



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT

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Hadston 20 MPH Zone

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

19th October 2023

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce a 20 MPH zone in Hadston.

Recommendation

It is recommended that a 20 MPH zone in Hadston is introduced as proposed.

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 traffic speeds in Hadston.
2. A new 20 MPH zone is proposed in order to alleviate these concerns.
3. The Local Ward Member is in support of the proposals.
4. The scheme is to be funded through the 2023/24 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Background

Hadston is a village just south of Amble, with a population of around 4000. It consists mainly of residential dwellings, with a few local shops, a doctor’s surgery and a small industrial estate. It is currently street-lit throughout and therefore a 30 MPH speed limit is in place. The main road also provides access to Red Row, Broomhill and beyond and therefore experiences higher traffic volumes. There is also increased footfall crossing the main road in order to access local facilities.

Concerns have been received regarding traffic speeds in Hadston, which presents a road safety issue for both pedestrians and vehicles, increasing the risk of a potential collision occurring. There are existing traffic calming features in place so the 20mph will complement those and form a 'Zone', which will tie into the existing 20mph zone on adjacent streets.

A 20mph zone is proposed to be introduced in order to alleviate the concerns raised in Hadston and covers the full extent of the adopted highway identified below in Figure 1. The measures will consist of new regulatory traffic signs along with road markings in the form of roundels on Hadston Road and the entrance to Ladyburn way to indicate the new speed limit.

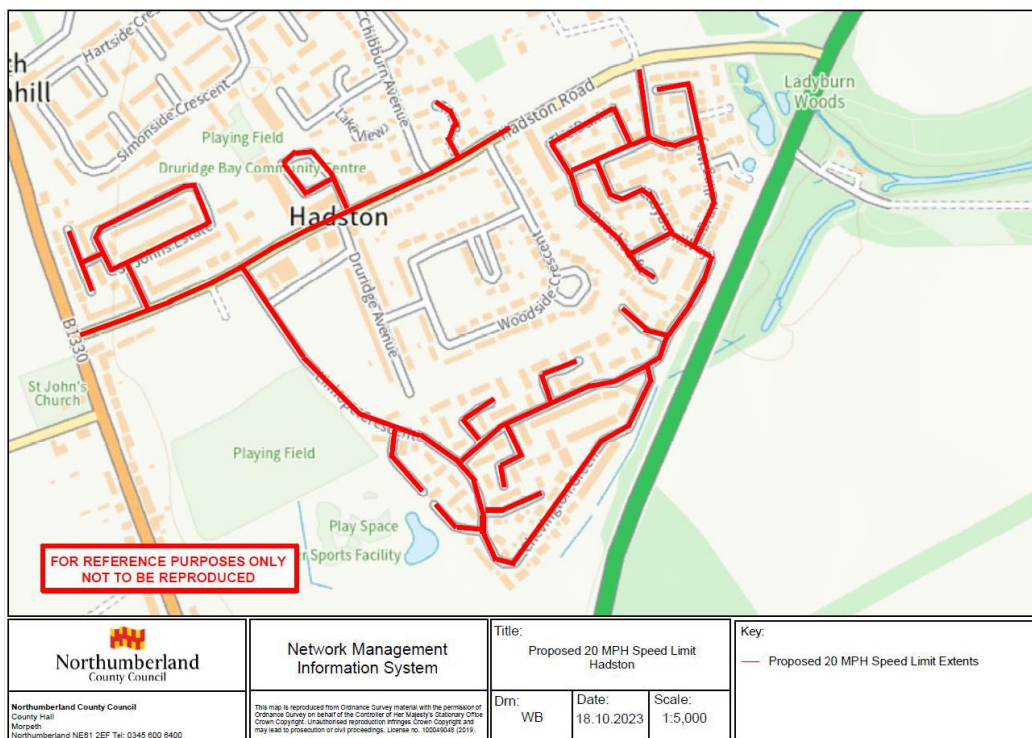


Fig. 1: Proposed 20 MPH zone extents in Hadston

Details of the proposal can be found in Appendix A. It is intended to increase road safety by reducing the speed limit and to protect the amenity of the area overall. Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of this amendment as part of the process for making the permanent Order.

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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 LTP 2023/24 programme
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order (reference TROM_305)
Procurement	Signage and road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities 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
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
Ward	Druridge Bay

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Background Papers

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\21\HE Minor Improvements\HE213534D - Bondicarr Road Hadston 20mph Speed Limit

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer	Director of Environment & Transport
Subject	Proposed 20 MPH zone in Hadston
Consultation	Not required on the grounds of road safety, however statutory consultees have been informed.
Decision Taken	To introduce a new 20 MPH zone in Hadston

Signature of Director



Date

28th December 2023

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

