



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Beaufront First School 40 MPH Speed Limit

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

25 November 2022

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce a 40 MPH speed limit and parking restrictions in the vicinity of Beaufront First School.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the 40 MPH speed limit and parking restrictions on the surrounding roads with Beaufront First School 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"

Learning - "We want you to achieve and realise your potential"

Key Issues

1. The County Council has received concerns regarding traffic speeds and obstructive and indiscriminate parking near Beaufront First School.
2. The Council has a policy to introduce appropriate 20 MPH schemes at all schools in the County provided it is feasible to do so.
3. The introduction of a 40 MPH speed limit in the area around Beaufront First School will enable the introduction of advisory 20 MPH speeds when lights flash signage.
4. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and school representatives.

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5. The scheme is to be funded by the Local Transport Plan 2022/23 programme.

Background

The introduction of speed limit changes on the roads leading to Beaufront First School forms part of the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan. The scheme ties in with the County Council's road safety initiative to introduce appropriate 20 MPH schemes at all schools in the County provided it is feasible to do so.

Evidence suggests that measures of this kind adjacent to schools provide a safer environment for all road users.

Concerns have been raised regarding vehicles speeding through the roads situated outside of the school, which presents road safety issues for pedestrians such as schoolchildren, cyclists and those navigating through the route with the risk of collisions occurring.

As a result, a 40 MPH speed limit is proposed in order to alleviate these concerns and covers the areas identified below in Figure 1. The introduction of a 40 MPH speed limit in the area around Beaufront First School will enable the introduction of advisory 20 when lights flash signage which will operate at school start and finish times.

The measures will consist of new regulatory traffic signs along with road markings in the form of roundels at the gateways of each restriction to indicate the new speed limit.

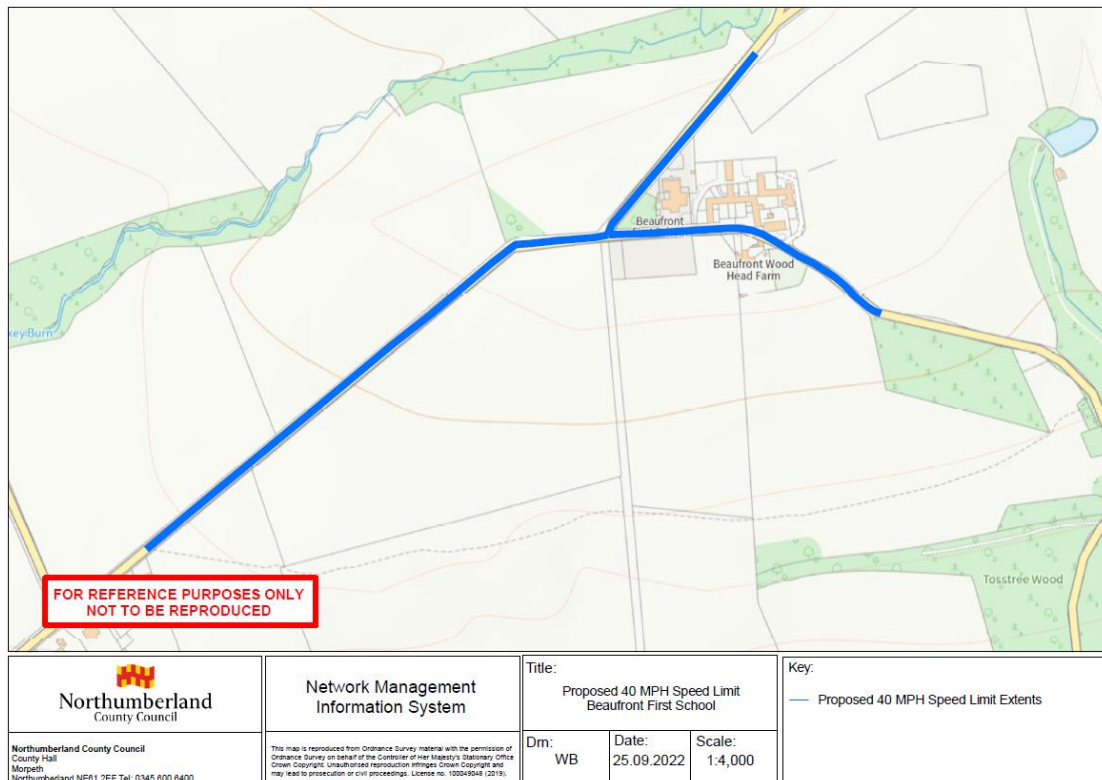


Fig 1: Proposed 40 MPH speed limit extents at Beaufront First School

In addition, parking restrictions are proposed to be introduced directly outside the school in the form of 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) at its junctions and 'School Keep Clear' road markings in order to prohibit and

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discourage obstructive and indiscriminate parking at this location. These can be observed further in Figure 2 below.

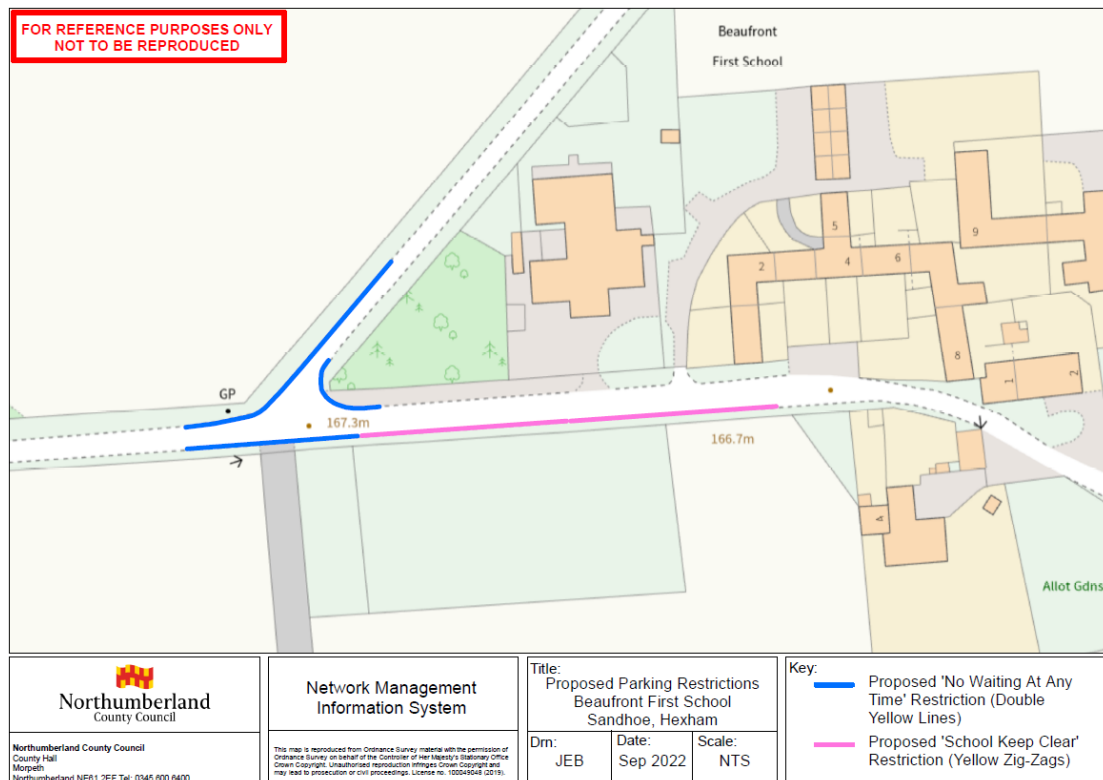


Fig. 2: Proposed parking restrictions at Beaufront First School

Details of the proposals can be found in Appendix A. They are intended to increase road safety by reducing speed limits, prohibiting dangerous parking 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

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the Local Transport Plan 2022/23 programme
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Orders
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	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with driving at speed and obstructive and indiscriminate parking
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement
Customer Consideration	A reduction in speed will lead to a safer environment for all road users
Carbon reduction	Speed reduction assists with carbon reduction
Wards	Corbridge

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Background Papers:

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Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed 40 MPH Speed Limit & Parking Restrictions at Beaufront First School

Consultation: Not required given policy to introduce 20 MPH limits outside all schools, however statutory consultees have been informed

Decision Taken: To introduce a new 40 MPH speed limit and parking restrictions at Beaufront First School

Signature of Director



Date

13.02.23

Appendix A - Scheme Plan

