



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

PROPOSED 30mph SPEED LIMIT, C151 & C152 TRANWELL WOODS

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal to provide a 30mph speed limit on the C151 and C152 roads in Tranwell Woods.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 30mph speed limit is 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

- Mitford Parish Council have raised concerns about traffic speeds in Tranwell Woods and submitted this as a priority for the Local Transport Plan Programme.

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Background

1. Tranwell Woods is a small settlement of approximately 43 dwellings located to the west of Morpeth. It is rural in nature, does not have footways and there is limited streetlighting. Currently there is no speed limit in place so the two through roads are subject to the national speed limit of 60mph.
2. There are, therefore, few visual clues to inform motorists that they are within a residential area where they could encounter vehicles entering/exiting side roads and driveways, as well as pedestrians and cyclists.
3. Mitford Parish Council have raised concerns over traffic speeds in the village and submitted this as a priority for the Local Transport Plan Programme.
4. Speed survey data collected in 2013, 2016 and 2020 recorded average speeds of between 22.6mph and 31.9mph on the C151, and between 28.3mph and 32.1mph on the C152.
5. 85th percentile speeds, used by the Police to determine whether enforcement action is justified, were between 34.34mph and 42.4mph on the C151, and between 35.8mph and 39.6mph on the C152. These are in excess of the enforcement threshold that would apply in a 30mph speed limit area and are therefore considered to be too high for a residential area.
6. Consequently, a scheme to strengthen the entrances to the village by providing 'gateways' is proposed. These 'gateways' will consist of new 30mph speed limit terminal signs and road markings alongside the existing village nameplates.
7. Guidance set out in "Setting Local Speed limits" (DfT 2013), states that 30mph speed limits should be the norm in villages. It suggests that a reasonable minimum criteria for the definition of a village is 20 or more houses over a distance of 600 metres. Tranwell Woods has over 40 dwellings over a road distance of approximately 1,027 metres, so meets these criteria.
8. Statutory consultees were therefore informed of the proposal to introduce a 30mph speed limit. The consultation plan is shown in Figure 1, below. Note the side roads are private and therefore excluded from the proposed speed limit.

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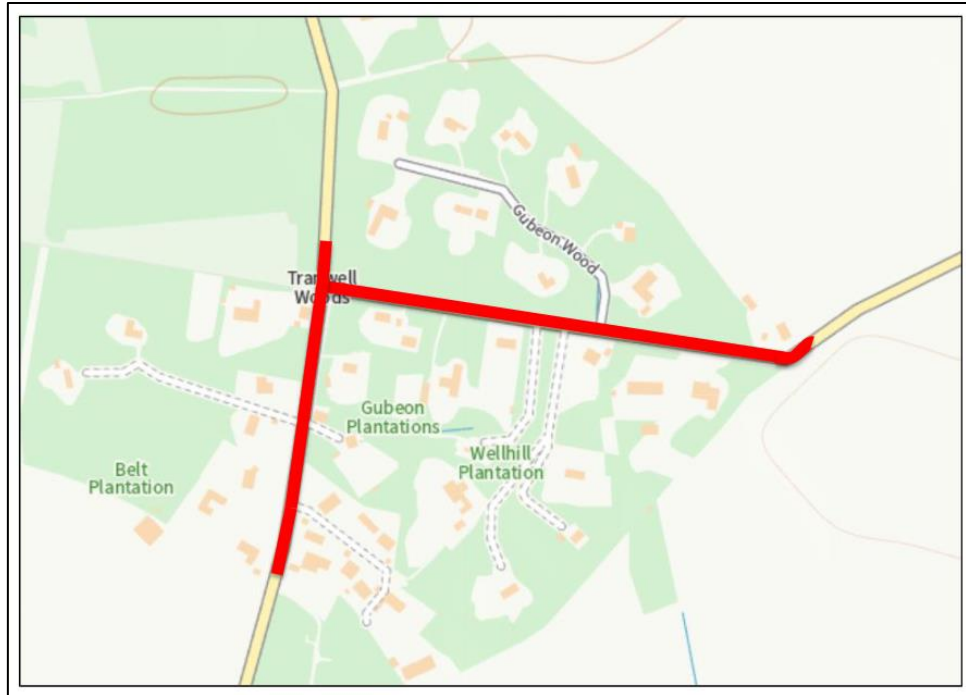


Fig.1 Consultation Plan

9. Only one response was received, which was a standard response from the North East Ambulance Service, however, the local Ward Member and Mitford Parish Council support the proposal.

10. It is therefore recommended that the proposed 30mph speed limit is 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)	None

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Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Longhorsley

Background papers:

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Speed survey ref's TS/13/59 & 60, TS/16/65 & 66, TS/22/130

Report sign off.

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**Title of Officer(s) and
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Subject:

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Consultation

One neutral response.

Decision Taken:

The proposed 30mph speed limit should be implemented.

Signature of Director



Date

26th January 2023
