



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

PROPOSED 30mph SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION, C1 NORHAM

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal to extend the 30mph speed limit at the east side of Norham.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 30mph speed limit extension 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"

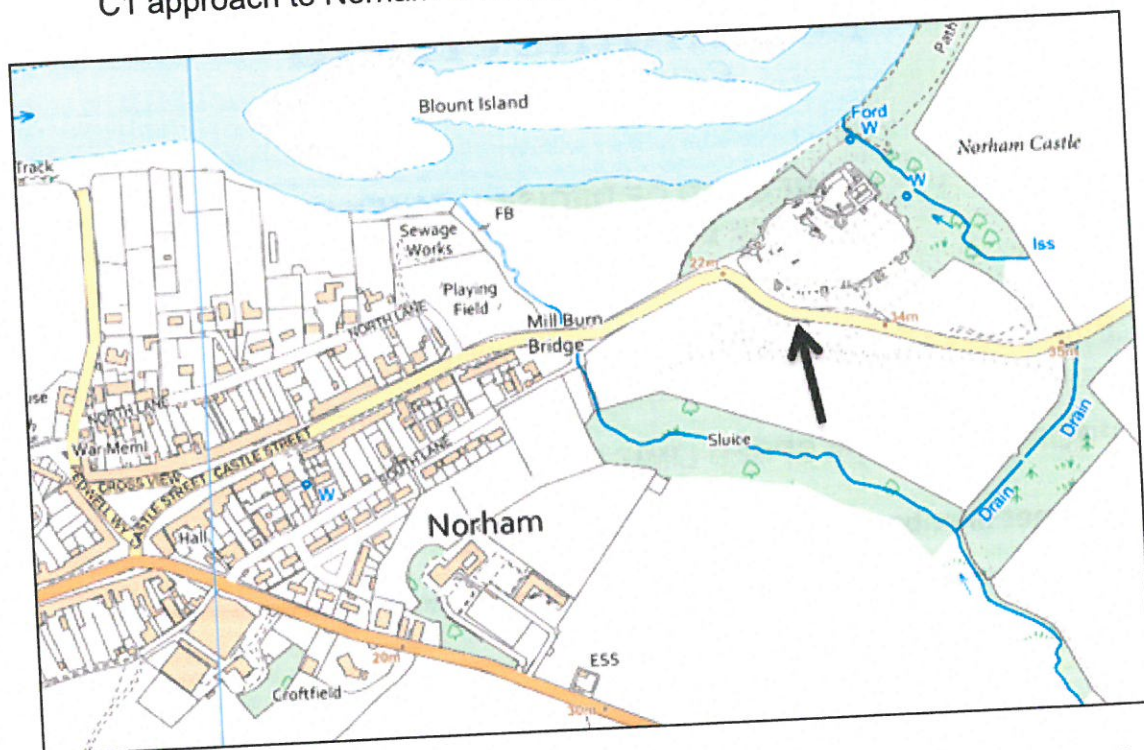
Key Issues

The County Council has received concerns about traffic speeds on the approach to Norham from the east, which includes a number of bends and the access to Norham Castle.

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Background

1. The County Council has received concerns about traffic speeds on the C1 approach to Norham from the east. The location is shown below.



2. This section of road consists of a series of bends and a steep gradient. It also contains separate vehicle and pedestrian accesses to Norham Castle. The pictures below show a series of views along the road.



Photo 1. Looking east from the village to the castle. The steep gradient can be seen.

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Photo 2. The bend at the top of the hill and the pedestrian access to Norham Castle.



Photo 3. Left hand bend after the castle pedestrian access.

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Photo 4. Vehicle access to Norham Castle with bend and blind summit beyond.

3. The photos demonstrate the poor forward visibility caused by the road alignment. In addition, the steep downward slope into the village can lead to high traffic speeds. The Parish Council intends to install an interactive sign to help address this.
4. This section of road is often busy with visitors to Norham Castle, particularly in the summer months. The pedestrian access is located on a bend (see photo 2) and large groups of people congregate at the roadside.
5. The vehicular access to the castle is located immediately after a blind bend and summit (see Photo 4). Eastbound traffic therefore has little time to react to vehicles entering or exiting the castle.
6. There have been two recorded injury accidents on this section of road, in 2017 and 2018.
7. Given the above issues statutory consultees were consulted on a proposal to extend the 30mph speed limit 500 metres eastwards, encompassing the bends and the castle entrance. A copy of the consultation plan is attached as Appendix A.
8. Two responses were received. One was from Cycle UK who support the proposal. The other was a standard response from the Ambulance Service.
9. Norham Parish Council and the local ward member support the proposal.
10. Given the issues raised and the local support, it is recommended that the 30mph speed limit extension should be implemented.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	The scheme will be funded through the Local Transport Plan Programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order.
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes No N/A	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Norham & Islandshires

Background papers:

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Report sign off.

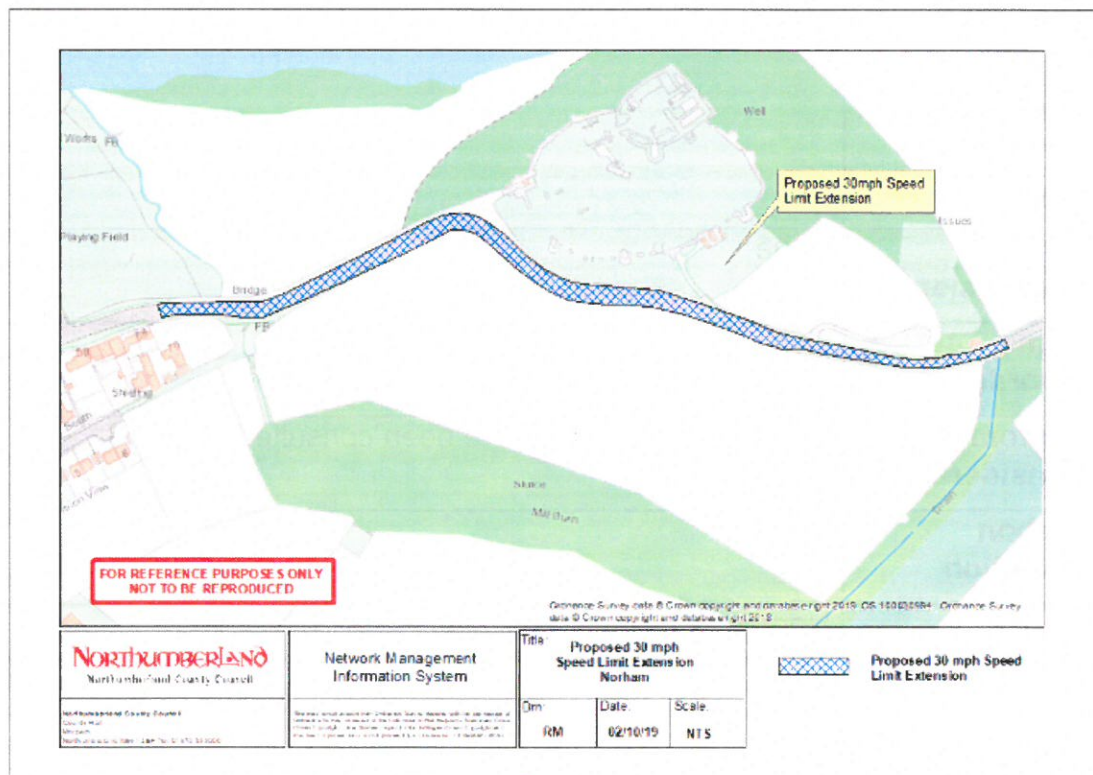
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Appendix A - Scheme Plan



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Appendix A - Consultation Responses

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
			Other Relevant Comments
		1	Thank you for your correspondence dated 7/10/2019 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as an Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for out-patient appointments. I would like to thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme
1			We would support this
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DECISION TAKEN

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

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

Subject:

PROPOSED 30mph SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION, C1
NORHAM

Consultation

Statutory consultees have been consulted.

Decision Taken:

The proposed 30mph speed limit extension should be
implemented.

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

Date



4/2/20

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