



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones – Director of Environment and Transport

PROPOSED 20mph SPEED LIMIT, SOUTHFIELD GARDENS, CRAMLINGTON

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Southfield Gardens in Cramlington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 20mph 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”

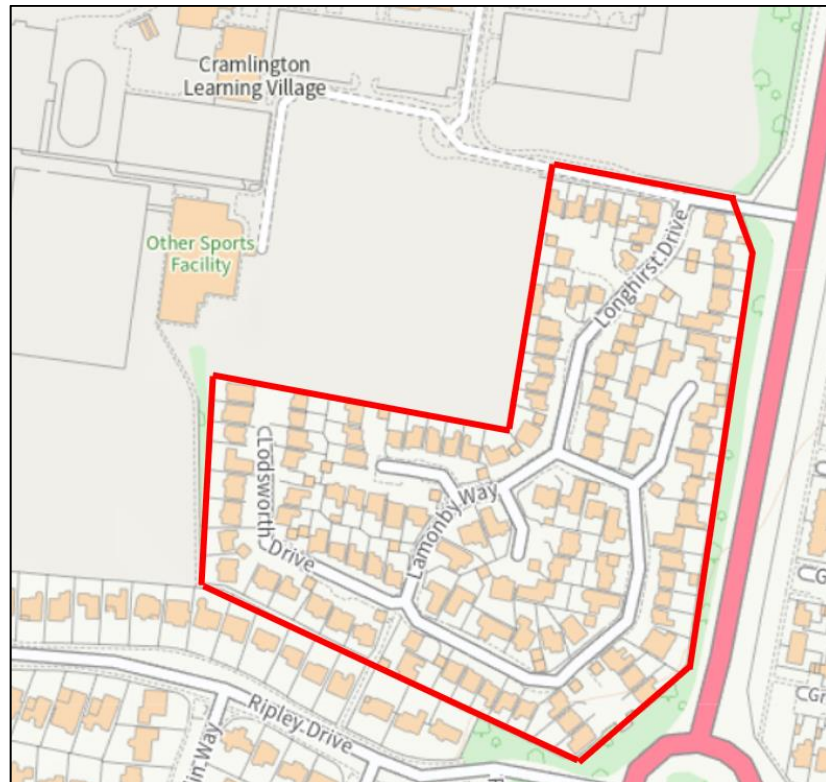
Key Issues

- A 20mph speed limit in Southfield Gardens was submitted as a priority for the Local Transport Plan Programme by the local Ward Member.
- Speed data shows that average speeds in the estate are appropriate for a signed-only 20mph speed limit.

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Background

1. Southfield Gardens is a small residential estate of approximately 112 dwellings located adjacent to Cramlington Learning Village with which it shares an access from Dudley Lane.
2. The local Ward Member submitted the implementation of a 20mph speed limit in the estate as a priority for the Local Transport Plan Programme.
3. Guidance set out in “Setting Local Speed Limits” (DfT 2013), states that *“signed-only 20mph speed limits are appropriate for areas where vehicle speeds are already low. This may, for example, be on roads that are very narrow, through engineering or on-road car parking. If the mean speed is already at or below 24mph on a road, introducing a 20mph limit through signing alone is likely to lead to general compliance with the new speed limit.”*
4. Speed data shows that the average speed in Southfield Gardens is 13.15mph. This is below the suggested threshold of 24mph, suggesting that a 20mph speed limit is likely to be complied with and there will be no disadvantage to motorists. The new limit will, however, strengthen the message to road users that this is an area where they are likely to encounter people on foot, including children.
5. The area subject to the proposed 20mph speed limit is shown in the diagram below. It includes the access road to Cramlington Learning Village which is in line with the Councils policy of introducing 20mph speed limits at schools wherever possible.



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6. Statutory consultees were consulted on the proposal. No responses were received; however, the local Ward Member has confirmed support for the proposal.
7. It is therefore recommended that the proposed 20mph 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	Cramlington Village

Background papers:

File ref: HE243823

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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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Monitoring Officer/Legal	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
I.T.	n/a
Director	
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DECISION TAKEN

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

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

Subject:

**PROPOSED 20mph SPEED LIMIT, SOUTHFIELD
GARDENS, CRAMLINGTON**

Consultation

No responses received.

Local Ward Member is in favour.

Decision Taken:

The proposed 20mph speed limit should be implemented.

Signature of Director



Date

3rd May 2024
