



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

12 August 2021

Proposed 20 MPH Speed Restriction U6539 Meadowdale Academy Bedlington

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed implementation of a 20 MPH Speed Limit adjacent to Meadowdale Academy Bedlington

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed changes to the speed limit adjacent to Meadowdale Academy and surrounding area are introduced.

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. The reduction to the speed limit adjacent to Meadowdale Academy which, is in line with the County Council's current road safety policy.
2. This location would benefit from reduced vehicle speeds in the vicinity of Meadowdale Academy where Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs) are present.
3. The scheme is supported by local County Councillor Robinson, Bedlington Town Council and Meadowdale Academy.

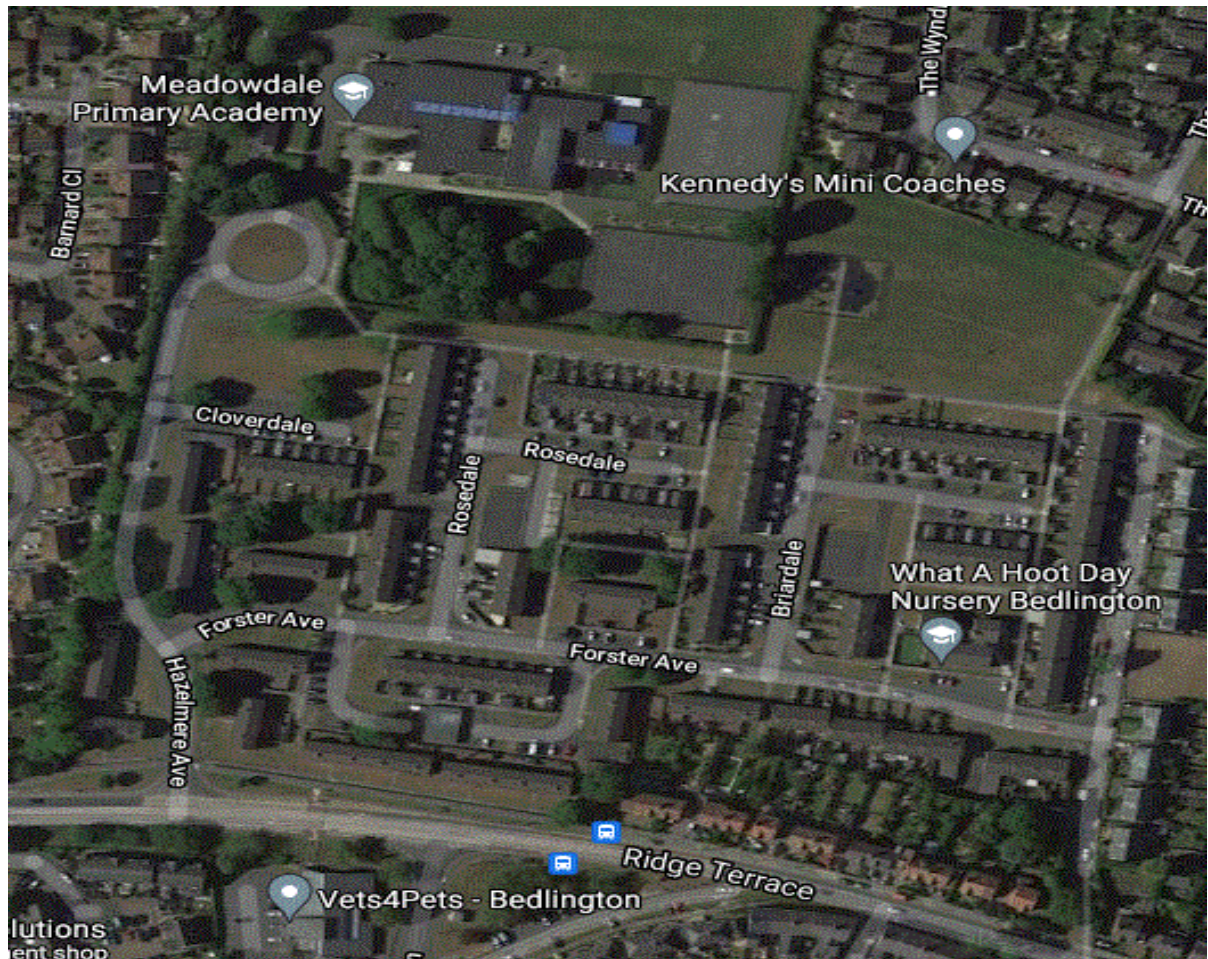
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Background Introduction of 20 MPH Speed Restriction adjacent to Meadowdale Academy Bedlington and surrounding Estate

The introduction of the speed limit changes adjacent to Meadowdale Academy forms part of the 2021/22 Local Transport Plan. This is part of the County Council's road safety initiative to introduce reduced speed limits adjacent to all schools in Northumberland provided it is feasible to do so. Anecdotal evidence suggests that measures of this kind adjacent to schools provide a safer environment for all road users.

The proposed 20 MPH speed restriction (a reduction from the existing 30 MPH speed limit) will extend throughout the adjacent estate including Hazelmere Avenue, Forster Avenue etc. This will provide a safer environment for all road users, as these roads provide key accesses to the Academy for pupils and residents. This area is defined in Appendix A – Location Plan.

Full scheme details are set out in Appendix B – Scheme Plan



Satellite Location View of Meadowdale Academy and Surrounding Estate

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These proposals follow the DfT Guidance on Setting Local Speed Limits.

To facilitate these changes, the new speed limits will be included in the new Traffic Regulation Order (TROM_230) with revocation of existing Orders where applicable and road marking and signage changes.

NCC Officers have worked closely with the local County Councillor Robinson and Bedlington Town Council and who both provided their support to the scheme.

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 2021/22 Local Transport Plan
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_230)
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	N/A
Crime & Disorder	Speed limit schemes will reduce vehicle speeds and promote a safer environment in the area where the new speed limit are being introduced.
Customer Consideration	Residents in the area and all road users will benefit from reducing vehicle speeds.
Carbon reduction	Reduced vehicle speeds can lead to reduced vehicle emissions and potential moving towards more sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling.
Wards	Bedlington West

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Background papers:

File reference -

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Meadowdale Academy 20mph\

Appendix A – Location Plan

Appendix B – Scheme Plan

Author and Contact Details

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services.

Subject: Proposed implementation of a 20 MPH Speed Restriction adjacent to Meadowdale Academy Bedlington.

Consultation: Not required for the introduction of changes to speed limits adjacent to Meadowdale Academy Bedlington on road safety initiative grounds. Local canvassing undertaken by County Councillor. Notified via TRO legal advertising process. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor, Town Council and Northumbria Police.

Decision Taken: To introduce a 20 MPH Speed Restriction adjacent to Meadowdale Academy Bedlington (and surrounding estate).

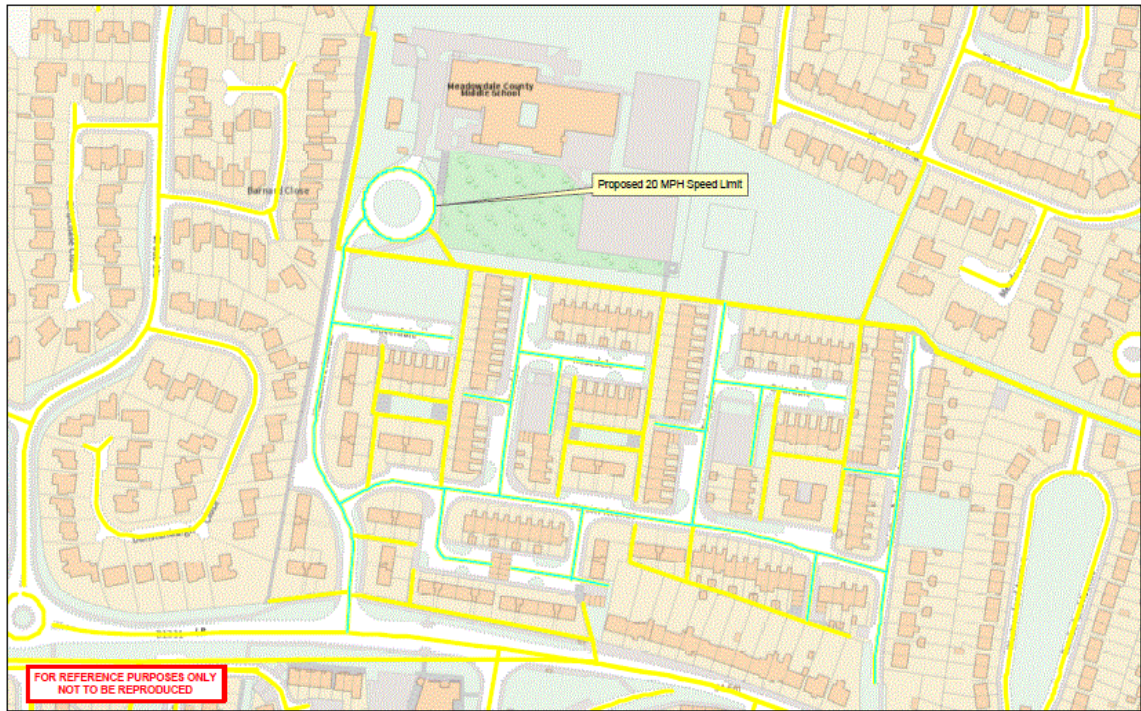
Signature of Director



Date

31st August 2021

Appendix A – Location Plan



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Appendix B – Scheme Plan

PDF Plan will be added once report signed