



# Northumberland

## County Council

### **RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES**

**Paul Jones**

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### **St. Wilfrid's RC Primary School 20 MPH Speed Limit, Blyth**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle**

**23 November 2022**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce a 20 MPH speed limit in the vicinity of St. Wilfrid's RC Primary School in Blyth.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to St. Wilfrid's RC Primary 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**

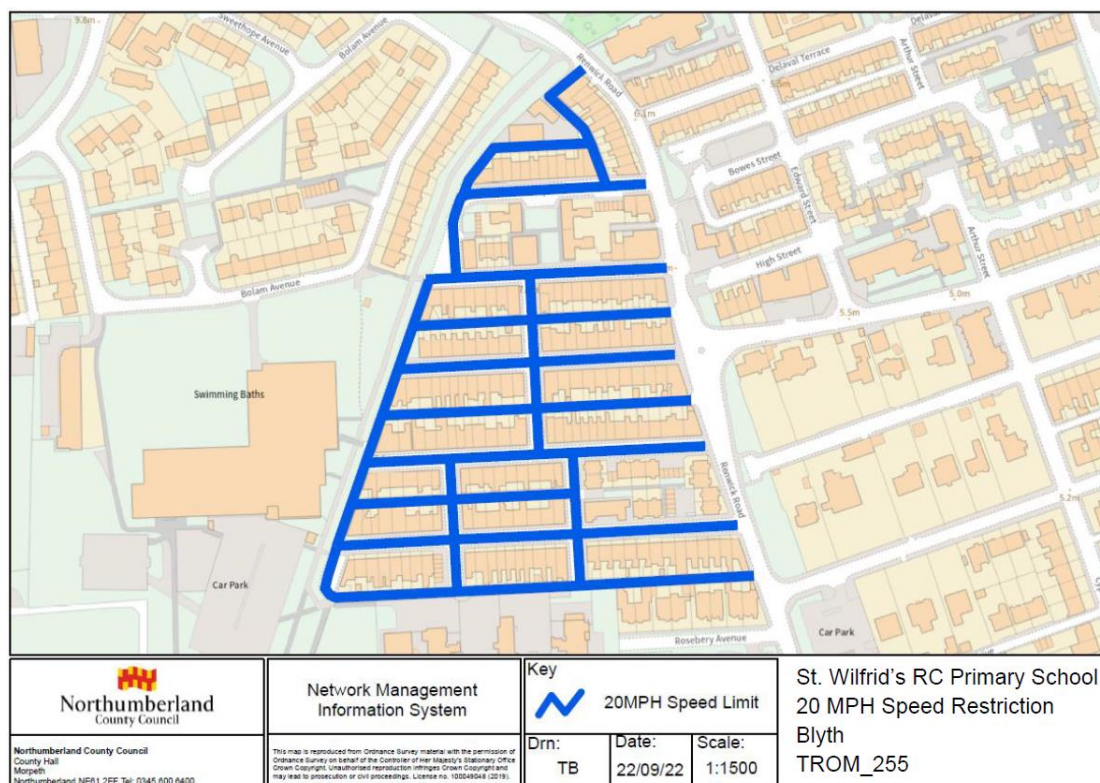
1. The County Council has received concerns regarding traffic speeds in the residential streets near St. Wilfrid's RC Primary School in Blyth.
2. The provision of a 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to St. Wilfrid's RC Primary School aligns with the County Council's current policy.
3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and school representatives.
4. The scheme is to be funded by the Local Transport Plan 2022/23 programme.

### Background

The introduction of speed limit changes on the streets adjacent to St. Wilfrid's RC Primary 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.

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 20 MPH speed limit is proposed to be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns and covers the areas identified below in Figure 1. 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.



**Fig 1: Proposed 20 MPH speed limit extents at St. Wilfrid's RC Primary School, Blyth**

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.

## Delegated Decision

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will be financed through the Local Transport Plan 2022/23 programme
<b>Legal</b>	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order
<b>Procurement</b>	Signage and road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with driving at speed
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	A reduction in speed will lead to a safer environment for all road users
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	Speed reduction assists with carbon reduction
<b>Wards</b>	Isabella

## **Delegated Decision**

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### **Background Papers:**

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\21\HE Minor Improvements\HE213566D - St Wilfrid's RC Primary, Blyth

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

### **Author and Contact Details**

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## Delegated Decision

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### DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer:** Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:** Proposed 20 MPH Speed Limit at St. Wilfrid's RC Primary School, Blyth

**Consultation:** Not required – NCC policy is to introduce 20 MPH 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 St. Wilfrid's RC Primary School, Blyth

Signature of Director



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**Date**  
07.03.23

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Appendix A - Scheme Plan

