



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 Rochester

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 Rochester as a 'speed camera compliance' site.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 'speed camera compliance' designation is applied to the existing 30 MPH speed limit throughout Rochester.

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 Northumbria Police intend to designate Rochester 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.
5. Amendments to the existing signing and road marking arrangements are required for enforcement purposes, although the extents of the existing 30 MPH speed limit will remain the same.
6. The scheme is supported by Councillor Riddle.
7. 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 accident 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 Rochester forms part of the 2018/19 LTP. As described above, the scheme is being proposed following discussions with Northumbria Police concerning their intention to designate areas of Rochester 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 Rochester 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. The speed surveys which were carried out in June 2018 show that the 85th percentile speeds* of 38 MPH when travelling south-eastbound and 39 MPH when travelling north-westbound.

**The speed at which 85% of traffic will be travelling at, or below, along a street or road (under free flow conditions).*

Delegated Decision

Scheme Detail

The intention is to enhance the existing 30 MPH speed limit throughout Rochester in order to designate 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. These can also be viewed on Photograph 1 and Photograph 2.



Photograph 1: North-westbound approach to the A68 Rochester showing existing signing and markings

Photograph 2: South-eastbound approach to the A68 Rochester showing existing signing and markings

Terminal signs showing National Speed Limit and 30MPH positioned back to back 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. 'Speed camera compliance' or repeater signs will also be positioned within the extents of the scheme to allow enforcement to be carried out by Northumbria Police.

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

Council officers have worked closely with Councillor Riddle 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.

Delegated Decision

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_150)
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	Bellingham

Delegated Decision

Background papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\18\HF LOCAL SAFETY
SCHEMES\Local Safety Schemes\HF185504 - Countywide
Schemes\HF185556 - A68 Rochester - Site Compliance Works

Appendix A – Scheme Plan - A68 Rochester Proposed amendments to
existing 30mph Speed Limit

Report sign off.

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

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

Author and Contact Details

Report Author **Paul McKenna, Consultant Engineer**
 (01670) 622588
 Paul.mckenna@northumberland.gov.uk

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 A68 Rochester.

Consultation:

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

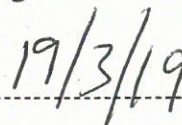
Decision Taken:

To introduce 'speed camera compliance' specific amendments to the existing 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction within Rochester.

Signature of Director



Date



Delegated Decision

Appendix A

