



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport

PROPOSED 30mph SPEED LIMIT, B6354 & U1025 ETAL

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal to provide a 30mph speed limit on the B635 and U1025 roads in Etal.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 30mph speed limit is implemented.

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

- Concerns about traffic speeds in Etal were submitted as a priority issue for the Local Transport Plan Programme by Ford Parish Council.
- The roads are currently subject to the national speed limit of 60mph,
- The village is a tourist attraction and receives significant numbers of visitors.

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Background

1. Ford Parish Council submitted traffic speed reduction in Etal as a priority for the Local Transport Plan.
2. The village is located mainly on the U1025 road but is bisected by the B6354 which is one of the main roads in the area linking the A697 to the west with the A1 in the east.
3. As well as residential properties Etal has a cafe, post office/shop, village hall, church, public house and cricket ground. Etal Castle and the northern terminus of the Heatherslaw Light Railway attract significant numbers of visitors and further attractions are located close by in Ford and the surrounding area.
4. National Cycle Route 68 (Pennine Cycleway) runs through the village and large numbers of walkers use the B6354 between Etal and Heatherslaw, part of which is via an off-road path located within a field boundary. The section into Etal is, however, along a roadside footway which requires pedestrians to cross the road. Significant numbers of vulnerable road users are therefore present throughout the year.
5. The cricket ground is located alongside the B6354 and in addition to hosting matches, is used regularly for events which attract visitors and result in extra vehicle and pedestrian movements.
6. Guidance on speed limits is set out in "*Setting Local Speed Limits*" (DfT circular 01/2013). It states that it is "*government policy that a 30 mph speed limit should be the norm through villages.*"
7. It also states that "*reasonable minimum criteria for the definition of what constitutes a village, for the purpose of applying a village speed limit of 30 mph, would be that there were 20 or more houses (on one or both sides of the road) and a minimum length of 600 metres.*"
8. A 30mph speed limit is, therefore, considered appropriate because:
 - The village consists of more than 20 houses.
 - The 30mph speed limit will cover 800m of road carriageway.
 - There are several key buildings present (church, village hall, shop, pub)
 - There are significant tourist attractions present.
 - There are significant numbers of vulnerable road users present (pedestrians and cyclists).
9. Statutory consultees were therefore informed of the proposal to implement the 30mph speed limit. Two responses were received, one in favour, one neutral. Ford Parish Council and the local Ward Member support the proposal. A copy of the consultation plan is shown in Appendix A.

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10. It is therefore recommended that the proposed 30mph speed limit is implemented.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	The proposal is in accordance with relevant guidance.
Finance and value for money	The proposal will be funded via the Local Transport Plan Programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order.
Procurement	None
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	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Norham & Islandshires

Background papers:

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Report sign off.

Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the report:

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	initials
Finance Officer	n/a
Monitoring Officer/Legal	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
I.T.	n/a
Director	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

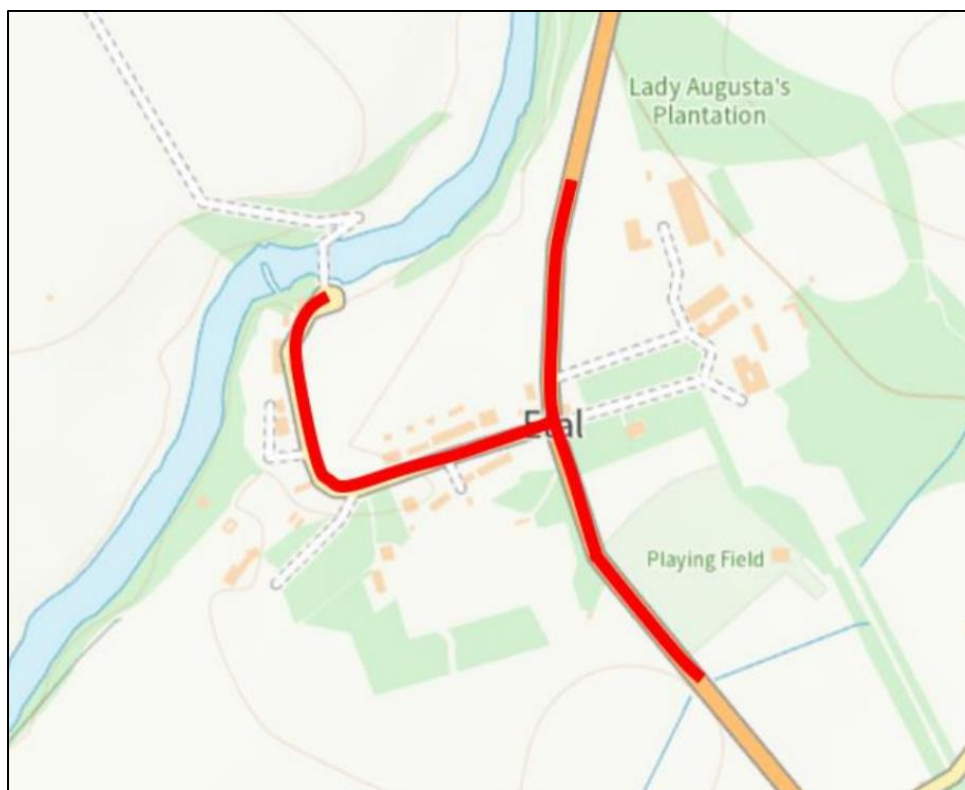
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Appendix A

Consultation Plan



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DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer(s) and
Portfolio Holder (where
appropriate):**

Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport

Subject:

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ETAL**

Consultation

Two responses received.

One in favour.

One neutral.

Decision Taken:

The proposed 30mph speed limit should be
implemented.

Signature of Director



Date

23rd August 2023
