



# Northumberland

## County Council

### RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

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#### **PROPOSED 30mph SPEED LIMIT, THORNGRAFTON, SCROGGWOOD AND WESTWOOD**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider a proposal to provide a 30mph speed limit in Thorngrafton, Scroggwood and Westwood, near Bardon Mill.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed 30mph speed limit is implemented.

#### **Link to Corporate Plan**

This report is relevant to the following key objectives in the Corporate Plan for 2023-2026:

- 'Tackling Inequalities' - Creating places where there is equity in access to an environment that encourages physical activity and active travel.
- 'Driving Economic Growth' - Introduce measures which make sustainable travel a more attractive, greener, and easy alternative to getting around including cycling and walking.

#### **Key Issues**

- A 30mph speed limit in the hamlets of Thorngrafton, Scroggwood and Westwood was submitted as a priority for the Local Transport Plan Programme by the local ward member.

## Delegated decisions

### Background

1. The Hamlets of Thorngrifton, Scroggwood and Westwood are located in close proximity to each other, to the north of the A69 trunk road at Bardon Mill.
2. Previously the hamlets did not meet the criteria for a reduced speed limit as there were few properties. The roads through them are therefore subject to the national speed limit of 60mph. Over time residential development has increased the number of properties in each settlement to greater than 20, which is the minimum required for a 30mph speed limit.
3. The roads through the village are narrow with no footways. National cycle route 72 (Hadrian's Cycleway) also passes through.
4. Guidance on speed limits set out in "Setting Local Speed Limits" (DfT Circular 01/2013), states that 30mph speed limits should be the norm through villages.
5. Traffic Advisory Leaflet 01/04 (DfT, 2004) sets out policy on achieving lower speed limits in villages. It suggests that reasonable minimum criteria for the definition of what constitutes a village, for the purpose of applying a village speed limit of 30 mph, would be that there were 20 or more houses (on one or both sides of the road) and a minimum length of 600 metres.
6. As stated above, the minimum requirement of 20 individual properties is now met. Due to the short distances between each hamlet (less than 300m), the 30mph speed limit will be continuous throughout, thus avoiding too many frequent changes in speed limit, as recommended by the guidance. The new 30mph limit will also connect directly to the existing 30mph limit in Bardon Mill. The total length of the proposed 30mph speed limit is approximately 2.3km.
7. Statutory consultees were informed of the proposal to implement the 30mph speed limit. No responses were received. A copy of the consultation plan is shown in Appendix A.
8. The local Ward Member is in favour of the proposal.
9. The proposed 30mph speed limit is in accordance with speed limit guidance and is supported by the local Ward Member. It is therefore recommended that it should be implemented.

### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	The proposal is in accordance with relevant guidance.
<b>Finance and value for</b>	The proposal will be funded via the Local Transport Plan Programme.

## Delegated decisions

<b>money</b>	
<b>Legal</b>	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order.
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<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"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	None
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Haydon & Hadrian

### **Background papers:**

File ref: HF234316

### **Report sign off.**

***Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the report:***

	initials
Finance Officer	n/a
Monitoring Officer/Legal	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
I.T.	n/a

## Delegated decisions

Director	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

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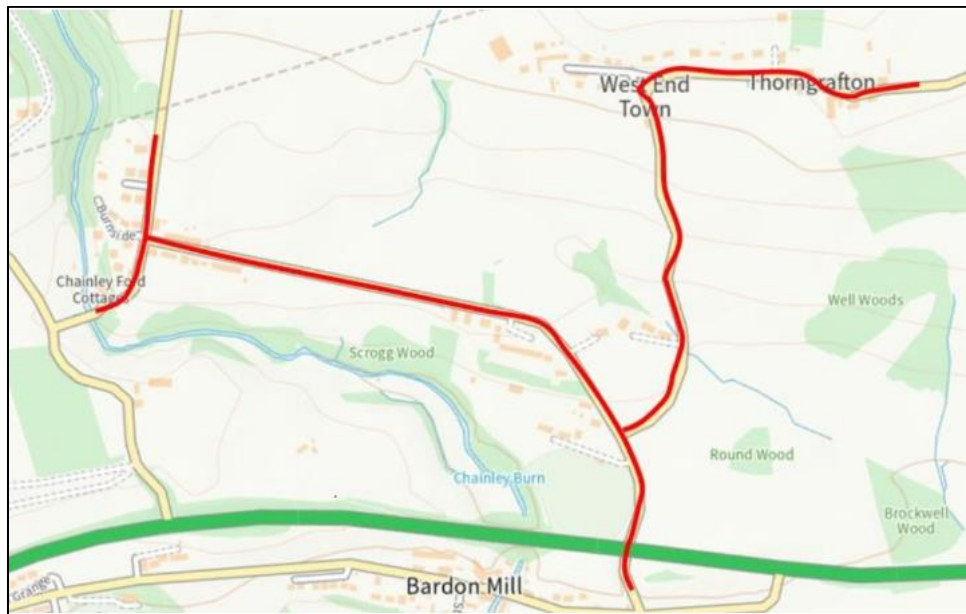
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Delegated decisions

## Appendix A

### Consultation Plan



**Delegated decisions**

**DECISION TAKEN**

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

**Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport**

**Subject:**

**PROPOSED 30mph SPEED LIMIT,  
THORNGRAFTON, SCROGGWOOD &  
WESTWOOD**

**Consultation**

No responses received.

**Decision Taken:**

The proposed 30mph speed limit should be implemented.

Signature of Director



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**Date**

24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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