



# Northumberland

## County Council

### RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR – LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

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#### Speed Limit Reduction Measures – A192 Hepscoth to Nedderton

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

10 January 2023

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#### Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed reduced speed limits on several sections of road between Hepscoth and Nedderton.

#### Recommendations

It is recommended that the reduced speed limits on the A192 linking Hepscoth to Nedderton and its adjoining roads are introduced as proposed.

#### 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. There have been several Road Traffic Collisions recorded at this location in recent years.
2. In addition, the Council has received a number of concerns regarding traffic speeds on the A192 in the vicinity of Hepscoth Park following completion of the new housing development.
3. Proposals have been developed identifying remedial measures to reduce speed levels and the number of Road Traffic Collisions recorded on this route.
4. The scheme will be funded from the 2023/24 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

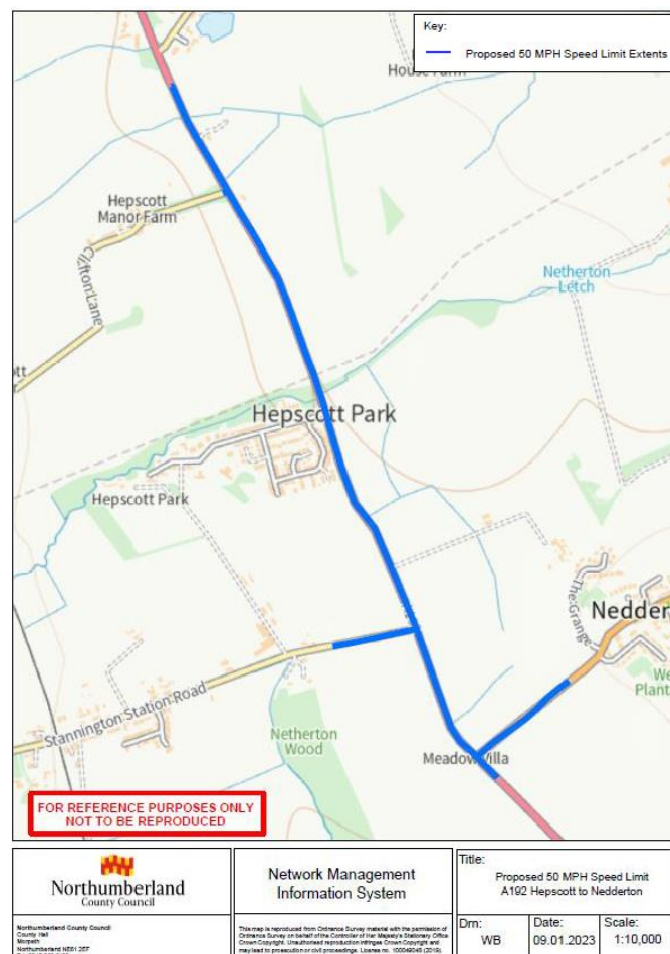
## Background

Several Road Traffic Collisions have occurred in recent years on a section of the A192 road which links Hepscott to Nedderton. As such this has been identified as a route requiring intervention measures as part of the LTP Local Safety Schemes programme.

The A192 between Hepscott and Nedderton is a primarily unlit single carriageway running in a north/south direction and is subject to a National Speed Limit with several sharp bends and limited forward visibility alongside very minimal traffic calming features. The derestricted speed limit reduces to a 40 MPH maximum limit when approaching Hepscott northbound.

## Proposals

Reducing the existing speed limit from National Speed Limit to 50 MPH is proposed in this instance which is acceptable for use in rural locations on approaches to or on the outskirts of areas such as Hepscott. An additional 50 MPH restriction is proposed on the adjoining Station Road in Stannington and Netherton Road leading to Nedderton. The extents of the proposed new speed limits are outlined by the plan in Figure 1.



**Fig. 1: Proposed new speed limits at the A192 and adjoining roads between Hepscott and Nedderton**

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The scheme will incorporate new speed limit signs and road markings in the form of speed limit roundels on the ground to inform motorists of the new restrictions and vegetation will be cleared in areas required to improve visibility.

It is expected that the speed limit reduction measures will promote slower traffic speeds on this section of the Local Safety Schemes route and improve road safety at a location which has a history of collisions occurring.

Details of the proposals are shown on the plans in Appendix A. 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

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will be financed through the LTP 2023/24 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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	A reduction in speed will lead to a safer environment for all road users
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	Speed reduction assists with carbon reduction
<b>Wards</b>	Longhorsley, Ponteland East & Stannington, Bedlington West

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### **Background Papers:**

File reference –

S:\Highways\PROJECT\22\HF Local Safety Schemes\Rural Road Schemes\HF224234D - A192 Hepscott Park Junction

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

### **Author**

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Report Author     **William Binks, Programme Officer**

**Delegated Decision**

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**DECISION TAKEN**

**Title of Officer:** Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:** Proposed 50 MPH speed limit restriction on the A192 route between Hepscott and Nedderton.

**Consultation:** Not required for introduction of a 50 MPH speed limit restriction at this location, however statutory consultees will be informed.

**Decision Taken:** To introduce a new 50 MPH speed limit restriction along the A192 between Hepscott and Nedderton and its adjoining roads.

Signature of Director



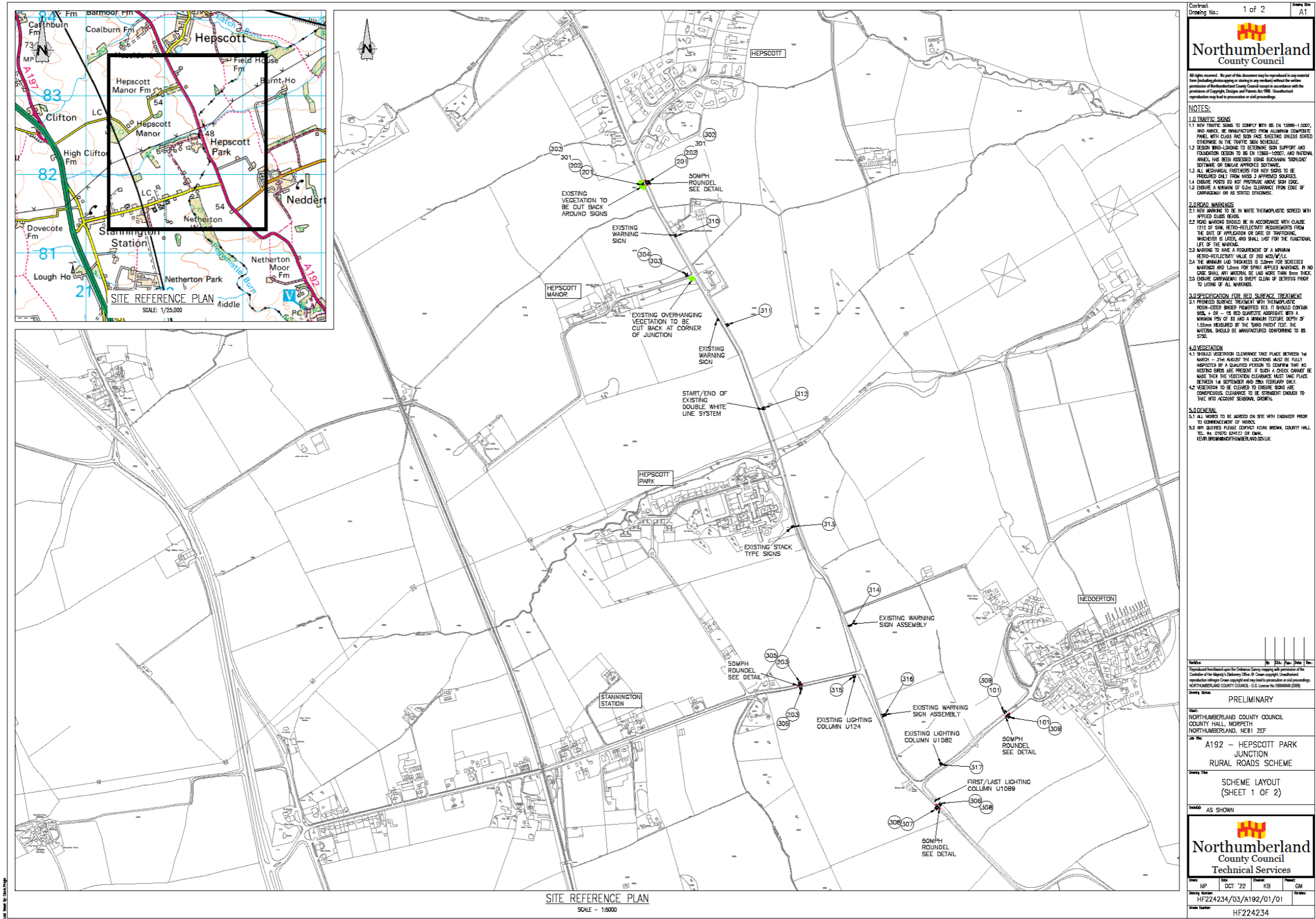
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Appendix A



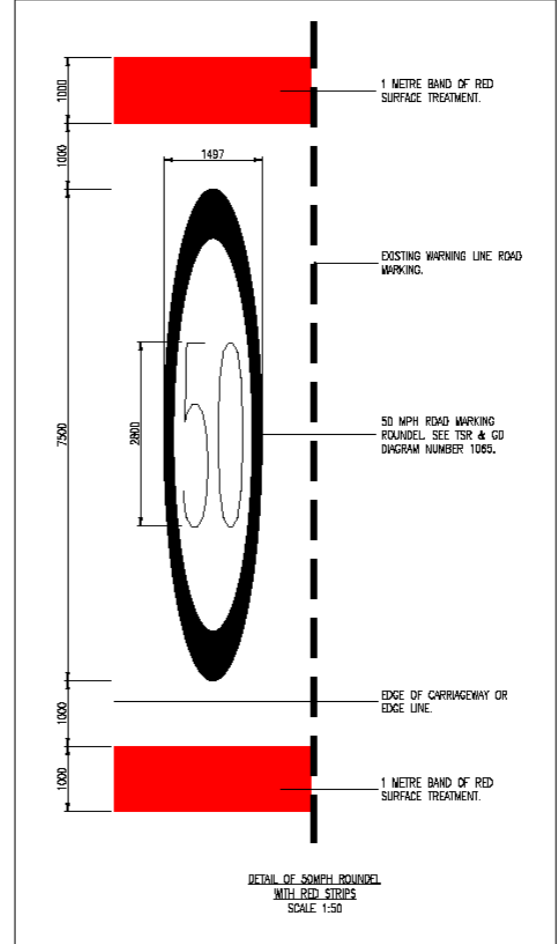
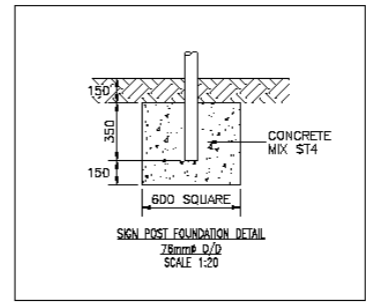
EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNS TO BE TAKEN DOWN AND REMOVED TO ENGINEERS STORE (100 SERIES)										
SIGN REF No.	TSR&GD 2016 DIAG No.	H' HEIGHT	LEGEND	No. OF SURFACE	APPROX SIZE (m)	POSTS/SIGN			MOUNTING HEIGHT (m)	REMARKS
						DIA (mm)	LENGTH (m)	No. OFF		
101	871	-		2	CLASS RAZ	0.6	-	-	-	TO BE TAKEN DOWN AND REMOVED TO ENGINEERS STORE FOR FUTURE USE. POSTS TO REMAIN.

EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNS TO BE TAKEN DOWN AND DISPOSED OF OFF SITE (200 SERIES)										
SIGN REF No.	TSR&GD 2016 DIAG No.	H' HEIGHT	LEGEND	No. OF SURFACE	APPROX SIZE (m)	POSTS/SIGN			MOUNTING HEIGHT (m)	REMARKS
						DIA (mm)	LENGTH (m)	No. OFF		
201	-	-		2	0.8 x 0.9	-	-	-	-	TO BE TAKEN DOWN AND DISPOSED OF OFF SITE. POSTS TO REMAIN.
202	-	-		2	0.75	-	-	-	-	TO BE TAKEN DOWN AND DISPOSED OF OFF SITE. POSTS TO REMAIN.
203	-	-		2	0.6	-	-	-	-	TO BE TAKEN DOWN AND DISPOSED OF OFF SITE. POSTS TO REMAIN.

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS (300 SERIES)											
SIGN REF No.	TSR&GD 2016 DIAG No.	H' HEIGHT	LEGEND	No. OF SURFACE	APPROX SIZE (m)	POSTS/SIGN			MOUNTING HEIGHT (m)	REMARKS	
						DIA (mm)	LENGTH (m)	No. OFF			
301	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-		2	CLASS RAZ	0.6	-	-	-	TO REPLACE SIGN REF 201 ON EXISTING 76mm DIAMETER POSTS FACING NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC. TO BE MOUNTED ON YELLOW BACKING BOARD 0.72 x 0.72	
302	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-		2	CLASS RAZ	0.6	-	-	-	TO BE MOUNTED BACK TO BACK WITH SIGN REF 301 ON EXISTING 76mm DIAMETER POSTS FACING SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC.	
303	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-		1	CLASS RAZ	0.6	-	-	1.7	TO BE MOUNTED BELOW EXISTING GIVE WAY SIGN ON EXISTING 76mm DIAMETER POST FACING TRAFFIC ENTERING A192.	
304	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 671	-		1	CLASS RAZ	0.6	-	-	1.7	TO BE MOUNTED ON BACK TO BACK WITH SIGN REF 303 ON EXISTING 76mm DIAMETER POST FACING TRAFFIC ENTERING SIDE ROAD.	
305	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-		2	CLASS RAZ	0.8	-	-	-	TO BE MOUNTED ON BACK TO BACK WITH EXISTING 50MPH SIGN ON EXISTING 76mm DIAMETER POST FACING EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.	
306	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-	LIT SIGN	1	CLASS RAZ	0.75	76mm WIDE BASED POST	3.5	1	2.1	TO BE MOUNTED 15m SOUTH OF LIGHTING COLUMN L1088 IN EASTERN VERGE FACING NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC. ENSURE 1.2m CLEARANCE FROM EDGE OF CARRIAGEWAY. SIGN TO BE ILLUMINATED.
307	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-	LIT SIGN	1	CLASS RAZ	0.75	76mm WIDE BASED POST	3.5	1	2.1	TO BE MOUNTED DIRECTLY OPPOSITE SIGN REF 306 IN WESTERN VERGE FACING NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC. ENSURE 1.2m CLEARANCE FROM EDGE OF CARRIAGEWAY. SIGN TO BE ILLUMINATED.
308	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 671	-	LIT SIGN	2	CLASS RAZ	0.75	-	-	-	2.1	TO BE MOUNTED BACK TO BACK WITH SIGN REF 306 AND 307 ON EXISTING 76mm DIAMETER WIDE BASED POSTS. SIGNS TO BE ILLUMINATED.

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS (300 SERIES)											
SIGN REF No.	TSR&GD 2016 DIAG No.	H' HEIGHT	LEGEND	No. OF SURFACE	APPROX SIZE (m)	POSTS/SIGN			MOUNTING HEIGHT (m)	REMARKS	
						DIA (mm)	LENGTH (m)	No. OFF			
309	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-		2	CLASS RAZ	0.8	-	-	-	2.1	TO REPLACE SIGN REF 101 ON EXISTING 76mm DIAMETER WIDE BASED POSTS FACING WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.
310	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-	REPEATER SIGN	2	CLASS RAZ	0.45	-	-	-	1.5	TO BE MOUNTED BACK TO BACK BELOW EXISTING STAGGERED JUNCTION WARNING SIGN ON EXISTING 76mm DIAMETER POST.
311	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-	REPEATER SIGN	2	CLASS RAZ	0.45	76	2.5	1	1.6	TO BE MOUNTED BACK TO BACK ON NEW 76mm DIAMETER POST IN EASTERN VERGE 35m SOUTH OF EXISTING STAGGERED JUNCTION WARNING SIGN. ENSURE 1m CLEARANCE FROM EDGE OF CARRIAGEWAY.
312	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-	REPEATER SIGN	2	CLASS RAZ	0.45	76	2.5	1	1.6	TO BE MOUNTED BACK TO BACK ON NEW 76mm DIAMETER POST IN EASTERN VERGE AT START/END OF EXISTING DOUBLE WHITE LINE SYSTEM. ENSURE 1m CLEARANCE FROM EDGE OF CARRIAGEWAY.
313	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-	REPEATER SIGN	1	CLASS RAZ	0.45	-	-	-	1.3	TO BE MOUNTED BELOW EXISTING STACK TYPE SIGNS ON EXISTING 76mm DIAMETER POST FACING NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC.
314	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-	REPEATER SIGN	1	CLASS RAZ	0.45	-	-	-	1.1	TO BE MOUNTED BELOW EXISTING JUNCTION WARNING SIGN ASSEMBLY ON EXISTING 76mm DIAMETER POST FACING SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC.
315	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-	REPEATER SIGN	2	CLASS RAZ	0.45	-	-	-	2.3	TO BE MOUNTED BACK TO BACK ON EXISTING 76mm DIAMETER LIGHTING COLUMN L124.
316	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-	REPEATER SIGN	2	CLASS RAZ	0.45	-	-	-	1.1	TO BE MOUNTED BELOW EXISTING JUNCTION WARNING SIGN ASSEMBLY ON EXISTING 76mm DIAMETER POST.
317	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 1 Diag. 670	-	REPEATER SIGN	2	CLASS RAZ	0.45	-	-	-	2.1	TO BE MOUNTED BACK TO BACK ON EXISTING 114mm DIAMETER LIGHTING COLUMN L1082

NEW ROAD MARKING SCHEDULE						
REF	DAC No.	MARK (m)	GAP (m)	WIDTH (mm)	ROAD STUDS	USE
A	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 9 Diag. 1065	7.5	-	1500	-	50Mph ROUNDLED WITH RED STRIPS SEE DETAIL



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- NOTES:**
- 1.0 TRAFFIC SIGNS**
  - 1.1 NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS TO COMPLY WITH BS EN 12240-1:2007, AND AMEND, BE MANUFACTURED FROM ALUMINUM COMPOSITE PANEL WITH CLASS RAZ SIGN FACE SHEETING UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE IN THE TRAFFIC SIGN SCHEDULE.
  - 1.2 DESIGN WIND-LOADING TO DETERMINE SIGN SUPPORT AND FOUNDATION DESIGN TO BS EN 12240-1:2007, AND NATIONAL ANEX, HAS BEEN ASSESSED USING EUROSPAN 'SIGNLOAD' SOFTWARE OR SIMILAR APPROVED SOFTWARE.
  - 1.3 ALL MECHANICAL FASTENERS FOR NEW SIGNS TO BE PROVIDED ONLY FROM WMS 3 APPROVED SOURCES.
  - 1.4 ENSURE POSTS DO NOT PROTRUDE ABOVE SIGN EDGE.
  - 1.5 ENSURE A MINIMUM OF 0.2m CLEARANCE FROM EDGE OF CARRIAGEWAY OR AS STATED OTHERWISE.
  - 2.0 ROAD MARKINGS**
  - 2.1 NEW MARKING TO BE IN WHITE THERMOPLASTIC SCREEN WITH APPROVED GLASS BEADS.
  - 2.2 ROAD MARKING SHOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 1216 OF SMM. RETRO-REFLECTIVITY REQUIREMENTS FROM THE DATE OF APPLICATION TO DATE OF TRAFFICING, WHOEVER IS LATER, AND SHALL LAST FOR THE FUNCTIONAL LIFE OF THE MARKING.
  - 2.3 MARKING TO HAVE A REQUIREMENT OF A MINIMUM RETRO-REFLECTIVITY VALUE OF 200 MCD/㎡/X.
  - 2.4 THE MINIMUM LAD THICKNESS IS 2.0mm FOR SCREENED MARKINGS AND 1.5mm FOR SPRAW APPLIED MARKINGS. IN NO CASE SHALL ANY MATERIAL BE LAD MORE THAN 40mm THICK.
  - 2.5 ENSURE CARRIAGEWAY IS SWEEP CLEAN OF DEBRIS PRIOR TO LAYING OF ALL MARKINGS.
  - 3.0 SPECIFICATION FOR RED SURFACE TREATMENT**
  - 3.1 PREPARED SURFACE TREATMENT WITH THERMOPLASTIC 200M-LITER BINDER PROMOTER RED. IT SHOULD CONTAIN 50% + OR - 1% RED QUARTZITE AGGREGATE WITH A MINIMUM PSY OF 60 AND A MINIMUM TEXTURE DEPTH OF 1.05mm MEASURED BY THE 'SAND PATCH' TEST. THE MATERIAL SHOULD BE MANUFACTURED CONFORMING TO BS 5750.
  - 4.0 VEGETATION**
  - 4.1 SHOULD VEGETATION CLEARANCE TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 1st MARCH - 31st AUGUST THE LOCATIONS MUST BE FULLY INSPECTED BY A QUALIFIED PERSON TO CONFIRM THAT NO NESTING BIRDS ARE PRESENT. IF SUCH A CHECK CANNOT BE MADE THEN THE VEGETATION CLEARANCE MUST TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER AND 31st FEBRUARY ONLY.
  - 4.2 VEGETATION TO BE CLEARED TO ENSURE SIGNS ARE CONSPICUOUS. CLEARANCE TO BE SUFFICIENT ENOUGH TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SEASONAL GROWTH.
  - 5.0 GENERAL**
  - 5.1 ALL WORKS TO BE AGREED ON SITE WITH ENGINEER PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORKS.
  - 5.2 ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT KEVIN BROWN, COUNTY HALL, TEL: 01691 626267 OR EMAIL: KEVIN.BROWN@NORTHUMBERLAND.COUNCIL

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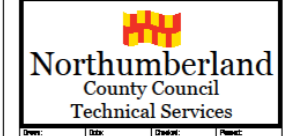
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