



# Northumberland

## County Council

### RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

**Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport**

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**Proposed 30mph Speed Limit – B6303 Station Road between Catton and Allendale**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle, Improving Our Roads & Highways**

**5 September 2023**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposals to introduce a new 30mph speed limit on the B6303 road between Catton and Allendale.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the new 30mph speed limit is introduced as proposed in order to improve road safety in the area.

#### **Link to Corporate Plan**

This report is relevant to the following key themes in the Corporate Plan for 2023-26:

‘Thriving Places and Culture – Neighbourhoods are safe, clean and well maintained’

#### **Key Issues**

1. Northumberland County Council has received concerns regarding excessive vehicle speeds on the B6303 road between Catton and Allendale.

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2. A 40mph speed limit is currently in place on this section of the B6303, however there are around 40 residential properties on Station Road and many have reported difficulties with access and egress.
3. An extension of the existing 30mph speed limit is proposed to alleviate these concerns.
4. The proposals are supported by the local County Councillor and Allendale Parish Council.
5. The scheme is to be funded through the 2023/24 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

### Background

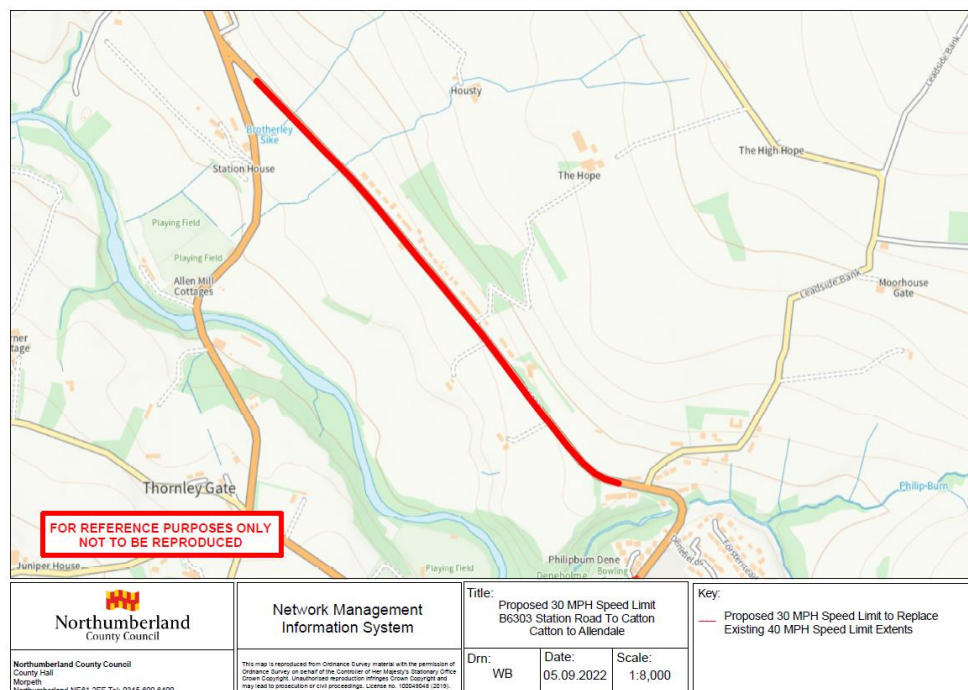
The B6303 Station Road to Catton is a single carriageway which is rural in nature, linking Catton with Allendale. The road is subject to a 40mph speed limit. Around 40 residential properties are situated within the 40mph limit and many residents have reported concerns regarding excessive vehicle speeds, as well as difficulty with access and egress from their driveways.

In addition, there is no footpath provided on the eastern side of the road where the houses are sited, which adds further to the potentially hazardous conditions.



**Fig. 1: Image of the B6303 Station Road near residential properties**

In order to alleviate these concerns, it is proposed that the existing 40mph speed limit is replaced with a new 30mph speed limit which ties in with the existing 30mph limits on the approaches to Allendale and Catton. The extents of this proposal are outlined in Figure 2 below.



**Fig. 2: Proposed extents of new 30mph speed limit on Station Road**

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Full details of the proposals can be found in Appendix A. They are intended to improve road safety, maintain the free flow of traffic where possible and to protect the amenity of the area overall. 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 2023/24 LTP 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>	None
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	A reduction in speed will lead to a safer environment for all road users.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	South Tynedale

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### **Background Papers:**

File references – S:\Highways\PROJECT\22\HE Minor Improvements\HE223609D - Station Rd Catton to Allendale 30mph Speed Limit

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

### **Author**

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Report Author      **William Binks, Programme Officer**

**DECISION TAKEN**

**Title of Officer:** Director of Environment and Transport

**Subject:** Proposed 30mph speed limit – B6303 Station Road between Catton and Allendale

**Consultation:** Not required on the grounds of road safety, however statutory consultees will be informed.

**Decision Taken:** To introduce a new 30mph speed limit as proposed on B6303 Station Road between Catton and Allendale

Signature of Director



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**Date**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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