

ASHINGTON AND BLYTH LOCAL AREA COUNCIL

DATE: 13 MARCH 2019

**PETITION - REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING AT LATIMER WAY,
NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA**

Report of the Director of Local Services, Paul Jones

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson, Environment & Local Services

Purpose of report

To respond to the petition received by the Ashington and Blyth Local Area Council regarding residents' concerns about speeding on Latimer Way in Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

Recommendations

It is recommended that speed surveys are undertaken to assess the actual speed of vehicles. Once complete, officers will pass on the survey results to the lead petitioner as well as the local ward member and parish council for information and further discussion if necessary.

Link to Corporate Plan

How - "We want to be efficient, open and work for everyone"

Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"

Connecting - "We want you to have access to the things you need"

Key Issues

1. A petition has been received raising concerns about speeding and requesting the introduction of traffic calming measures and a one way system.
2. Speed surveys to be carried out to assess the actual speed of traffic.
3. It is anticipated that anyone speeding is likely to be a resident given the nature of the street.

Background

On 24th January 2019 the County Council received a petition from the lead petitioner. The petition said that concerned residents of Latimer Way, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, are petitioning for a traffic calming speed hump.

The petition was signed by 53 people and the accompanying note stated that “Residents of Latimer Way, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, have enclosed this petition for speed humps or a one way sign due to kids not being able to play outside due to speeding cars from 24 Latimer Way at the top to 52. Please can you keep our children safe”.

Given the layout of Latimer Way, which lies to the north of Newbiggin on the approach to Woodhorn, on the western side of Woodhorn Road, it is anticipated that the majority of vehicles using Latimer Way and the adjoining Store Farm Road are residents of these streets, therefore, it is likely that any drivers who may be travelling at inappropriate speeds are probably residents or their visitors.



Figure 1 - Map showing layout of Latimer Way / Store Farm Road

Based on the concerns raised in the petition it is recommended that speed surveys are carried out in both Latimer Way and Store Farm Road to assist in determining whether or not there is a speeding problem. Once complete, officers will pass on the survey results to the lead petitioner as well as the local ward member and parish council for information and further discussion if necessary.

Policy	The response to the issues raised in this petition is consistent with LTP Policies.
Finance and value for money	If the speed survey confirms that speeding is a safety concern in this location, then any scheme could either be funded through the Members' Local Improvement Scheme Funds or considered alongside other priorities when developing the 2020/21 LTP programme
Legal	None
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None
Risk Assessment	n/a
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	None
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Newbiggin Central and East

Background papers:

None

Report sign off

	initials
Finance Officer	N/A
Monitoring Officer/Legal	N/A
Human Resources	N/A
Procurement	N/A
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