



# **Northumberland**

## **County Council**

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

**Paul Jones**

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#### **B6345 at West Thirston 30 MPH Speed Limit**

**Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposed extension of a 30 MPH speed limit in association with new traffic calming measures on the B6345 at West Thirston.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the 30 MPH speed limit is introduced and extended on the B6345 at West Thirston.

#### **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 proposal has been developed following concerns raised by residents in the area.
2. There are several residential properties accessed directly onto the B6345 and visibility is limited due to the nature of the bend of the road.
3. Traffic calming features in the form of priority gateways are to be built out in order to encourage slower vehicular speeds.
4. The scheme is to be funded by the present local Ward Member Councillor Sanderson through the Local Improvement Allowance budget.



### Background

The B6345 in this vicinity is a single carriageway with an existing 30 MPH speed limit and derestricted speed limit, mainly illuminated by street lighting where residential properties are situated. The presence of parked vehicles and some acute bends are the only form of informal traffic calming measures at this location.

Existing traffic signing and road markings are limited to centre lines, intermittent 'slow' markings, hazard warning signs relating to a sharp bend on the road and 'Welcome To West Thirston' nameplate signs.



**Photograph 1: B6345 showing northbound approach at West Thirston with nearby field and residential accesses**

Traffic calming features at both approaches to West Thirston are to be introduced. This comprises of the provision of priority build-outs and additional road markings on the approaches in the form of red band village approach marks and speed limit roundels. The 30 MPH gateway and various signage at the eastern approach is to be relocated further east, which extends the 30 MPH restriction.

The new 30 MPH signs will incorporate 'Welcome to West Thirston, Please Drive Carefully' text and speed limit roundels on the carriageway to act as gateway features in both directions that lead into the residential area. 'SLOW' road marking text will also be installed to coincide with the new restriction, along with 30 MPH repeater signs and advisory '20 MPH Max Speed' signs to encourage reduced speeds where the road bends.

It is expected that the speed limit reduction measures will promote slower traffic speeds in West Thirston where the presence of pedestrians is more prominent and where vehicle turning manoeuvres are taking place to gain access and egress to/from residential properties.

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

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

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will be financed from the local members allocation
<b>Legal</b>	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_168)
<b>Procurement</b>	Signage and road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders
<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"/>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with driving at speed.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	A reduction in speed will lead to a safer environment for all road users.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	Speed reduction assists with carbon reduction
<b>Wards</b>	Longhorsley



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### **Background papers:**

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\HO Members  
Schemes\HO196596 - B6345 The Peth West Thirston - Phase 1

Appendix A – Scheme Layout – HO196596-04-B6345-10-01\_REV-

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**DECISION TAKEN**

**Title of Officer:**

Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:**

Proposed 30 MPH speed limit along the B6345 at West Thirston

**Consultation:**

Not required for the introduction of a 30 MPH speed limit restriction at West Thirston - the proposal is supported by the Local County Councillor and has been notified to Northumbria Police.

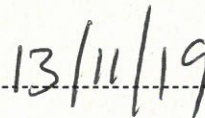
**Decision Taken:**

To introduce a 30 MPH speed limit along a section of the B6345 at West Thirston

Signature of Director



Date





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## Appendix A

