



# **Northumberland**

## **County Council**

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

**Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services**

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#### **PROPOSED 20mph SPEED LIMIT, TYNE GREEN ROAD, HEXHAM**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson, Environment & Local Services**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding the proposal to implement a 20mph speed limit on Tyne Green Road in Hexham.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed 20mph speed limit 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 via the local ward member about traffic speeds on Tyne Green Road.



## Delegated decisions

### Background

1. The County Council has received concerns via the local ward member about traffic speeds on Tyne Green Road in Hexham.
2. Tyne Green Road is a no through road serving Tyne Green Country Park and Golf Club. It is narrow, rural in nature, has parking bays along its length and is used by cyclists on the Hadrian's Cycleway route. The current speed limit is 30mph. A typical view along the road is shown below.



3. Tyne Green Country Park is a popular destination year round and, as such, experiences significant numbers of pedestrians as well as vehicles. The nature of the area therefore means that a low speed environment is appropriate.
4. Government guidance on speed limits suggests that signed-only 20mph speed limits are most appropriate for areas where vehicle speeds are already low. If the mean speed is below 24mph, general compliance with the new speed limit is likely to be achieved.
5. A speed survey undertaken in 2015 recorded average speeds of 23.4mph (westbound) and 18.5mph (eastbound), so a signed-only 20mph speed limit is considered appropriate.



## Delegated decisions

6. Statutory consultees were therefore consulted on a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit.
7. Only one response was received from Cycling UK who support the proposal.
8. The local ward member supports the proposal.
9. It is therefore recommended that the 20mph speed limit be implemented.

## Implications Arising out of the Report

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

## Background papers:

File ref: HED19323

## Report sign off.

## Delegated decisions

***Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the report:***

	initials
Finance Officer	n/a
Monitoring Officer/Legal	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
I.T.	n/a
Director	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

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## DECISION TAKEN

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

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

**Subject:**

PROPOSED 20mph SPEED LIMIT, TYNE GREEN  
ROAD, HEXHAM

**Consultation**

Statutory consultees have been consulted. One  
response in favour.

**Decision Taken:**

The proposed 20mph speed limit should be  
implemented.

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

**Date**



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