



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

The Sele First School 20 MPH Speed Limit

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

30 January 2023

Purpose of Report

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

Recommendations

It is recommended that the 20 MPH speed limit on the surrounding roads with The Sele 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 near The Sele First School in Hexham.
2. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and school representatives.
3. 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 The Sele 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.

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, which are not currently part of the 20mph zone in Hexham town centre. The measures will consist of new regulatory traffic signs at the gateways of each restriction to indicate the new speed limit.

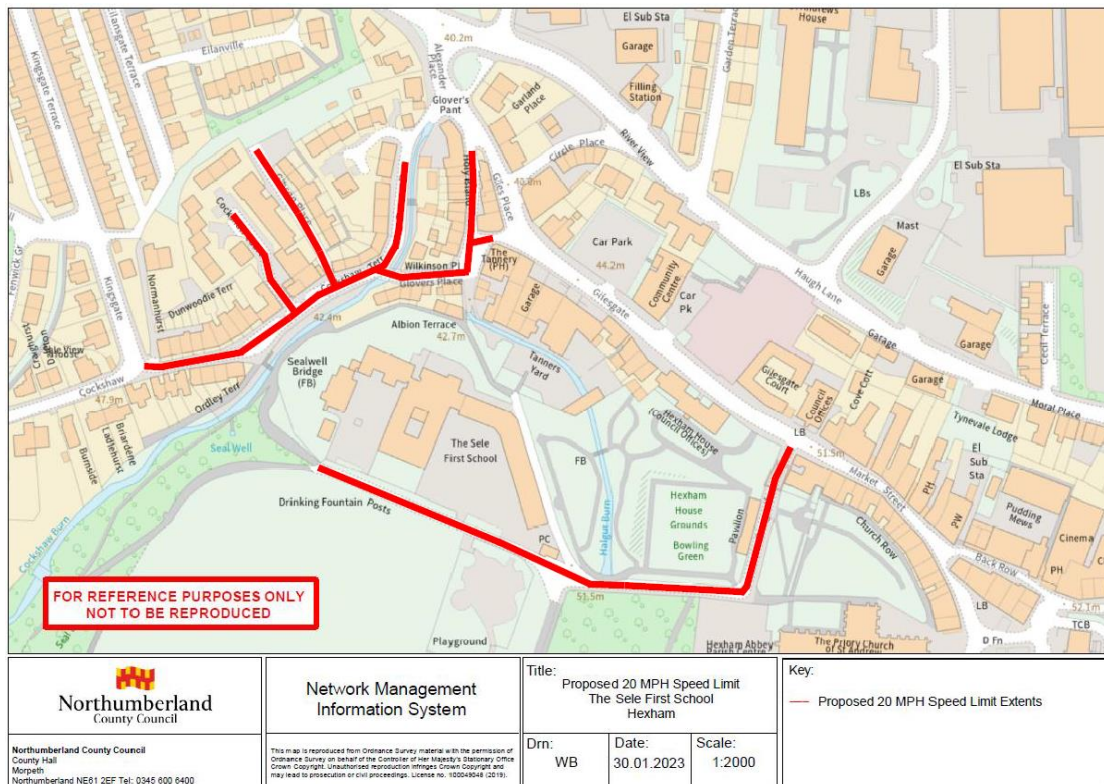


Fig 1: Proposed 20 MPH speed limit extents at The Sele First School, Hexham

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 Local Transport Plan 2022/23 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"/>	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
Wards	Hexham Central with Acomb

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Background Papers:

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed 20 MPH Speed Limit at The Sele First School in Hexham

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 The Sele First School in Hexham

Signature of Director



Date

16.02.23

Appendix A - Scheme Plan

