

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Introduction of a 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction within the vicinity of the C144 Fairmoor Village

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed introduction of a 30 MPH speed limit along the A192 and C144 approaches to Fairmoor Village.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the 30 MPH Speed Limit is introduced along the A192 and C144 approaches to Fairmoor Village.

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. Recent works undertaken which include the Morpeth Northern Bypass in the immediate vicinity, has had an impact on traffic flows, speeds and conditions in and around Fairmoor Village.
- Changes to the horizontal and vertical alignment of the route means that the area closely reflects and indeed meets the criteria associated with 30 MPH speed limits.
- 3. The existing derestricted speed limit is no longer considered a suitable reflection of the resulting speeds that now operate along the route.
- 4. The scheme is supported by Councillor Towns.
- 5. The will be funded from the 2018-19 LTP programme.

Background

Introduction of a 30 MPH Speed Limit

The introduction of a 30 MPH Speed Limit when entering Fairmoor Village forms part of the 2018/19 LTP. The scheme is being proposed as a result of recent changes to the surrounding infrastructure; namely the Morpeth Northern Bypass which has had an impact on the surrounding road network. Fairmoor is a village which would benefit from having a speed limit which is comparable to similar roads in villages or other urban area.

Traffic movements and traffic usage has inevitably changed to a point where the existing derestricted speed limit no longer reflects the desired and actual vehicle speeds operating in the area. Northgate roundabout, which now forms the link between the A192 and the Morpeth Northern Bypass, acts as a physical traffic calming/speed reduction measure for vehicular traffic travelling along the A192 in both directions.

The intention is to introduce a 30 MPH speed limit on the A192, starting between Northgate Roundabout and the recently constructed Morpeth Northern Bypass roundabout. The 30 MPH speed restriction will also be implemented along the C144 Benridge Hagg immediately in advance of its junction with St Leonards Road. The restriction will continue through Fairmoor Village towards the cemetery and along the access road to Northgate Road where the adopted extent of the highway terminates.

This scheme will introduce a permanent 30 MPH speed limit along the A192 and C144 approaches to Fairmoor Village. Details of the proposals are shown on the plan at Appendix A.

Council Officers have worked closely with Councillor Towns 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.

Implications Arising out of the Report

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Policy	Consistent with existing policies	
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed from LTP 2018/19	
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_146)	
Procurement	Signage and road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders	
Human Resources	None	
Property	None	
Equalities	N/A	
(Impact Assessment attached)		
Yes No 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	Pegswood	

Delegated Decision

Background papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\17\HF LOCAL SAFETY SCHEMES\HF174504 - Rural Roads\HF174504-22 Fairmoor Feasibility

Appendix A – Scheme Plan - HF174504-22 Fairmoor Feasibility Proposed 30mph Speed Limit

Report sign off.

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer:	Service Director, Local Services
Subject:	Proposed introduction of a 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction within the vicinity of the C144 Fairmoor Village
Consultation:	Not required for introduction of a 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction within the vicinity of the C144 Fairmoor Village – proposal part of LTP 2018/19 and supported by Local County Councillor, and notified to Northumbria Police.
Decision Taken:	Introduction of a 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction within the vicinity of the C144 Fairmoor Village.
Signature of Director	ANI
Date	7/3/19
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Appendix A

