

DELEGATED DECISION

REGENERATION AND LOCAL SERVICES

9th May 2018



TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Report of REGENERATION AND LOCAL SERVICES BRIAN BUCKLEY – STRATEGIC HIGHWAYS MANAGER

Purpose of the Report

To consider the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to create a 20mph Speed Limit Zone on Oakdale Road, Elmdale Road and Beechdale Road, Consett being in the immediate vicinity of Consett Junior School.

Background

Consett Academy has been identified as a scheme within the Schools 20mph Speed Limit Project, following a robust risk assessment undertaken across all schools within the County utilising funding from a Public Health Grant. Due to its close proximity to the Academy, Consett Junior School has also been included.

The intention of the scheme is to introduce an advisory part-time 20mph speed limit on main / distributor roads within the area which will include the Ashdale Road, B6308 Medomsley Road and A691 Villa Real Road.

In addition to the 20mph part-time advisory speed limit on the above roads, it is also proposed to introduce a mandatory 20mph Speed Limit Zone on Oakdale Road, Elmdale Road and Beechdale Road as these roads are already physically traffic calmed by the use of Road Humps.

There is no requirement for a TRO when introducing an advisory part-time 20mph speed limit, but a TRO is a statutory requirement when proposing mandatory 20mph Speed Limits and 20mph Zones.

The reduction in speed limit from 30mph to 20mph within the residential areas has been fully considered in line with the Council's Policy. The proposed introduction of a 20mph speed limit in this location satisfies the Department for Transport's guidance on the setting of local speed limits and therefore meets with the Council's 20mph Speed Limit Policy.

Research has found clear evidence that lower traffic speeds reduce collisions and casualties. Collisions occur less often and, when they do happen, there is less risk of a serious or fatal injury. The introduction of 20mph speed limits bring additional benefits including improvements to health through increased walking and cycling, as well as quality of life and community benefits.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected when making the decision

N/A

Recommendations and reasons

It is recommended that a scheme to introduce a 20mph speed limit is progressed in accordance with Department for Transport guidance and the Council's 20mph Speed Limit Policy.

Decision

It is recommended to progress advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order and subject to satisfactory consultation, proceed to seal the Traffic Regulation Order.

Background Papers

Office folders

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - To be funded by the Schools 20mph project, using Public Health Grant funding.

Staffing – Carried out by Traffic Asset Team

Risk – There may be objections to the scheme following consultation which will need to be considered through the TRO process.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - N/A

Accommodation – N/A

Crime and Disorder – N/A

Human Rights – N/A

Consultation – Informal Consultation undertaken in the period 28th March - 27th April 2018 has been undertaken with Durham Constabulary, the School and Ward Members, who are supportive of the scheme.

Procurement – The Scheme will be delivered by existing DCC Staffing.

Disability Issues N/A

Legal Implications – The Council has the power as the local Highway Authority to introduce 20mph speed limits under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) by making Traffic Regulation Orders.




CONSETT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Nursery School

El Bub Sta

Sports Centre

KEY:
 20mph Zone

Project	THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM (BEECHDALE ROAD, ELM DALE ROAD, OAKDALE ROAD, CONSETT)
Drawing	(20mph Zone) (ORDER 2018)
A4 Landscaps Scale	Project/Drawing No.
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Description Of Amendments	

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