



## Northumberland County Council

NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL AREA COUNCIL

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PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING ON DERWENTWATER  
TERRACE, SCREMERSTON

**Report of the Director of Local Services and Housing Delivery, Paul Jones**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson, Environment and Local Services**

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### **Purpose of report**

To acknowledge the petition recently received requesting traffic calming on Derwentwater Terrace in Scremerston.

### **Introduction**

1. A petition of 70 signatures has been received requesting traffic calming on Derwentwater Terrace in Scremerston.
2. The petition states: "*We would like to request that traffic calming speed ramps be installed along the U62 between its junction with the U59 in Scremerston and Berwick Rugby Club.*"

*The reasons for this are as follows:*

*Traffic is heavy especially on match days at Berwick Rugby Club and when private functions are held there.*

*Drivers often travel at excessive speeds.*

*The U62 is much used by dog walkers and children walking to school.*

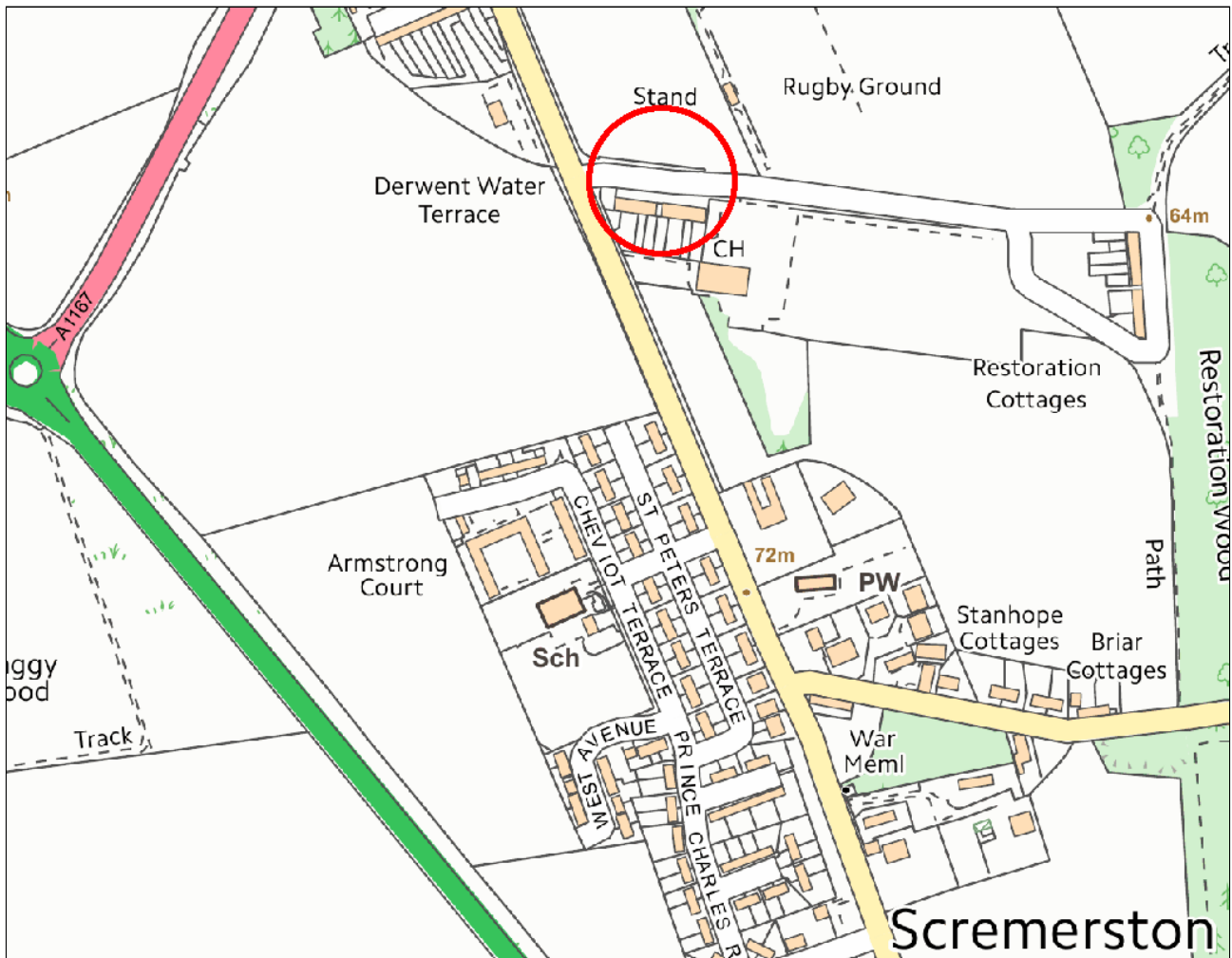
*Two families living in Derwentwater Terrace, which is situated on the U62 between the U59 and the Rugby Club, have children with disabilities which makes their actions unpredictable and occasionally difficult to control on the pavement.*

Children are often playing after school and during holidays, running around, riding bikes and scooters.

*We fear for children's safety. We want to act now, before an accident happens."*

## **Background**

4. Derwentwater Terrace is a short street of 10 houses. All the houses are located on the south side of the road, with garages and parking areas located on the north side. It leads to the adjacent rugby club then on to Restoration Cottages. It's location is shown in Figure 1.



**Fig.1. Derwentwater Terrace Location Plan.**

5. Only the section of road adjacent to Derwentwater Terrace is adopted highway. Beyond the terrace the road is private, though the public are permitted on foot as it also carries a public footpath.
6. The road is wide, generally around 8 metres, with a footway on one side adjacent to the houses. Although vehicles do park at the roadside, its width means that, upon entering the street, drivers can see ahead to the open countryside and the rugby fields, which may encourage higher traffic speeds. This aspect is shown in Figure 2.



**Fig.2. Looking East towards the rugby club.**

7. In addition, the junction with the U59 (the main road into Scremerston) is wide which means traffic does not have to slow down significantly before entering the terrace.
8. Berwick Rugby Club is immediately adjacent to Derwentwater Terrace. Matches are played on a regular basis and the club also hosts various functions throughout the year. This generates a significant amount of visiting traffic.
9. No speed survey data exists in this location. It is recommended that a speed survey is carried out to help inform any decision on potential traffic calming.

### **Potential Solutions**

10. The petition calls for the Council to install “...*traffic calming speed ramps*...” in order to reduce traffic speeds.
11. Physical traffic calming measures such as this can be provided either as full-width speed humps, or speed cushions which allow passage by large vehicles which may otherwise become grounded on full-width humps. This may be important if coaches need to access the Rugby Club.

12. Alternatively, chicanes or build-outs could be provided to deflect vehicles away from the current straight line and reduce the road width at certain points. This could include a 'give way to oncoming vehicles' system.

13. 'Quick-sett' style rumble strips could also be considered. However, experience has demonstrated the noise created is likely to be unpopular in a residential street.

14. Some examples of these different types of traffic calming are shown in Figure 3.



**Figure 3. Examples of Traffic Calming Measures**

15. As well as considering the potential measures described above, it is also recommended that changes to the geometry of the junction with the U59 are considered as a further way of addressing traffic speeds.

## **Recommendations**

- 1) The Local Area Council notes the issues raised in the petition.
- 2) A speed survey be carried out to help inform consideration of traffic calming measures.
- 3) A number of different options for potential traffic calming measures be set out for consideration by residents and the Rugby Club.
- 4) The agreed measure(s) be considered as part of the Local Transport Plan Programme.

## **Implications**

<b>Policy</b>	The response to the issues raised in this petition is consistent with LTP Policies.
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Local Transport Plan funding will be required to implement any traffic calming measures.
<b>Legal</b>	None
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	None
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Residents and statutory consultees will be consulted on any proposed measures.

<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Berwick East

**Background papers:**

None

**Report sign off**

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