



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

PROPOSED 40mph and 20mph SPEED LIMITS, KIELDER

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal to provide a 40mph speed limit on the C200, and 20mph speed limit on the U5079 and U5085 roads in Kielder.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed speed limits are 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

- Speed reduction was submitted as a priority for the Local Transport Plan Programme by Kielder Parish Council.
- The County Council's current policy is to implement 20mph speed limits outside schools wherever possible.

Delegated decisions

Background

1. Speed reduction was submitted as a priority for the Local Transport Plan Programme by Kielder Parish Council. The request related to both the minor roads in Kielder village and Butteryhaugh, as well as the through road.
2. As per the Council's current policy, a 20mph speed limit is proposed outside Kielder First School. This 20mph limit will also cover the minor U5079 and U5085 roads which are residential and of an appropriate character for the reduced limit.
3. The C200 is a through route that connects to Bellingham to the south and the Scottish Border to the north. It is currently subject to the national speed limit of 60mph. However, the 2km section that passes through Kielder includes:
 - Several bends and junctions.
 - Adjacent residential areas at Castle Drive, Butteryhaugh and Catcleugh.
 - Access to tourist attractions at Kielder Castle and the Observatory.
 - A filling station and village store which residents must access by crossing the road.
 - Significant numbers of walkers and cyclists.
4. Guidance on speed limits set out in "Setting Local Speed Limits" (DfT Circular 01/2013), states that some rural roads below A and B classification serve a mixed through-traffic and local access function. Where that traffic function is currently being achieved without a high collision rate, these roads should be judged as through-traffic roads. If, however, for all or parts of these roads there is a substantial potential risk to vulnerable road users, these sections should be assessed as roads with a local access function.
5. There have been three recorded injury accidents on this section of the C200 road in the five years 2017-2021, and eleven since 2000. The road has a number of features such as bends and junctions, is subject to regular use by vulnerable road users (walkers and cyclists) and there is no footway provision. This suggests it should be considered as a local access road and that a reduced speed limit may be appropriate.
6. The guidance states that 40mph speed limits on rural roads:

"Should be considered where there are many bends, junctions or accesses, substantial development, a strong environmental or landscape reason, or where there are considerable numbers of vulnerable road users"

It is considered that the above applies to this section of the C200 and a 40mph speed limit is therefore appropriate.

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7. Statutory consultees were therefore informed of the proposal to implement the 40mph and 20mph speed limits. Two responses were received, one in favour of the proposal, the other was a standard neutral response from the NE Ambulance Service. A copy of the consultation plan is shown in Appendix A.
8. Both Kielder Parish Council and the local Ward Member are in favour of the proposal.
9. It is therefore recommended that the proposed 40mph and 20mph speed limits are 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

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Wards	Bellingham
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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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Human Resources	n/a
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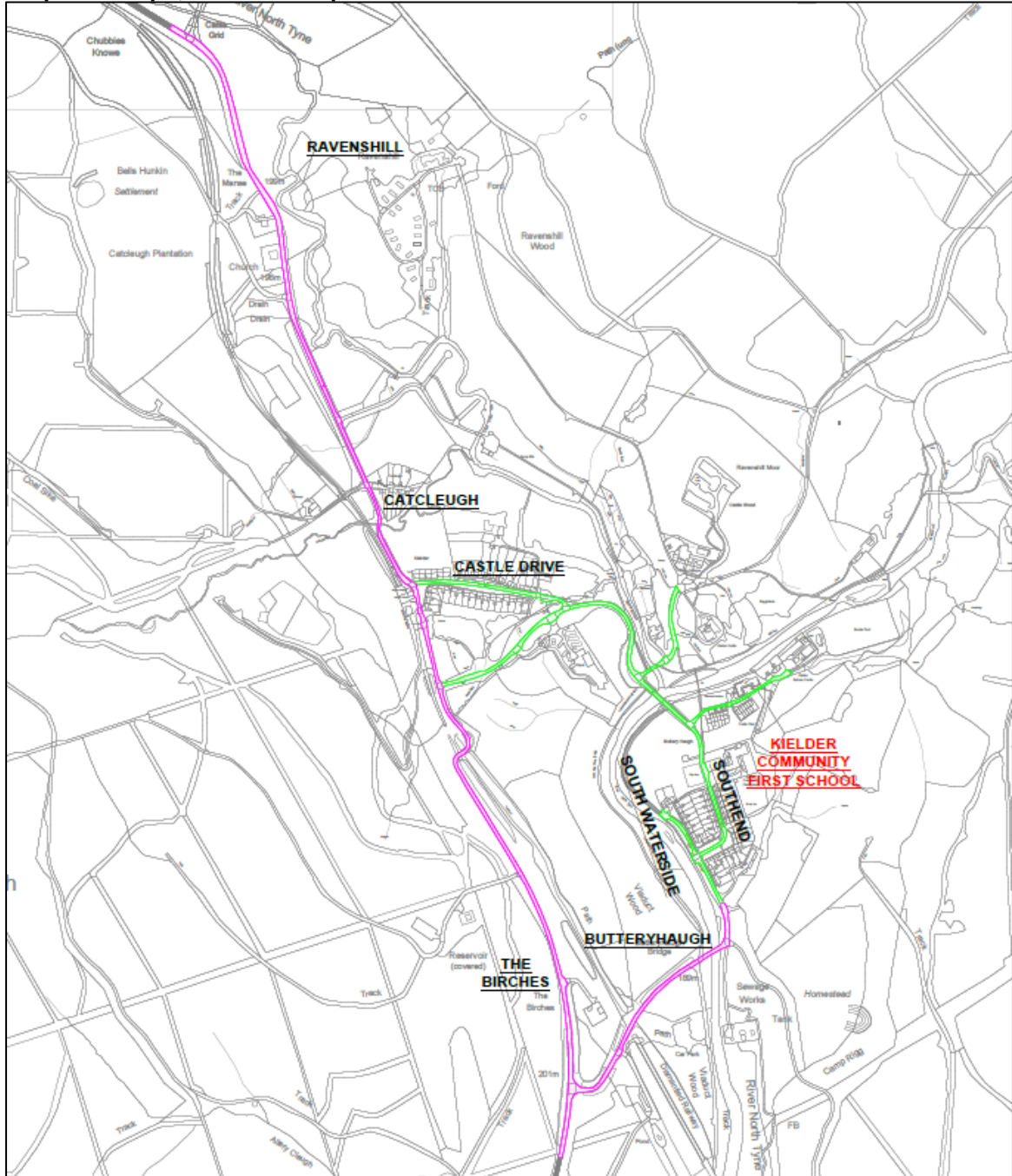
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Appendix A

Consultation Plan

Purple = 40mph, Green = 20mph



DECISION TAKEN

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

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

Subject:

PROPOSED 40mph and 20mph SPEED LIMITS,
C200/U5079/U5085, KIELDER

Consultation

Two responses. One in favour, one neutral

Decision Taken:

The proposed 40mph & 20mph speed limits should
be implemented.

Signature of Director



Date

14th June 2023
