



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

PROPOSED 40mph SPEED LIMIT, U8297 CAUSEY HILL ROAD, HEXHAM

Cabinet Member: Councillor Mark Mather

Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal to implement a 40mph speed limit on Causey Hill Road, Hexham.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 40mph 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

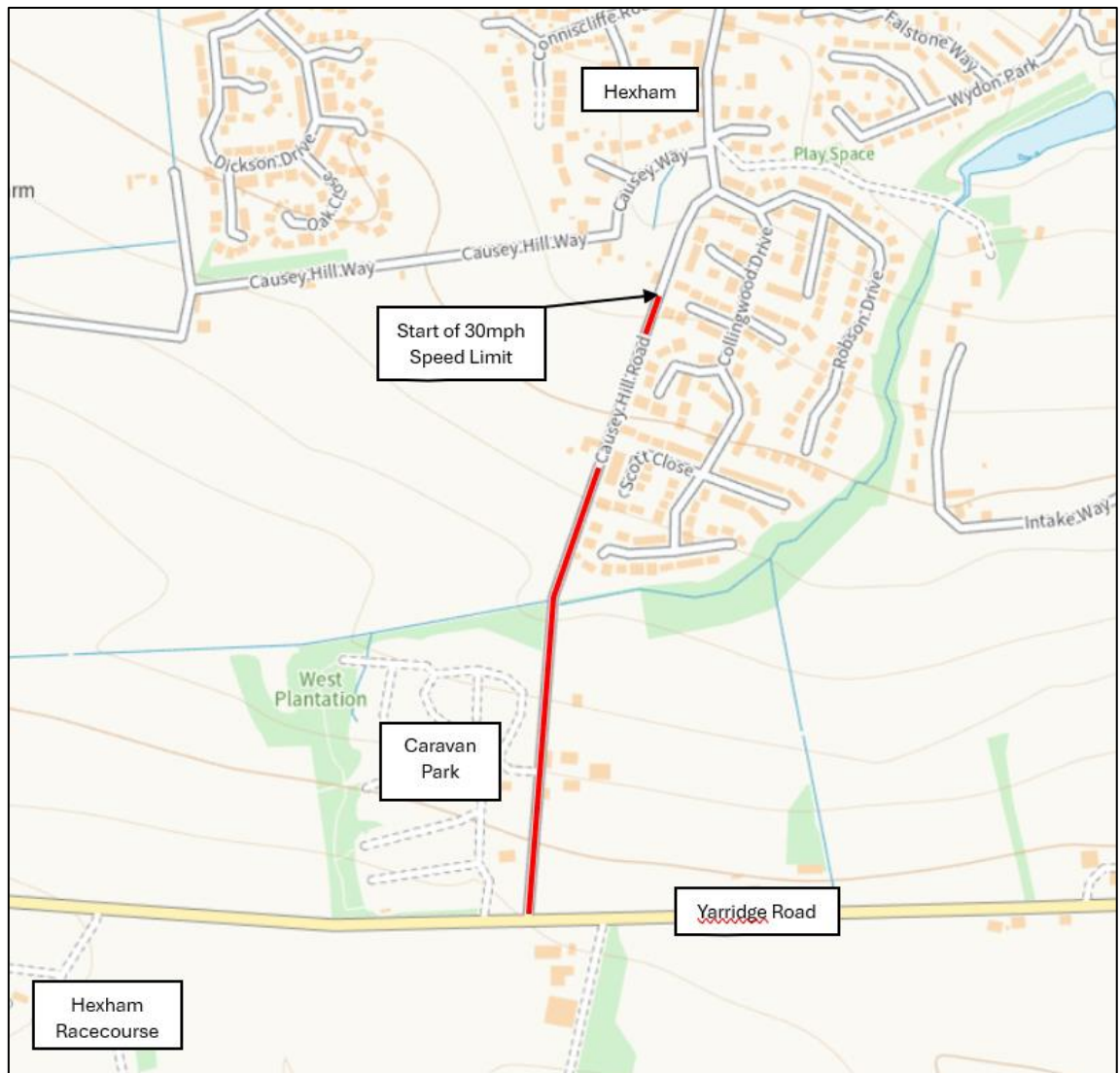
- Concerns about road safety and traffic speeds were raised via a petition that requested traffic calming measures.
- One of the resulting recommended actions was to reduce the speed limit on that part of Causey Hill Road that is currently derestricted, to reduce approach speeds to the built-up area.

Background

1. A petition was considered by the Tynedale Local Area Committee in September 2024 requesting traffic calming on Causey Hill Road in Hexham.

Delegated decisions

2. Causey Hill Road is a busy U class road running north to south from the B6305 Allendale Road at the north to the U8296 Yarridge Road at the south. Its northern section is within the built-up area of Hexham and is subject to a 30mph speed limit.
3. Between the start of the 30mph speed limit and the junction with Yarridge Road, the route is generally open countryside and is currently derestricted. There is a caravan park located at the southern end which generates traffic movements in and out of the town. Hexham Racecourse is located a short distance to the west on Yarridge Road, and additional traffic is often experienced on Causey Hill Road on race days. These features are shown on the plan below.



4. Following an analysis of speed and accident data, it was established that traffic speeds within the 30mph speed limit were acceptable for a road of this type and character. However, it was recommended that consideration be given to reducing the speed limit on the derestricted section to help slow traffic on the approach to the start of the 30mph area.

Proposal

Delegated decisions

5. Statutory consultees were therefore consulted on a proposal to reduce the speed limit on the derestricted section to 40mph.
6. Only one response was received. This response was in favour of the proposals. A summary of the response is shown in the Appendix.

Recommendation

7. It is considered that the proposed 40mph speed limit will contribute to a reduction in speeds both on the approach to and within the residential area.
8. The proposal is supported by the local Ward Member.
9. It is therefore recommended that the proposed 40mph speed limit should be implemented.

Implications Arising out of the Report

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| 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 Orders. |
| 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 & | None |

Delegated decisions

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| Disorder | |
| Customer Consideration | Statutory consultees have been consulted. |
| Carbon reduction | Reduced speeds may lead to a slight reduction in carbon emissions. |
| Wards | Hexham Central with Acomb. |

Background papers:

File ref: HE253922
Tynedale Local Area Committee Petition Report, September 2024.

Report sign off.

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

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| | initials |
| Finance Officer | n/a |
| Monitoring Officer/Legal | n/a |
| Human Resources | n/a |
| Procurement | n/a |
| I.T. | n/a |
| Director | |
| Portfolio Holder(s) | |

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Appendix

Consultation Response

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| FOR | AGAINST | NEITHER | Other Relevant Comments |

Delegated decisions

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DECISION TAKEN

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

Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport

Subject:

PROPOSED 40mph SPEED LIMIT, U8297 CAUSEY
HILL ROAD, HEXHAM

Consultation

1 response in favour.

Decision Taken:

The proposed 40mph speed limit should be
implemented.

Signature of Director



Date

1st July 2025
