



Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones

**PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED RESTRICTION
WANSBECK MANOR, ASHINGTON**

2nd February 2017

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit, restriction on Wansbeck Manor Estate, Ashington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the following restrictions are introduced on Wansbeck Manor Estate, Ashington: 20 mph Speed Limit.

Key Issues

1. This area has been the subject of traffic safety concerns over a period of time i.e. speeding traffic, raising concerns with residents, local Councillor and Town Council.
2. The Scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Mark Purvis

Background

1. Safety concerns have been identified to Councillor Purvis by residents on a number of occasions with regard to speeding traffic in the area.
2. It is proposed to introduce a 20mph speed limit restriction in this area
3. This would help improve traffic safety for the residents and road users of Wansbeck Manor Estate.

Consultation

1. A formal consultation did not take place as this proposal is on traffic safety improvement grounds.
2. Support for the proposal is provided by both Councillor Purvis and Ashington Town Council. (See Appendix B).
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 introduce a 20 mph speed limit restriction on Wansbeck Manor Estate, Ashington, 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 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

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Appendix A – Scheme Plans
Appendix B – Supporting Correspondence

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Mark Purvis
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	Introduction of a 20mph limit restriction
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	College

Background papers:

None

Report sign off.

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

	initials
Finance Officer	
Monitoring Officer/Legal	
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Procurement	
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Director	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

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DECISION TAKEN

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

Subject: Proposed introduction of 20mph speed limit restriction

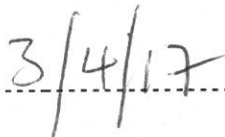
Consultation Not required – proposal supported by Local County Councillor and Town Council.

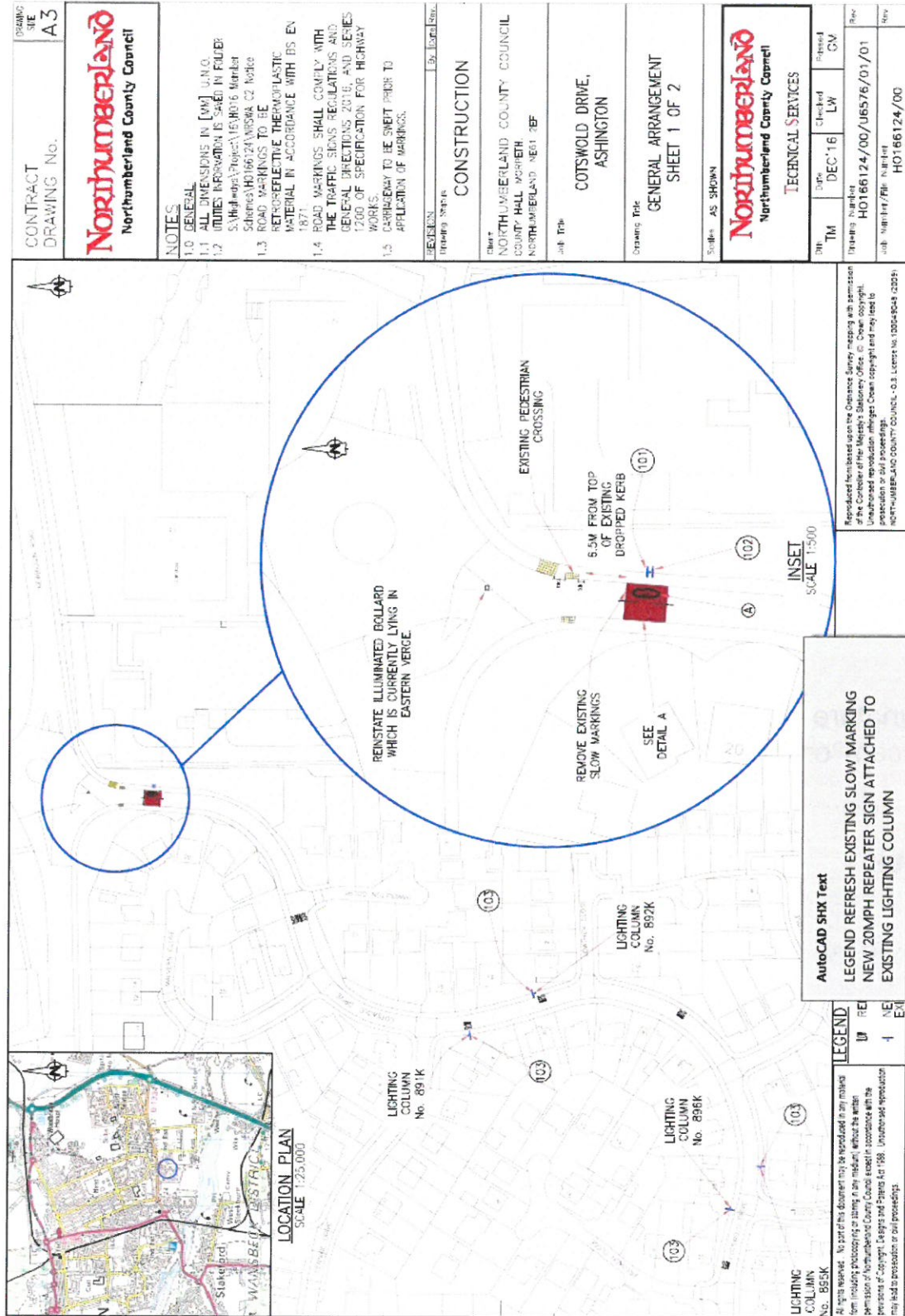
Decision Taken: Introduce speed limit restrictions as proposed.

Signature of Director/
officer/Portfolio Holder



Date





Appendix B



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14 March 2017

For the attention of: Terry Luck – Programme Officer (Member Schemes)

Dear Mr Luck,

Introduction of 20mph Speed Limit
Wansbeck Manor Estate, Ashington

Thank you for your recent correspondence and invitation to comment on the proposal to introduce a 20mph speed restriction on the named streets

From discussion with County Cllr. Mark Purvis the Council is very much aware of the current problem with excessive speed and traffic safety issues on the estate. The Town Council accordingly fully support the scheme proposals to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph in order to alleviate the current concerns.

I understand that the measures to be undertaken, including new 20mph terminal signs, road marking and repeater signs at intervals, are to be funded by Cllr. Purvis from the Member's Local Improvement Programme and that a formal consultation with residents is not required.

I'm aware that Cllr. Purvis and local members are understandably very keen to see this work undertaken at the earliest opportunity; accordingly please ensure that at the comment and full support of the Town Council is properly considered and included in any required Decision Report relating to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Slaughter".

Mike Slaughter
Clerk to Ashington Town Council

