



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY
DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**

Paul Jones

**Proposal to extend the existing 30 mph speed limits
and provision of new Pedestrian Crossing Point
A192 Stobhill Morpeth**

2nd February 2017

Purpose of Report

To consider the extension of the 30mph speed limit and the introduction of a new pedestrian crossing point on the A192 Stobhill, Morpeth.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the following are introduced:

1. Amendment of the traffic regulation order pertaining to the 30 mph speed limit, extending the existing length of the limit, east by approximately 170 metres on the A192 Stobhill, Morpeth.
2. The introduction of a new pedestrian crossing point on the A192 Stobhill, Morpeth

Key Issues

1. Safety concerns were raised following the residential development of land south of Stobhill, Morpeth
2. The Scheme is supported by Councillor Ian Lindley
3. A contribution of £2000 to the scheme has been received from Barratt Homes who are responsible for the residential developing adjacent to the A192 Stobhill, Morpeth, the remaining funding will come from the L.T.P.

Background

1. Concerns had been identified to Councillor Lindley and the County Council by local residents
2. Funding was originally to be provided through the Member's Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Lindley. However, the complexity of the proposal expanded to include additional safety features and has subsequently been funded through the LTP. There has also been a voluntary contribution from local developer Barratt Homes.

Consultation

1. A formal consultation did not take place as this proposal is being implemented on traffic safety improvement grounds. The design and implementation process is consistent with the County Council initiative to promote road safety.
2. Support for the proposal is provided by Councillor Lindley.
3. Statutory consultees have been notified.
4. Advertising of the scheme will be carried out via the legal process for the introduction of a new Traffic Regulation Order.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended to extend the 30mph speed limits and to provide a new pedestrian crossing point (including dropped kerbs and tactile paving), together with new gateway signage for Morpeth as detailed in Appendix A.
2. The Council has the power to hold a public inquiry before making any traffic regulation order. Such an inquiry might enable disputed evidence to be tested under cross-examination and the need for an order to be critically examined by an independent inspector. In this particular case, officers believe that the involvement of interested parties, means that such an inquiry is unlikely to bring any fresh information to light and it is therefore recommended that an inquiry is not held.

File References

S:\Highways\PROJECT\15\HF15 Local Safety Schemes\HF152518 - Rural Roads - Signs & Markings\HF152518-19 South of Stobhill Gateway roundabout

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Appendix A – Scheme Plan

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Local Transport Plan and a voluntary contribution from local developer
Legal	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
Procurement	
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	Extension of the 30mph speed limit and the introduction of a new pedestrian crossing point.
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. Speeding traffic
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for residents in the area
Carbon reduction	
Wards	Morpeth Stobhill

Background papers:

None

Report sign off.

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio Holder Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject: Proposed extension of the 30 mph speed limit restriction and introduction a new pedestrian crossing point.

Consultation Not required – proposal supported by Local County Councillor.

Decision Taken: Extend speed restrictions as proposed. Introduce pedestrian crossing point as proposed.

Signature of Director



Date



