



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

C123 Woodhorn to Lynemouth Proposed 50 MPH Speed Limit

22 May 2020

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the requirement to amend the current speed limit on the C123 Woodhorn to Lynemouth to a 50 MPH Speed Limit, for road safety reasons.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposals to improve road safety by introducing a new 50 MPH speed limit are implemented on the C123 Woodhorn to Lynemouth.

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"

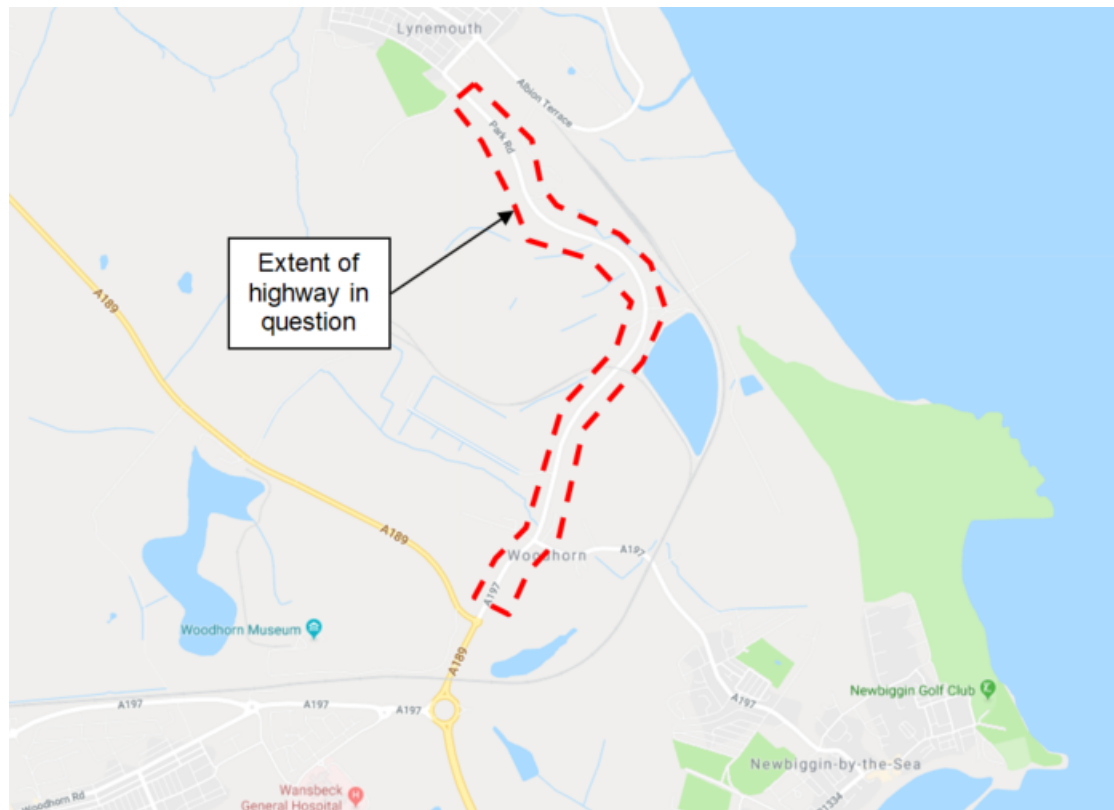
Key Issues

1. Following various studies and surveys, It has been established that there are speeding issues and this in turn is causing road safety concerns.
2. This scheme has been highlighted and included in the current Local Transport Plan (LTP)
3. Representatives from the County Council have been working closely with Councillor Liz Simpson and local Parish Councils'

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Background

Following a number of local concerns raised via the County Councillor and Parish Council on speeding traffic, a feasibility study was commissioned and undertaken in April 2019. - C123 Woodhorn to Lynemouth - Feasibility Report for Permanent Reduction of Speed Limit - April 2019 -ref HF185561.



The report considered the following factors in arriving at a suitable recommendation;

- Geometric features of the C123 that influence the setting of the speed limit,
- the semi-rural nature of the road,
- The existing mean speed and
- The existing 85th percentile speed.

The report recommended that:

- a. The permanent reduction of the speed limit to 40mph, as per the request from the Parish Council, is not appropriate.
- b. A permanent reduction of the speed limit to 50mph is appropriate (a reduction from the National Speed limit of 60 MPH).

The scheme was included in the current LTP and a design prepared and approved for construction.

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County Councillor Liz Simpson and Parish Council have worked closely with NCC Officers on the development of this scheme and provide full support. They also provided invaluable advice to residents via local communication channels i.e. Parish Council meetings.

It is anticipated that by reducing the speed limit to 50 MPH, will encourage reduced vehicle speeds and improve road safety concerns in the area

C123 - Lynemouth to Woodhorn - Heading southwards leaving existing 30 MPH Limits Lynemouth.



Details of the proposals are shown on the plans 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

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed from the current LTP funding.
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_182)
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	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with driving at speed. A Road Safety Audit has been undertaken as part of the proposed works.
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	Newbiggin Central and East, Lynemouth

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Background Papers:

File reference –

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- Woodhorn to Lynemouth

C123 Woodhorn to Lynemouth - Feasibility Report for Permanent Reduction
of Speed Limit - April 2019 -ref HF185561

Appendix A – Scheme Location Plan

Author and Contact Details

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed introduction of a 50 MPH speed limit on the C123 Woodhorn to Lynmouth road.

Consultation: Not required, the proposed speed limit is being introduced on road safety terms. Local canvassing has taken place by Councillors and the scheme has been notified to Northumbria Police and other Statutory Consultees.

Decision Taken: To amend the existing speed restrictions on the C123 Woodhorn to Lynmouth road to a 50 MPH Speed Limit

Signature of Director

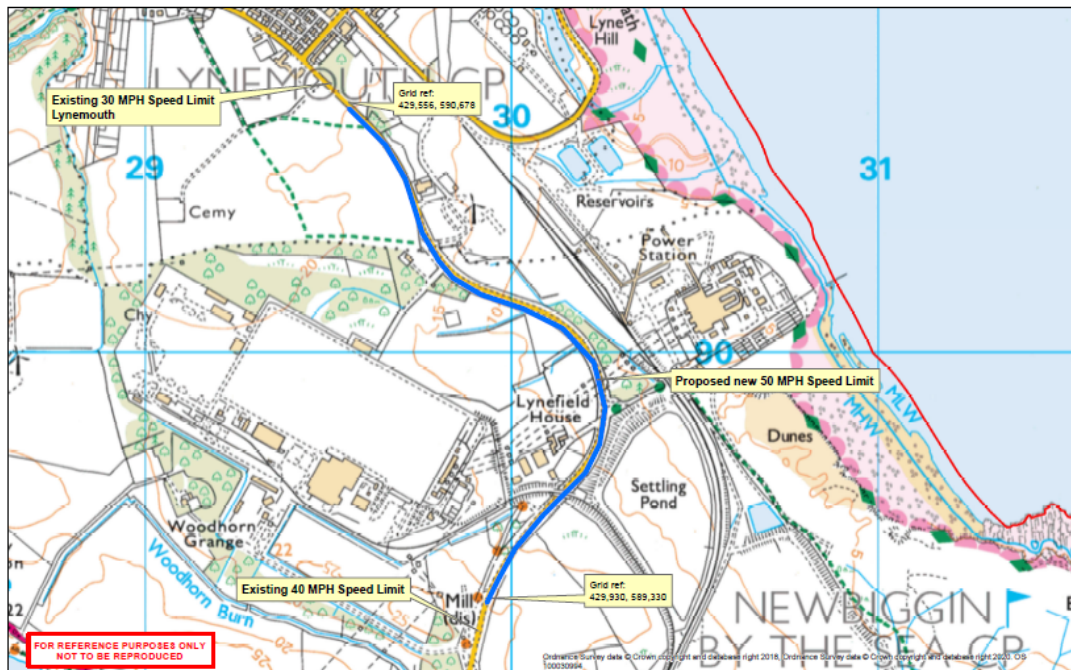


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Appendix A Scheme Location Plan



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