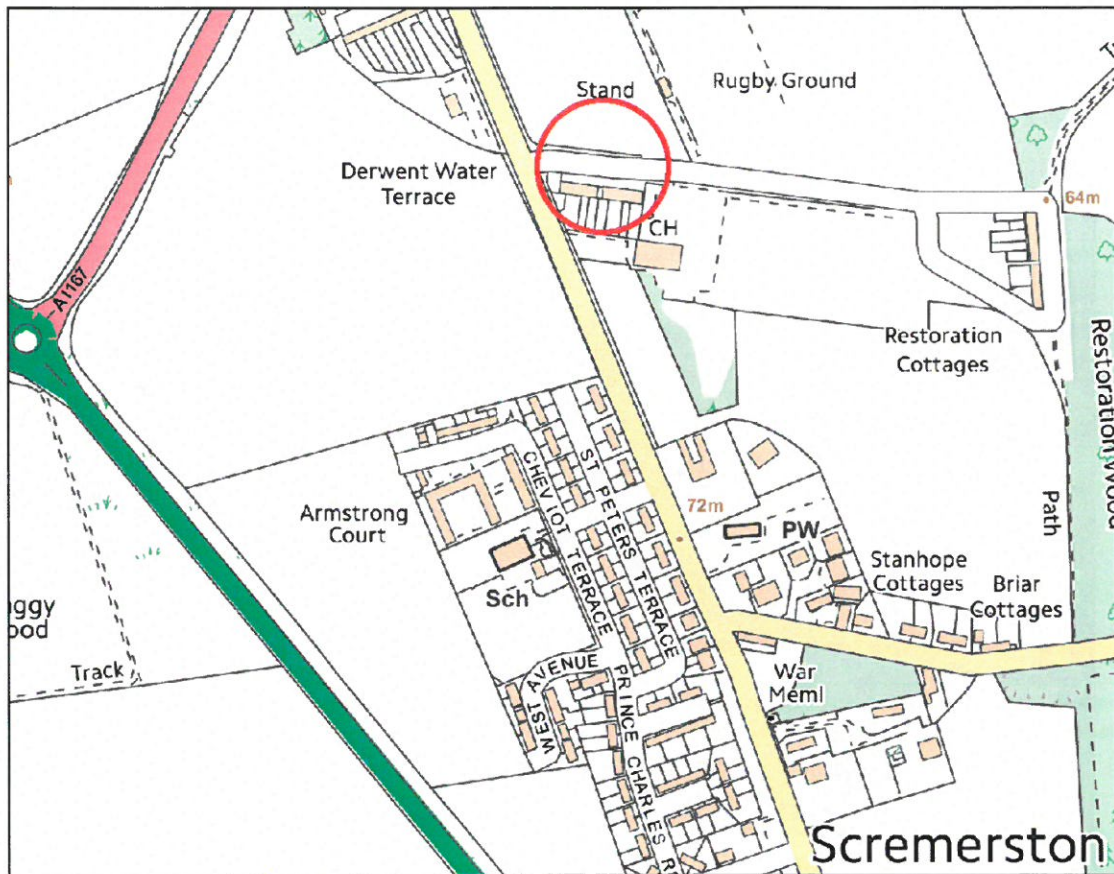


Fig.1. Derwentwater Terrace Location Plan.

4. Only the section of road adjacent to Derwentwater Terrace is adopted highway. Beyond the terrace the road is private, though the public are permitted on foot as it also carries a public footpath.
5. The road is wide, generally around 8 metres, with a footway on one side adjacent to the houses. Although vehicles do park at the roadside, its width means that, upon entering the street, drivers can see ahead to the open countryside and the rugby fields, which may encourage higher traffic speeds. This aspect is shown in Figure 2.



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**Fig.2. Looking East towards the rugby club.**

6. In addition, the junction with the U59 (the main road into Scremerston) is wide which means traffic does not have to slow down significantly before entering the terrace.
7. Berwick Rugby Club is immediately adjacent to Derwentwater Terrace. Matches are played on a regular basis and the club also hosts various functions throughout the year. This generates a significant amount of visiting traffic.
8. The petition called for the Council to install “...*traffic calming speed ramps...*” in order to reduce traffic speeds.
9. Accordingly, an appropriate design was drawn up consisting of speed cushions which will slow traffic but still allow access to the Rugby Club for coaches. Amended road markings are included in order to visually narrow the junction mouth but still allow turning by large vehicles. Residents were consulted on the design, a copy of which is shown in Appendix A.
10. Four responses were received and all were in favour of the proposal. A copy of the responses is shown in Appendix B.
11. Given the outcome of the consultation and the original petition, it is recommended that the traffic calming scheme should be implemented.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	The scheme will be funded through the Local Transport Plan Programme.
<b>Legal</b>	None
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<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"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	None
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Local residents and statutory consultees have been consulted.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Berwick East

### Background papers:

**File ref:** HF185550

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### Report sign off.

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

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

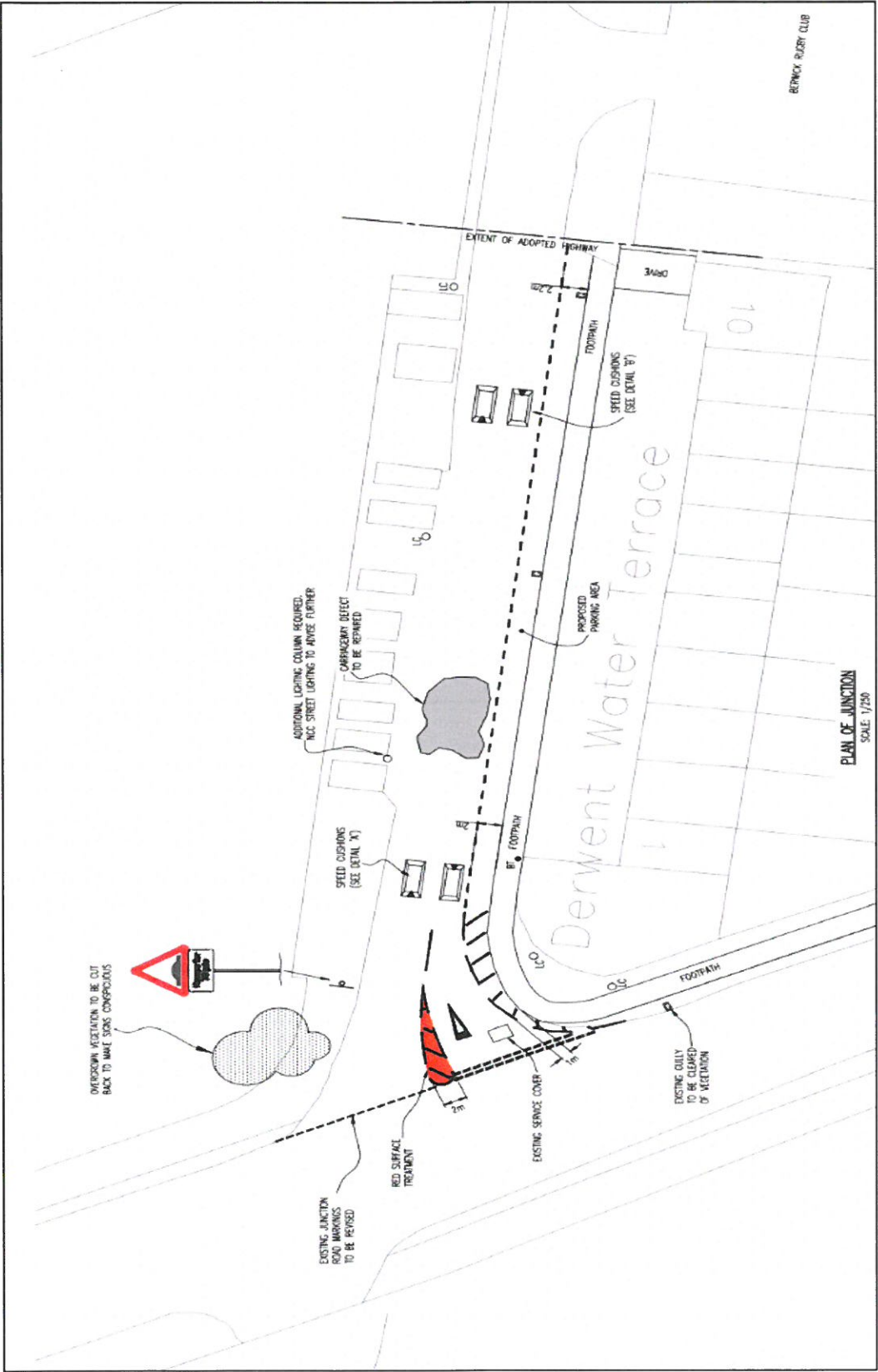
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Appendix A - Consultation Plan



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### Appendix B - Consultation Responses

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
			Other Relevant Comments
1			<p>We are overall happy with proposed measures to slow down and regulate traffic on our street. We highly support additional street light opposite no. 2 as this part of the road is very dark at night.</p> <p>Also indicated defected patch of the road surface is in desperate need of repair by proper long lasting, not temporary measure, with sealed edges to stop further degradation.</p> <p>In addition we would like to draw your attention to poor state of footway in front of our properties being a TRIP HAZARD for older and disabled residents (possible slurry seal treatment would fix that problem).</p>
1			Agree with plans. Good idea.
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1			<p>Ancroft Parish Council agree with the proposals of speed cushions being installed in this area. However, Parish Councillors do not agree with the narrowing of the carriageway as the road is narrow enough, especially at certain times of the day due to residents parking outside their properties.</p> <p>Ancroft Parish Council does not accept any responsibility for any expenses which may be incurred in the proposed amendments.</p>
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**DECISION TAKEN**

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

**Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services**

**Subject:**

**PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING,  
DERWENTWATER TERRACE, SCREMERSTON**

**Consultation**


- For: 4
- Against: 0
- Neutral: 0

**Decision Taken:**

The proposed traffic calming scheme should be implemented.

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

**Date**

  
28/1/19

\* delete as appropriate

