



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Introduction of a 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction within Harbottle 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 within Harbottle Village.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the 30 MPH Speed Limit is introduced within Harbottle 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. The C172 road that runs through Harbottle is currently derestricted in nature, therefore the National Speed Limit applies.
2. Harbottle Church of England First School is located immediately adjacent to the C172 road.
3. Speeds of up to 60 MPH can conceivably occur in the built up area.
4. The proposal has been derived following concerns raised by residents, parents, representatives from the school, the elected member and the Parish Council.
5. The scheme is supported by Councillor Bridgett and the Parish Council.
6. The scheme will be funded from the 2019/20 LTP programme.

Background

The Village Streetscape

Harbottle Village is typical of many villages throughout Northumberland with a C classification road running through and forming links with neighbouring towns and villages. The C172 is largely rural in nature and takes on a more urban feel when entering villages such as Harbottle. The change in surrounding environment and local topography made up of residential dwellings, local businesses and a school lends itself to speed reduction measures. The presence of parked vehicles and some acute bends are the only form of informal traffic calming measure currently afforded to the village. Notification of village entry points and exits is also limited.

30 MPH Speed Limit

An increase in vehicle use resulting greater traffic flows over the years combined with the built up nature of the area suggests a formal reduction in the existing speed limit is required. Concerns have also been expressed regarding vehicle speeds by residents, parents and representatives of the school through the Councillor Bridgett and the Parish Council.

The intention is to introduce a 30 MPH speed limit along the C172, starting in the immediate vicinity of the built up area from both directions of travel. Notification of the speed limit change will be delineated using Gateway entry treatment incorporating 'Welcome to Harbottle' signs to soften the visual impact of the speed limit whilst still clearly conveying the intended message. The signs will be supplemented by 30 MPH roundel markings on the ground. To emphasise the presence of the school and associated vulnerable road users, additional speed reduction measures will be incorporated during school pick up and drop off time using solar powered 'Variable Message Signs (VMS)'. The option of a 20 MPH speed limit was considered, however following discussions with the Parish Council and following a review of the speed data available, the 30 MPH speed limit with supporting VMS was deemed most appropriate.

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

Council officers have worked closely with Councillor Bridgett 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 2019/20
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_153)
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	Rothbury

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Background papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\15\HE15 Minor Improvements\Various School 20mph Speed Limits\HE152343 Harbottle First School

Appendix A – Scheme Plan - HE152343 Harbottle 30mph Speed Limit

Report sign off.

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Monitoring Officer/Legal	
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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 C172 Harbottle Village

Consultation: Not required for introduction of a 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction within the vicinity of Harbottle Village – proposal part of LTP 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 C172 Harbottle Village.

Signature of Director

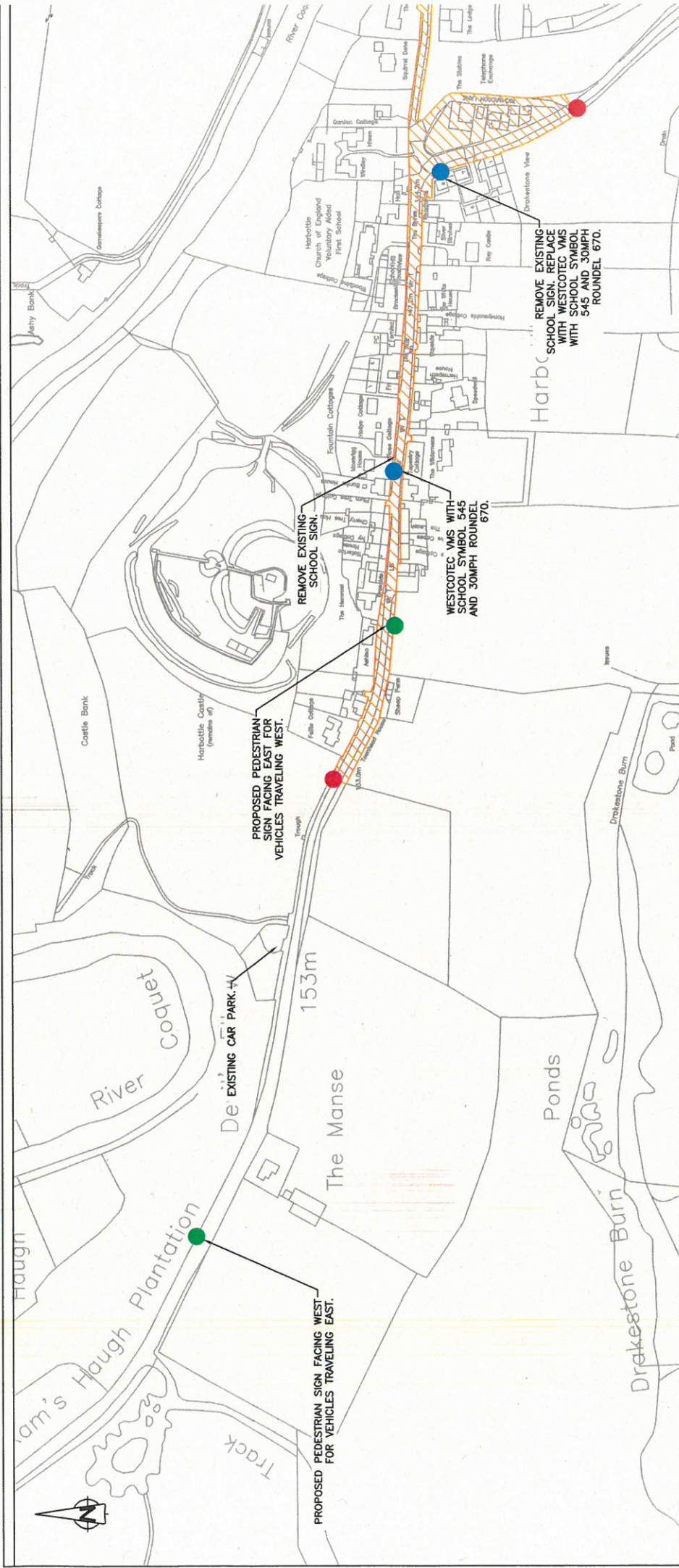
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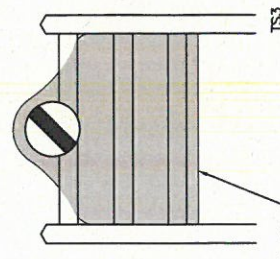
Appendix A



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