



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones – Director of Environment and Transport

PROPOSED 30mph SPEED LIMIT, KIRKWHELPINGTON

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal to implement a 30mph speed limit in Kirkwhelpington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 30mph speed limit should be 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

- Kirkwhelpington does not currently have a speed limit, so the default national speed limit applies.
- Kirkwhelpington Parish Council have requested that a 30mph speed limit be provided, as is the norm for most villages.

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Background

1. The village of Kirkwhelpington does not currently have a reduced speed limit and is therefore subject to the national speed limit of 60mph.
2. There is some street lighting provision, but this is limited and is not sufficient to automatically lead to a default 30mph speed limit.
3. Although average speeds within the village are below 30mph, the lack of terminal signs means that motorists entering the village are not clearly informed that they are entering an area where low speeds are appropriate.
4. Guidance set out in “Setting Local Speed Limits” (DfT 2013, Revised 2024), states that 30mph speed limits should be the norm in villages. It goes on to state that the minimum criteria for what constitutes a village should be a minimum of 20 houses and a road length of 600 metres. These criteria are exceeded in Kirkwhelpington.
5. Statutory consultees were therefore consulted on a proposal to provide a 30mph speed limit, as shown on the plan below:



6. Only one response was received, a standard response from the North East Ambulance Service, however, the local ward Member and Kirkwhelpington Parish Council have confirmed their support for the proposal.

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7. It is therefore recommended that the proposed 30mph speed limit should be 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) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Bellingham

Background papers:

File ref: HE243822

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Report sign off.

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

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DECISION TAKEN

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

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

Subject:

**PROPOSED 30mph SPEED LIMIT,
KIRKWHELPINGTON**

Consultation

One neutral response received.

Local Ward Member and Parish Council are in favour.

Decision Taken:

The proposed 30mph speed limit should be
implemented.

Signature of Director



Date

4th October 2024
