



Northumberland

County Council

CASTLE MORPETH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 10TH JULY 2023

PETITION – ADDRESS SPEEDING BETWEEN JAMESON ESTATE (OLD POLICE HQ SITE) AND GRANGE LEA CARE HOME ON NORTH ROAD, PONTELAND

Report of: John Riddle, Cabinet Member for Improving our Roads and Highways

Lead officer: Paul Jones, Director of Environment and Transport

Purpose of report

To respond to the e petition which closed on 12th April 2023 regarding a request to address speeding between Jameson Estate (Old Police HQ Site) and Grange Lea Care Home, on North Road, Ponteland.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee note the content of this report and support the actions proposed.

Link to Corporate Plan

Driving Economic Growth - Maintain the high standards of vital local services ensuring the natural and physical environments our residents live in, are active in and visit, are accessible, clean, tidy and safe. A transport network that is well maintained and connects people and business.

Key Issues

1. An e petition has been received, requesting that the issue of excessive speeding between the Jameson Estate (old Police HQ) and Grange Lea Care Home on North Road, Ponteland is addressed.
2. 30mph speed limit was extended in June 2017 following a request by Highways Development Management due to the successful planning application for the Jameson Estate.
3. Section 106 works have been completed on North Road, this included the introduction of three pedestrian refuges, and footpath widening where appropriate.

4. Jameson Estate residents have set up this e-petition in the hope that the County Council will address speeding concerns along this road as a matter of greater urgency and appreciate the local feeling on this issue.
5. This online petition has been signed by 183 signatories.
6. Speed surveys undertaken between 28th October 2022 and 3rd November 2022 met the necessary criteria for enforcement.
7. The Road Safety Unit of Northumbria Police have been made aware of these current concerns of speeding on North Road and the location has already been added to the Operation Modero database. The police will be assessing the site in due course and we will work with them to identify an appropriate enforcement strategy moving forward.
8. According to accident data from Northumbria Police there have been no personal injury collision in the previous five years within the section of North Road where the 30mph speed limit was extended in 2017.
9. Accident data does not include any damage only incidents or near misses which may have occurred.

Background

The Petition

The County Council has received a 183 name petition stating that :-

“Residents of Jameson Estate are calling for urgent action by the Local Highways Authority to address the serious issue of speeding along the C358 between Jameson Estate (old Police HQ site) and Grange Lea Care Home on North Road in Ponteland.

Following several complaints, the County Council’s Highways Improvements Team undertook a series of speed surveys between 28th October 2022 and 3rd November 2022. The results of these surveys met the criteria required by the Northumbria Safety Roads Initiative for consideration for additional enforcement measures.

The 85th percentiles for Northbound traffic were 39.1mph and 36.4mph for Southbound traffic. These results were thereafter forwarded to the Northumbria Safer Roads Initiative.

Jameson Residents have set up this e-petition in the hope that the County Council will address speeding concerns along this road as a matter of greater urgency and appreciate the local feeling on this issue.”

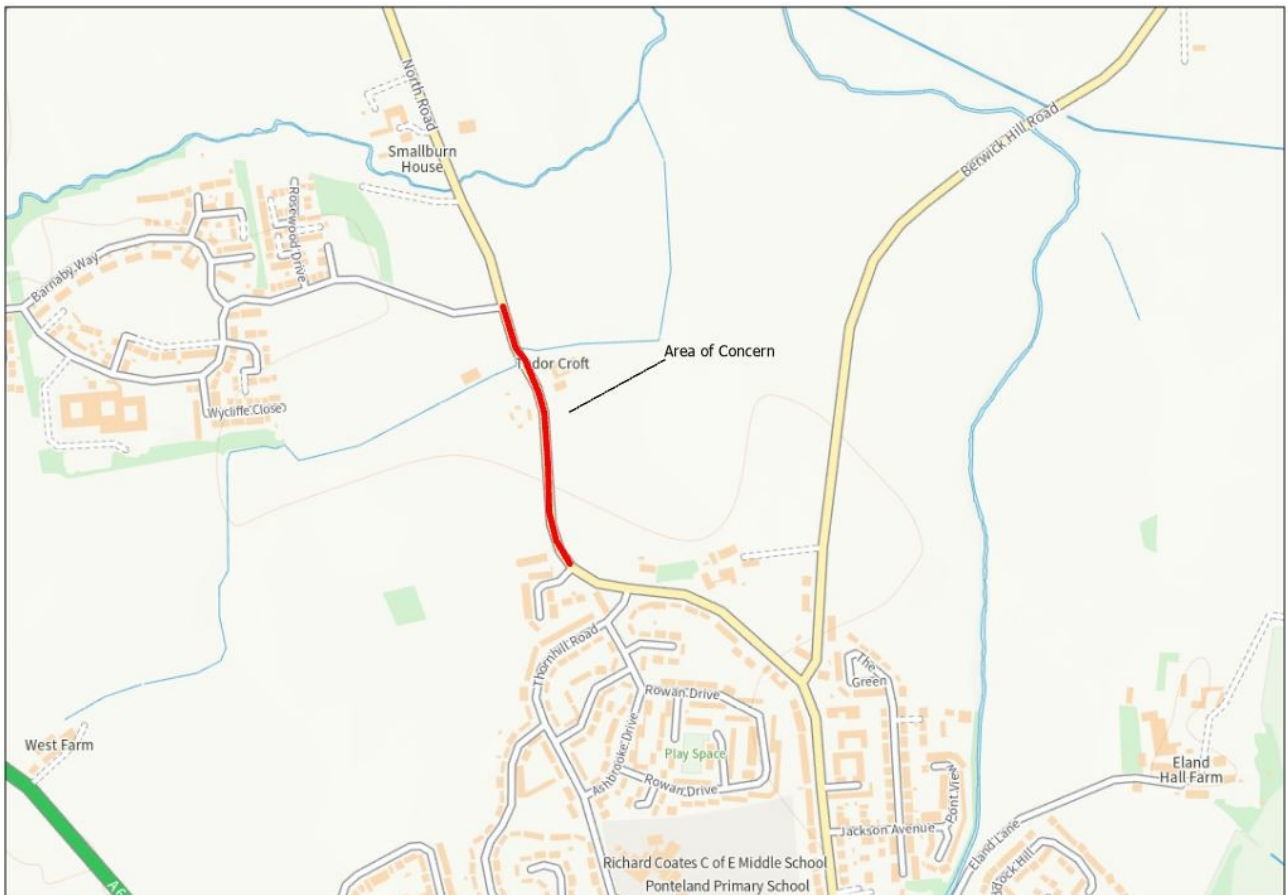
Initial Comments

Despite the completion of Section 106 works (which included footpath widening where appropriate, the introduction of three pedestrian refuges, and the introduction of new 30mph gateway signs) associated with the new housing development, it is clear that there

is an issue with excessive vehicle speeds. As this is a traffic movement offence, enforcement is the responsibility of Northumbria Police.

The Road Safety Unit of Northumbria Police have been made aware of these current concerns of speeding on North Road and the location has already been added to the Operation Modero database. The police will be assessing the site in due course and hope to identify an appropriate solution to this problem moving forward.

It should also be noted that we are aware of Ponteland Town Council's intention to introduce a Speed Indicator Display sign on this section of North Road to encourage motorists driving at excessive speed to slow down.



Location plan highlighting area of concern identified in petition



Image travelling southbound showing beginning of 30mph speed limit north of Jameson Estate

Speed Surveys

The latest speed surveys were completed in November 2022, and as the petition states it is clear there is an issue with excessive vehicle speeds. A detailed summary of the survey results is attached as Appendix A, but for ease of reference are briefly summarised as follows:-

For northbound traffic, there was an average 1807 vehicles per day, average speed was recorded to be 34.4mph, with an 85th percentile of 39.1mph.

For southbound traffic, there was an average 1792 vehicles per day, average speed was recorded to be 31mph, with an 85th percentile of 36.4mph.

For information, the 85th percentile is that speed or less at which 85% of vehicles are travelling. The remaining 15% of vehicles are travelling at that speed or more. In order for enforcement of the speed limit to be carried out, the 85th percentile needs to be 35mph (within a 30mph speed limit).

Accident data

According to accident data from Northumbria Police (which does not include any damage only incidents or near misses which may have occurred) there have been no personal

injury collision in the previous five years within the section of North Road where the 30mph speed limit was extended in 2017.

Proposed Actions

While we sympathise with the concerns raised in the petition we believe the speed limit at the location to be appropriate and therefore the first course of action is to consider speed limit enforcement through Northumbria Police. The Road Safety Unit have been made aware of these current concerns of speeding on North Road and the location has already been added to the Operation Modero database. The police will be assessing the site in due course and we will work with them to identify an appropriate enforcement strategy. We also note Ponteland Town Council's intention to introduce a Speed Indicator Display sign on this section of North Road to encourage motorists driving at excessive speed to slow down. Following a period of enforcement and further to the potential erection of the Speed Indicator Device sign, we would carry out further speed surveys to see what impact these measures have had and at that point determine if any further road safety measures are necessary.

Implications

Policy	The response to the issues raised in this petition is consistent with LTP Policies.
Finance and value for money	None
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 &	Motorists need to comply with the 30mph speed limit already in place.
Customer Consideration	Petition raises concerns regarding speeding along this route.
Carbon reduction	n/a
Wards	Ponteland North

Appendix Index

Appendix A – Summary of speed survey data

Background papers:

None

Report sign off

	Full Name of Officer
Monitoring Officer/Legal	N/A
Executive Director of Finance & S151 Officer	N/A
Relevant Executive Director	Simon Neilson
Chief Executive	N/A
Portfolio Holder(s)	John Riddle

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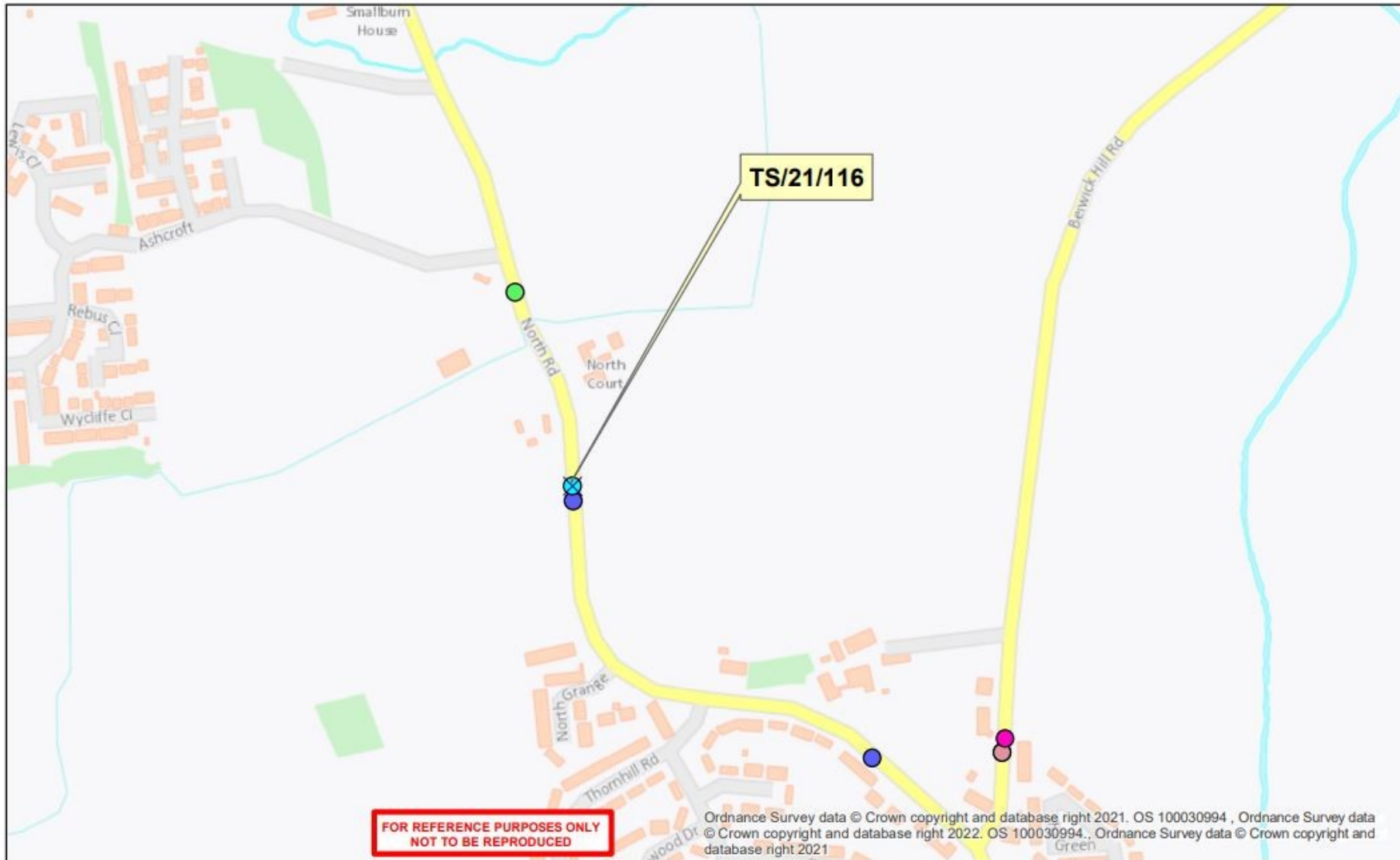
Neil Snowdon – Principal Programme Officer (Highways Improvement Team)

Southbound

Time	Total	Vpp 85	Mean	SD	Vbin 6 12	Vbin 12 19	Vbin 19 25	Vbin 25 31	Vbin 31 37	Vbin 37 43	Vbin 43 50	Vbin 50 56	Vbin 56 62	Vbin 62 68	Vbin 68 75	Vbin 75 81	Vbin 81 87	Vbin 87 93	Vbin 93 99
0	8	-	33.4	5	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
100	4	-	31.7	4.6	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
200	4	-	34.3	5.4	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
300	4	-	31.9	8.7	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
400	6	-	34.3	6.1	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
500	8	-	35.3	6.3	0	0	0	2	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
600	15	37.6	32.8	6	0	0	1	4	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
700	51	38.9	32.9	5.9	1	0	1	19	19	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
800	113	37.2	31.9	5	0	1	4	49	43	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
900	153	36.5	31.5	5.3	1	2	5	65	60	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	119	36.4	31.4	5.4	1	2	4	53	45	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1100	130	36	30.6	5.8	2	3	6	58	47	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1200	122	35.5	30.4	5.6	2	2	8	55	44	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1300	133	35.8	30.2	5.9	3	3	10	60	44	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1400	126	36.2	30.7	5.9	1	2	8	58	40	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1500	134	35.7	30.5	5.3	2	2	9	66	43	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1600	167	35.7	30.5	5	1	1	13	82	55	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1700	150	35.2	30.7	4.7	0	1	9	77	50	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1800	124	36.3	30.9	5	1	1	8	62	38	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1900	90	36.5	31.6	5	0	0	6	37	35	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	56	36.4	31.1	5.5	0	0	5	25	19	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2100	36	37.7	31.4	5.5	0	0	3	16	12	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2200	27	37.1	31.8	5.2	0	0	1	14	9	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2300	14	38.2	31.9	6.2	0	0	1	7	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
07-19	1520	36.2	30.9	5.4	16	19	86	705	528	146	19	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06-22	1716	36.2	31	5.4	16	20	100	787	600	168	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06-00	1758	36.3	31	5.4	16	20	102	808	612	173	24	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
00-00	1792	36.4	31	5.4	16	20	103	817	626	180	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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