



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

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Scremerston First School 20 MPH Speed Limit

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

09 November 2022

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce a 20 MPH speed limit in the vicinity of Scremerston First School.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Scremerston First School is 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 in the residential streets near Scremerston First School.
2. The provision of a 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Scremerston First School coincides with the County Council's current policy.
3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and school representatives.
4. The scheme is to be funded by the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Background

The introduction of the 20mph speed limit on the streets adjacent to Scremerston 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 reduced speed limits adjacent to all schools in Northumberland 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.



Fig. 1: Cheviot Terrace outside Scremerston First School

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 20mph speed limit, in the form of a zone, which will incorporate children from the school's artwork signs, is to be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns and covers the areas identified below in Figure 2. The measures will consist of new regulatory traffic signs along with road markings in the form of roundels at the entrance of the estate to indicate the new speed limit.

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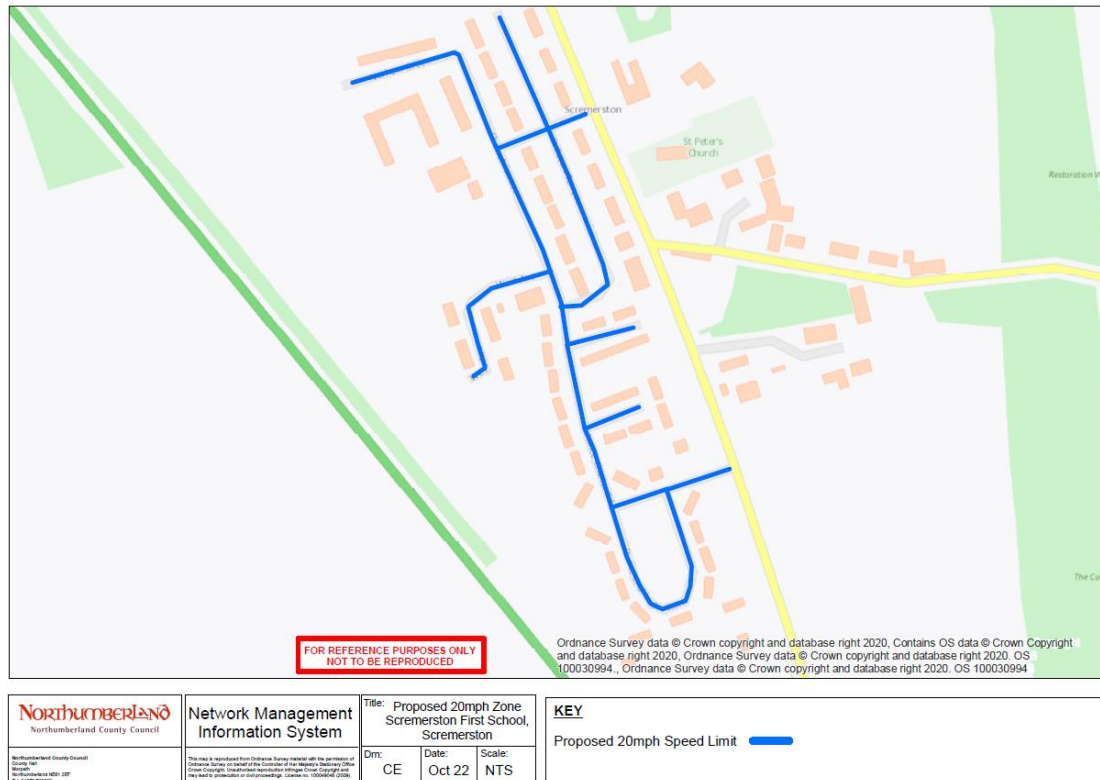


Fig 2: Proposed 20 MPH speed limit extents at Scremerston First School

Details of the proposals can be found in Appendix A. They are intended to increase road safety by reducing speed limits 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 LTP 2022/23 programme
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order (reference TROM_259)
Procurement	None
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	Ancroft

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Background Papers

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\21\HE Minor Improvements\HE213575D - Scremerston First School

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer	Service Director, Local Services
Subject	Proposed 20 MPH Speed Limit at Scremerston First School
Consultation	Not required – NCC policy is to introduce 20mph speed limits at all schools provided it is feasible to do so. However statutory consultees have been informed.
Decision Taken	To introduce a new 20 MPH speed limit at Scremerston First School

Signature of Director



Date

06.02.23

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

