



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

PROPOSED 30mph SPEED LIMIT, DUDDO

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal to provide a 30mph speed limit in Duddo.

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.

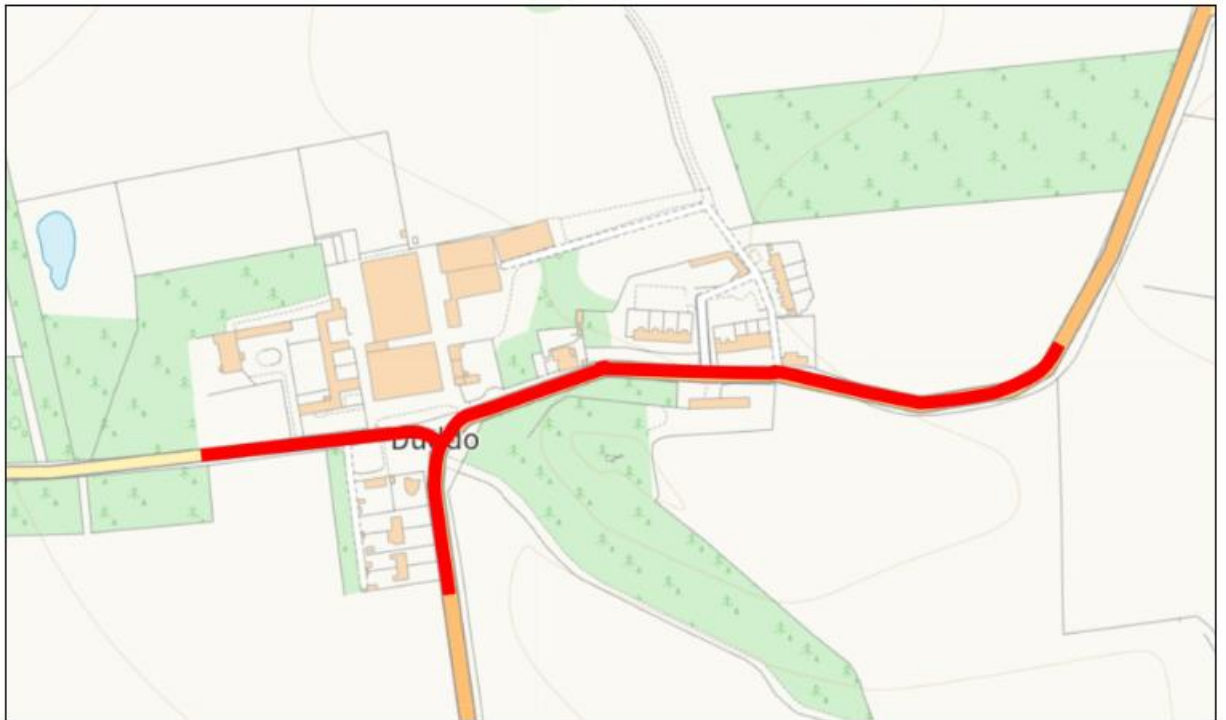
Key Issues

- Road traffic speeds in Duddo were raised as a priority for the Local Transport Plan Programme by Duddo Parish Council.

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Background

1. Concerns over traffic speeds in Duddo were submitted as a priority for the Local Transport Plan by Duddo Parish Council.
2. Duddo is a small village located on the B6354 between The A697 near Wooler and the A1 near Berwick. This location means that it is subject to significant through traffic. The roads in the village are currently subject to the national speed limit of 60mph. Although the road layout, which includes a series of bends, generally leads to lower speeds, the average is above 30mph.
3. Guidance on speed limits set out in “Setting Local Speed Limits” (DfT 2013, revised 2024), states that a 30mph speed limit should be the norm in villages. It goes on to say that reasonable minimum criteria for the definition of what constitutes a village would be 20 or more houses and a minimum length of 600 metres, though this can be reduced to 400 metres to suit local circumstances.
4. A 30mph speed limit is therefore considered appropriate in Duddo because:
 - ∅ 30mph is considered the norm in villages
 - ∅ There are more than 20 houses
 - ∅ The length of the proposed speed limit is approximately 550 metres.
5. Statutory consultees were therefore consulted on the proposed 30mph speed limit. The extent of the proposal is shown in red on the plan below.



6. One response was received. This was from Duddo Parish Council confirming their support. A summary of their response is shown in the Appendix. The local ward member also supports the proposal.

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7. To the north of the village, due to the bends in the road, the new speed limit will begin at a point approximately 200 metres from the first houses. This is so that minimum visibility requirements are met, giving approaching motorists sufficient time to see the terminal signs and reduce their speed.
8. The Parish Council asked that this arrangement be replicated at the other two entrances to the village. However, where the minimum visibility requirement is met, it is not appropriate to extend 30mph speed limits out into open countryside and they should coincide with the start of development. Compliance with the speed limit is more likely where motorists see the terminal signs and development at the same time, reinforcing the visual message for reduced speed.
9. It is therefore recommended that the 30mph speed limit should be implemented as proposed.

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

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Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Norham & Islandshires

Background papers:

File refs: HE25

Report sign off.

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

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

Consultation Response

F O R T	A G A I N F O R M A T I O N	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments

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1		Duddo Parish Council very much welcomes Northumberland County Council's proposal to provide a 30mph speed limit in the village of Duddo. However, they would request that the 30mph speed limit be extended to all points where current village signs are located on the highways, and not just to the North Eastern approach. A number of residents who walk, some with children and dogs, have expressed concerns about fast moving traffic arriving into the village from the West and so slowing the traffic coming into this side of the village from further away would enhance safety.
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DECISION TAKEN

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

Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport

Subject:

PROPOSED 30mph SPEED LIMIT, DUDDO

Consultation

1 response in favour.

Duddo Parish Council and the local Ward Member support the proposal.

Decision Taken:

The proposed 30mph speed limit should be implemented.

Signature of Director



Date

13th January 2025
