



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones
15 March 2021

**Proposed Traffic Calming Measures –
Institute Road, Ashington**
Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of Traffic Calming Measures on Institute Road, Ashington due to traffic safety concerns.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Traffic Calming Measures are introduced on Institute Road, Ashington.

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. Residents have raised safety concerns for both pedestrians and motorists caused by speeding traffic on Institute Road, Ashington.
2. The scheme is supported by Cllr Grimshaw and the Ashington Town Council.
3. The scheme will be funded through Councillor Grimshaw Members Schemes Capital Allocation

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Background

As result of safety concerns raised by local residents via their County Councillor and Town Council, discussions took place between Councillor Grimshaw and NCC Highways Programme Officers.

A feasibility study was commissioned and prepared by NCC Design Section. The outcome of the study was further discussed between Councillor Grimshaw, NCC Highways and NCC Design.

The scheme has been designed to prevent 'boy racers' from speeding down the road and then using the large car park at the end of the road for antisocial activities. However, at present the car park is now a Covid-19 Test Centre.

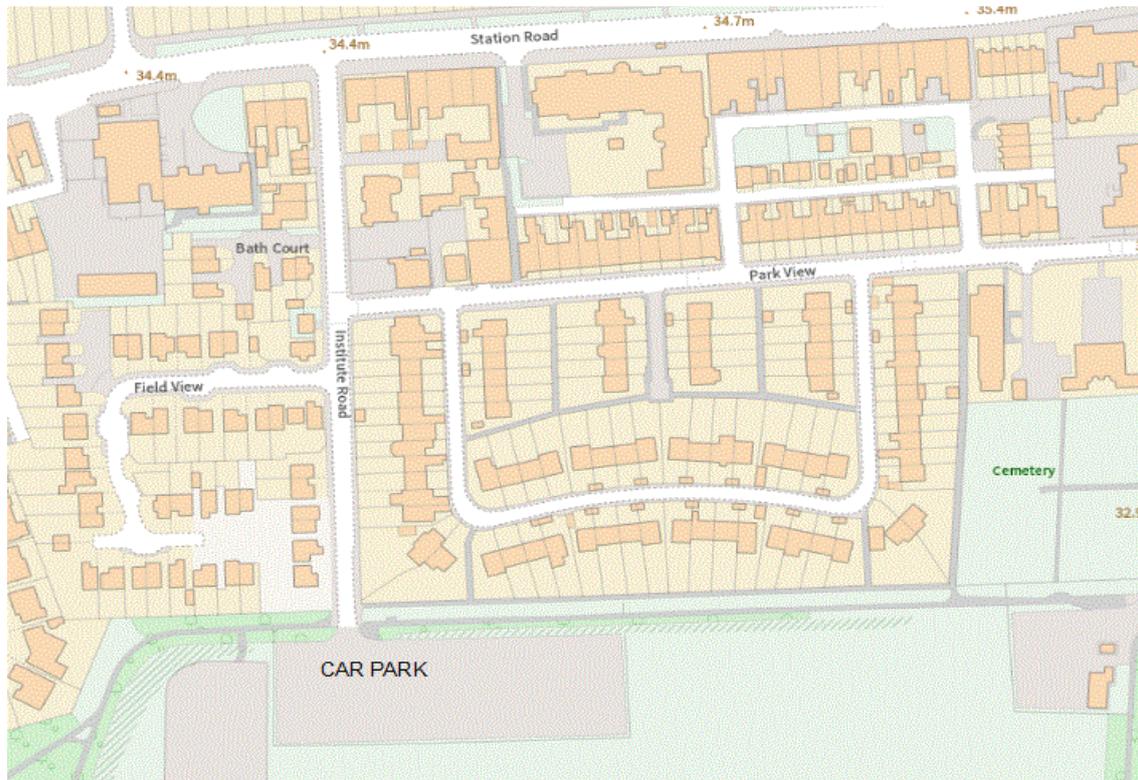
The scheme will include:

- 2 no Full Width Bolt Down Road Humps
- Addition 20 MPH Repeater Signage
- Removal of redundant No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) on the adjacent Park View.

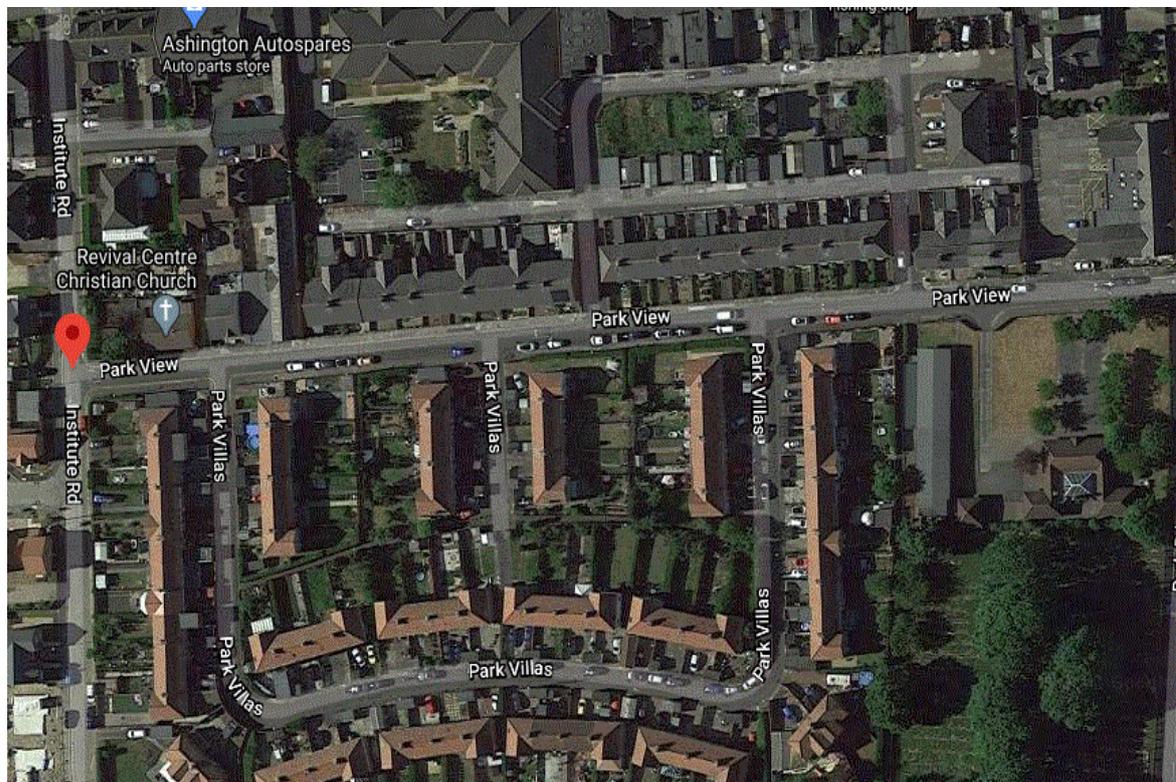
The removal of the double yellow lines on Park View is a long standing issue as they were only put in when the coal merchants' yard was operating, this closed a long time ago. This would also provide more efficient programming of work and economies of scale.

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Location Plan of Area



Satellite View of Area



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Institute Road Ashington – Southbound from Station Road



Consultation

A formal consultation did not take place as there are no properties actually entering directly off Institute Road. The new houses (Field View) built on the site of the old Ashington Leisure Centre have an access directly off Institute Road.

Local canvassing of the proposed scheme was undertaken by Cllr Grimshaw. Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified as part of the regulatory process for the Notification of Proposals to Introduce Traffic Calming Measures (Ref_HRH_002) and the amendment of the Primary Traffic Regulation Order for the removal No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions (Ref: TRO_011_105).

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through Councillor Grimshaw Members Schemes Capital Allocation
Legal	Notice of the Introduction Traffic Calming Measures (ref: NRH_002) TRO_011_105 – Removal of No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions
Procurement	
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
Risk Assessment	The scheme has been designed in order to minimise the road safety concerns that are caused excessive speeds of motor vehicles
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. speeding traffic
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for residents and road users in the area
Carbon reduction	Reduced speeds will contribute to carbon reduction
Wards	Bothal

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Background papers:

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Seventh Row_Eighth Row Ashington Traffic Calming - Phase 1

HO196616 - Seventh Row Eighth Row Ashington Traffic Calming - Feasibility
Report
Appendix A – Final scheme design

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed Traffic Calming Measures on the Institute Road Ashington

Consultation: There are no residential properties directly entering off Institute Road. However, local canvassing was undertaken of residents on adjoining streets. Statutory consultees were consulted as part of the formal Notice.
The scheme is supported by Councillor Grimshaw and Ashington Town Council

Decision Taken: To introduce Traffic Calming Measures

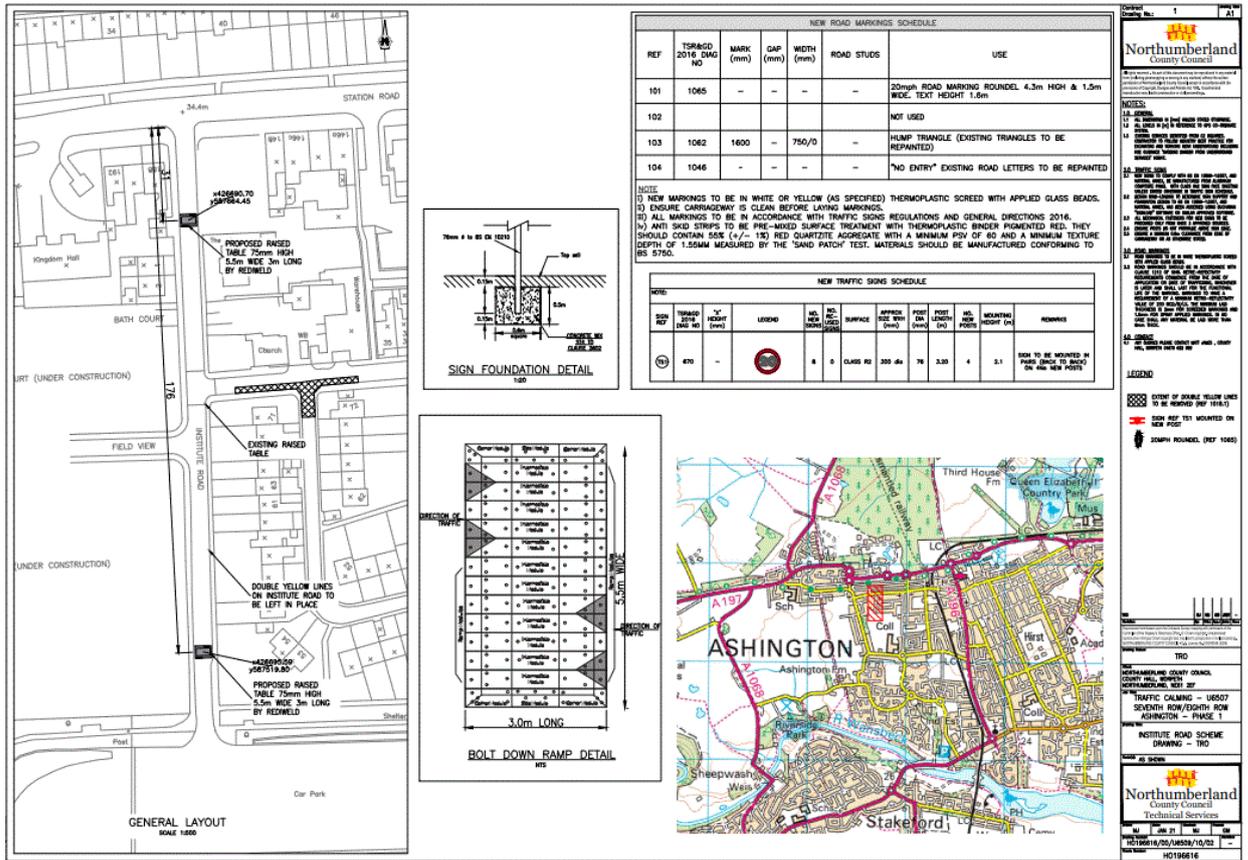
Signature of Director



Date

23 March 2021

Appendix A – Final Scheme Design



(Full scale scheme plan attached)

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