



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

03 February 2020

40 MPH Speed Limit Restriction at Whitfield Village

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed implementation of a new 40 MPH Speed Restriction in Whitfield Village.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed new 40 MPH Speed Restriction in Whitfield Village be 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 provision of a new 40 MPH Speed Restriction in Whitfield Village, adjacent to Whitfield First School is in line with the County Council's current policy.
2. This location would benefit from reduced vehicle speeds in the vicinity of Whitfield First School where Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs) are present.
3. The scheme is supported by County Councillor Hutchinson, Parish Council and Whitfield First School.

Delegated Decision

Background

New 40 MPH Speed Restriction

The new 40 MPH speed restriction on the C322 Main Road through Whitfield Village, is primarily to meet the design criteria for an “Advisory 20 MPH Speed Limit Gateway”, adjacent to Whitfield First School. The speed limit through the village is currently the national speed limit of 60 MPH. See Appendix A-Location Plan.

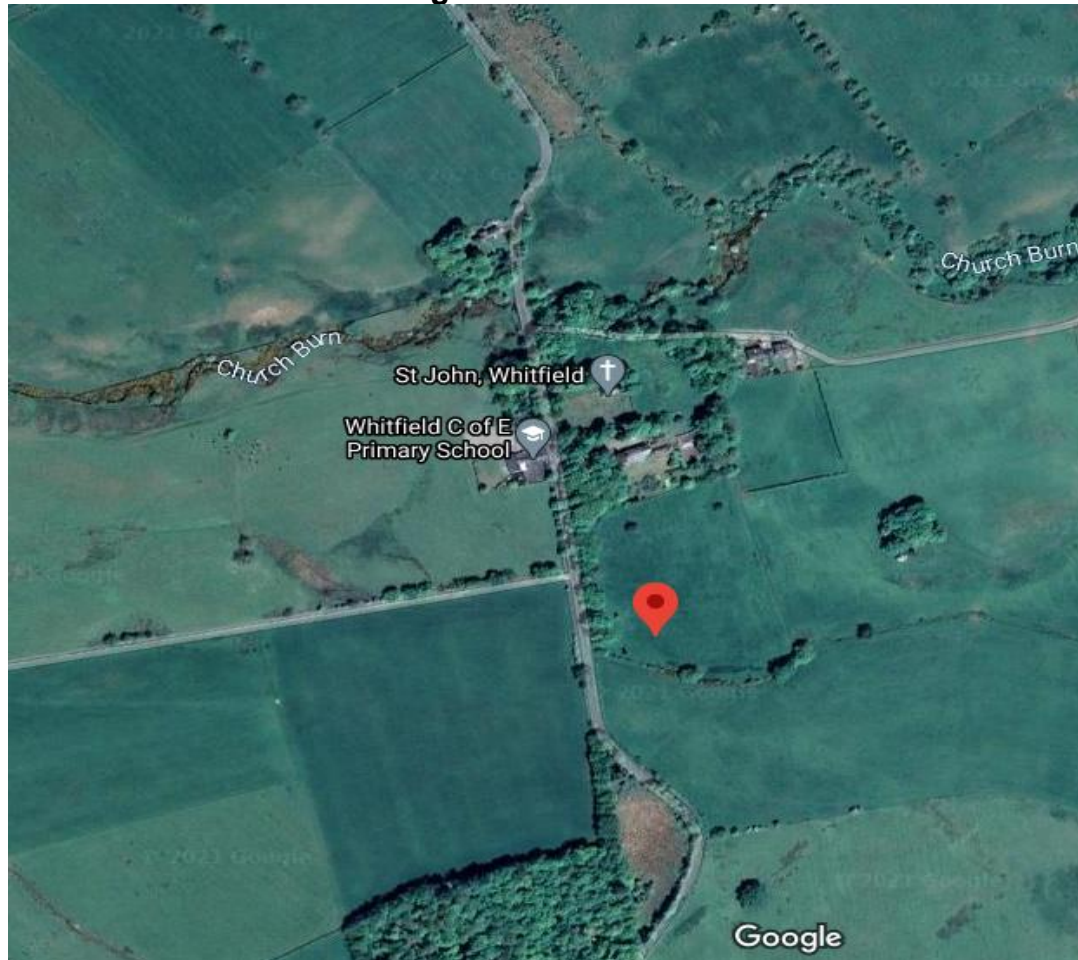
The introduction of a 20 MPH speed limit Gateway adjacent to Whitfield First School forms part of the 2020/21 Local Transport Plan. This is part of the County Council's road safety initiative to introduce 20 MPH speed limits adjacent to all schools in Northumberland provided it is feasible to do so. Anecdotal evidence suggests that measures of this kind adjacent to schools provide a safer environment for all road users.

To facilitate this change a 40 MPH speed limit will introduced via new Traffic Regulation Order (TROM_212) and revocation of existing Orders where applicable. Together with road marking and signage changes.

C322 Main Road Whitfield Village adjacent to Whitfield First School (southbound)



Satellite View Whitfield Village



Details of the proposals are shown on the scheme plan - see Appendix B.

It should be noted that this scheme is anticipated to help reduce speeds at either end of the village (north and south), where there are bends leading into a long straight section of highway through Whitfield.

Council Officers have worked closely with County Councillor Hutchinson, the local Parish Council and the headteacher at Whitfield First School on this 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 2020/21 Local Transport Plan
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_212)
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	40 MPH speed limit schemes will reduce vehicle speeds and promote a safer environment in the area where the new speed limit is being introduced.
Customer Consideration	Residents in the area, parents and staff using the school 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	Haltwhistle

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Background papers:

File reference -

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20 MPH Speed

Appendix A – Location Plan

Appendix B – Scheme Plan

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services.

Subject: Proposed new 40 MPH Speed Limit Restriction adjacent to Whitfield Village and adjacent to Whitfield First School.

Consultation: Not required for the introduction of new 40 MPH Speed Limit Restriction adjacent to Whitfield First School. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and Northumbria Police and is in line with current NCC Policy. Local canvassing was undertaken by local County Councillor and local Parish Council.

Decision Taken: The introduction of a new 40 MPH Speed Limit Restriction adjacent to Whitfield Village and adjacent to Whitfield First School.

Signature of Director

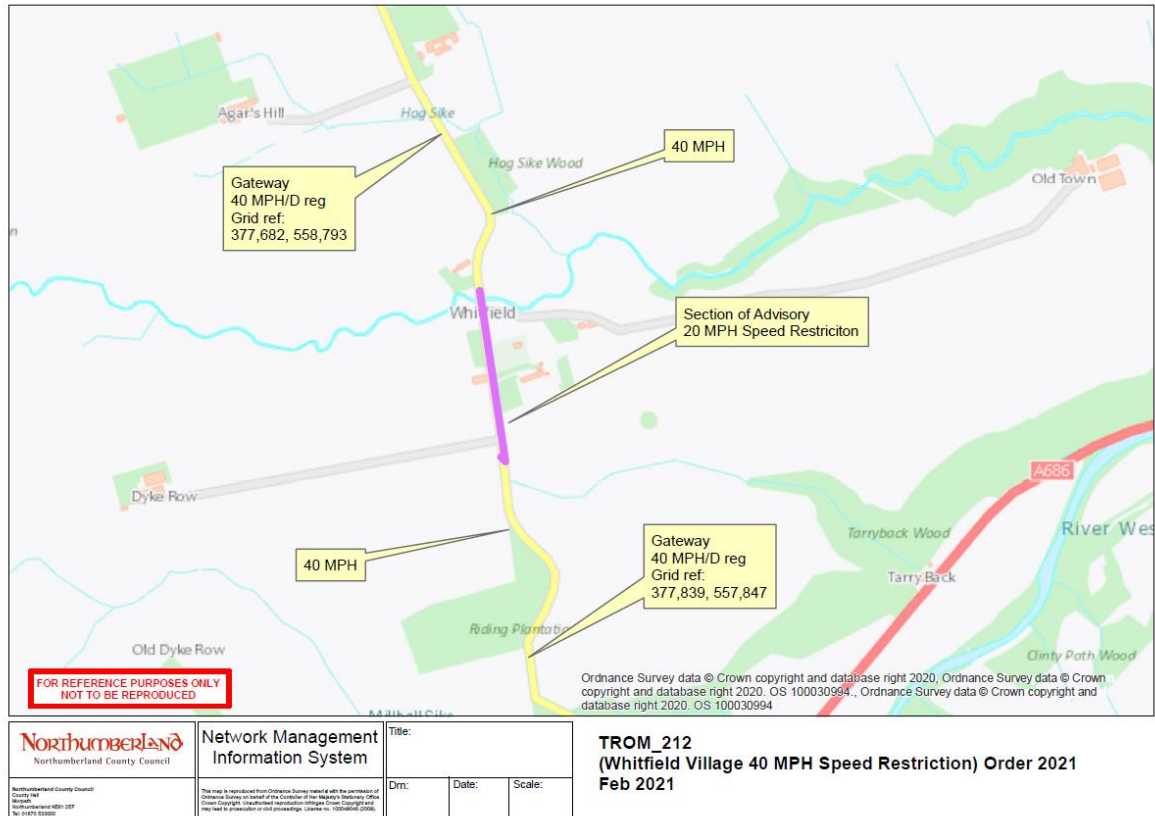


Date

22 March 2021

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Appendix A - Location Plan



Appendix B - Scheme Plan

