



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed Advisory '20 MPH Speed Limit', extension of '30 MPH Speed Limit' with additional permanent 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions, Ovingham First and Middle School

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

9 September 2020

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to provide an Advisory '20 MPH Speed Limit', extend an existing '30 MPH Speed Limit' and introduce additional permanent 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions along Jubilee Road outside Ovingham First and Middle School.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed Extension of the existing '30 MPH speed Limit', introduction of an Advisory '20 MPH Speed Limit' and additional 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions are implemented on a permanent basis.

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

1. The extension of the existing '30 MPH Speed Limit' and provision of an advisory 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Ovingham First and Middle School is in line with the County Council's current policy which seeks to improve road safety outside of schools.
2. This location would benefit from reduced vehicle speeds in the vicinity of Ovingham First and Middle School where Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs) are present.

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3. The County Council has received concerns regarding obstructive and inconsiderate parking taking place within the vicinity of Ovingham First and Middle School.

Background

Ovingham County Middle School and Ovingham C of E First School reside adjacent to each other on the south side of Jubilee Road. Each access is covered by 'School Keep Clear' markings preventing parking between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Jubilee Road is a single carriageway with a narrow footway running along the south side only. The north side consists of grassed verge with street lighting.

The scheme will be funded from the 2019/20 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Photograph 1 gives an indication of the existing road layout when travelling eastbound on Jubilee Road



Photograph 1: Jubilee Road Existing Layout travelling eastbound

Existing and proposed Speed Limit

Travelling Eastbound on Jubilee Road, the National Speed Limit is adopted, reducing to 30 MPH immediately in advance of the right turn access into Ovingham Middle School. It then continues to operate as a 30 MPH speed limit within the village.

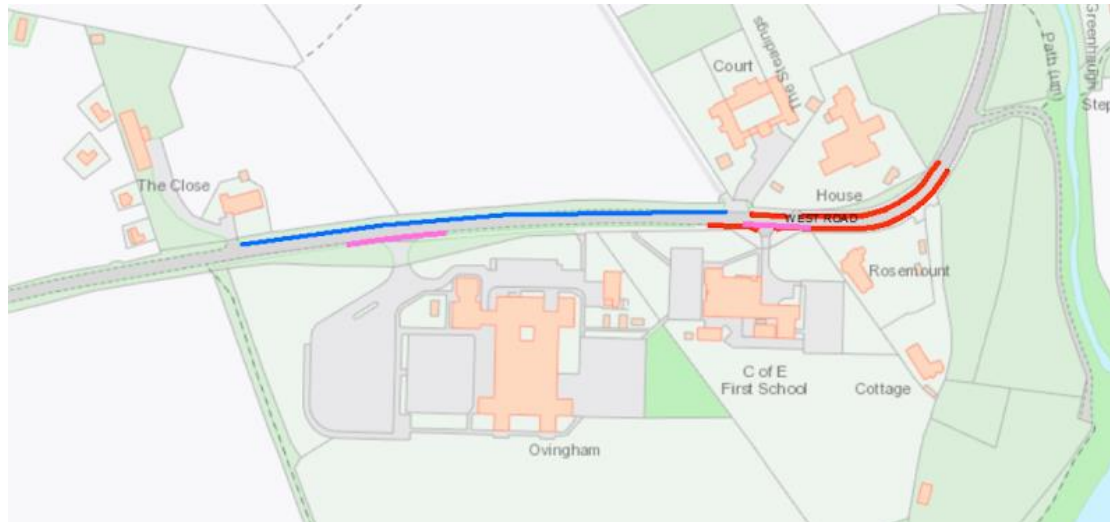
The proposal is to move the 30 MPH speed limit further west, increasing the distance between the speed limit change and the school access, which will enable a further speed reduction measure in the form of an Advisory '20 MPH Speed Limit' to be incorporated as part of the scheme. A 20 MPH speed limit will include flashing signs at either side of the schools and is due to operate during school opening and closing times only.

Existing and proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions

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The current 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the area largely serve to protect junctions and improve visibility. The proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions will be introduced along the north side of Jubilee Road, extending for approximately 225 metres to prevent instances of double parking on an already narrow section of road.

Figure 2: Existing and proposed restrictions along Jubilee Road



Key:

Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions

Existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions to remain

Existing 'School Keep Clear' Markings to remain

In addition, this will prevent instances of setting down passengers on the grassed verge and then crossing the road to access either school.

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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 LTP 2019/20 Programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO_007_66) and (reference TROM 176)
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 obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	Speed reduction assists with carbon reduction
Wards	Bywell

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Background Papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\HE Minor Improvements\HED19333 - Ovingham First and Middle School 20mph

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed Extension of an existing 30 MPH Speed Limit, an Advisory '20 MPH Speed Limit' with additional permanent 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions, Ovingham First and Middle School

Consultation: Not required on the grounds of road safety, although representatives from the school and the Local County Councillor have been involved in the design process throughout.

Decision Taken: To introduce the extension of an existing 30 MPH Speed Limit, an Advisory '20 MPH Speed Limit' with additional permanent 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions outside Ovingham First and Middle School

Signature of Director



Date

3rd November 2020
