



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

C14 at Bowsden 30 MPH Speed Limit Extension

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council

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 C14 at Bowsden.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the 30 MPH speed limit is extended on the C14 at Bowsden.

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 Bowsden from the west and through the built-up area.

Background

The C14 is a single carriageway rural road with an existing 30 MPH speed limit and derestricted speed limit. The majority of the road is not street lit and the route incorporates a number of bends with no traffic calming measures in place to discourage high vehicular speeds.

Existing traffic signing and road markings are limited to speed limit entry signs and roundel road markings to advise motorists that the road reduces to 30 MPH from the National Speed Limit in the residential area at Bowsden.



Photograph 1: C14 showing entry signs and faded road markings at the eastbound approach to Bowsden

Traffic calming features at the western approach to Bowsden are to be introduced in the form of new 30 MPH signs, which incorporates a 'Welcome to Bowsden, Please Drive Carefully' message within a new yellow backing board to display the text and restriction clearly. This will be placed approximately 212 metres further west of the existing gateway so that the 30 MPH restriction is extended.

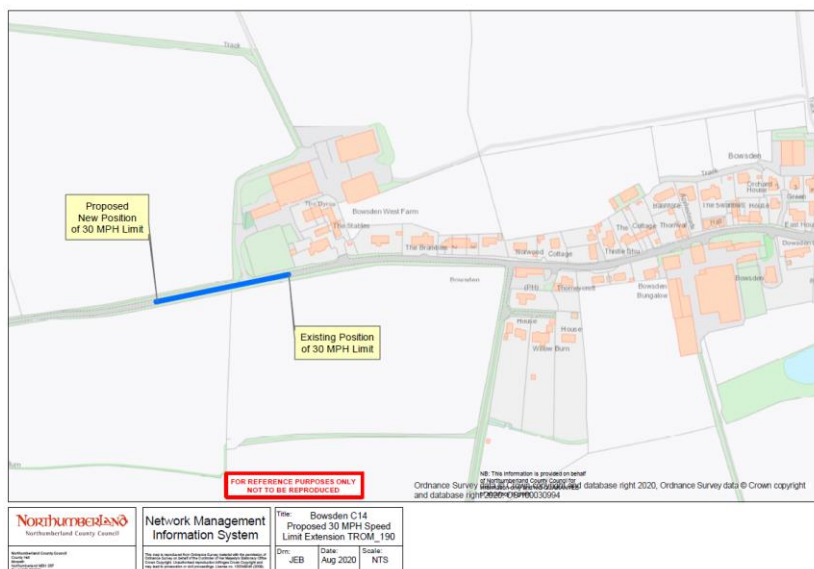


Figure 1: Proposed extension of the 30 MPH speed limit at Bowsden

It is expected that the speed limit reduction measures will promote slower traffic speeds at Bowsden where the presence of pedestrians is more

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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

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the Local Transport Plan Programme
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_190)
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.
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	Norham & Islandshires

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Background papers:

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\20\HE Minor Improvements\HE203440D - C14 at Bowsden

Appendix A – Scheme Layout – HE203440D-00-C14-01-01_REV-

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed 30 MPH speed limit extension at C14 Bowsden

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

Decision Taken: To extend the 30 MPH speed limit along a section of the C14 at Bowsden

Signature of Director



Date

18 November 2020

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Appendix A

