

As it stands, there are presently no plans to introduce the measures proposed in the consultation.

We are already aware of the desire to introduce a 30mph limit at Laverton and should funding arise this is a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) we will look to pursue.

With regard to the other speed limit proposals, whilst it is understandable that there is a desire for reduced speed limits near all properties, we cannot simply extend/introduce them to include all residential developments. Speed limits are generally introduced where the characteristics, geometry and general environment of a road lead to motorists reducing/moderating their driving behaviour. Where this is not the case the speed limits are not respected and de-value correctly introduced measures elsewhere.

Funding for traffic calming measures and highway improvement schemes is extremely limited following the reduced budgets North Yorkshire County Council now have to operate with. Any improvement scheme proposed would have to achieve a very high priority on the county-wide Integrated Transport (IT) budget to attract any funding. As the IT budget has been severely reduced across the board, it is likely that the only schemes being funded for the foreseeable future are those that are likely to achieve significant casualty-reduction results. Therefore, the absence of any applicable personal injury data, the roads detailed would not be considered a priority for the limited funds available - the worst situations must be dealt with first.

In response to your 20mph speed limit request, this would be considered where speed data evidenced either the criteria for a 20mph speed limit being met (where existing vehicle speeds are at 24mph or less) or where engineering measures could be introduced to reduce vehicle speeds. The correspondence received suggests the parish thinks speeds are higher than this, has the request for speed data loggers been pursued via the Speed Management Protocol process? If not please follow the guidance detailed below:

The Speed Review Process will provide a realistic and appropriate response to address the concerns of individuals, local communities and other road users; to reduce road casualties; to improve compliance with speed limits and thus make the roads of North Yorkshire safer.

In order to consider your request further, please complete the attached form and return to:-

North Yorkshire Police,  
Traffic Bureau,  
PO Box 809,  
York,  
YO31 6DG  
Email: [speedconcerns@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:speedconcerns@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)  
Telephone: Dial 101- Option 2 - Ask for the Traffic Bureau

Once a completed form is received, relevant evidence relating to the speed of vehicles and casualty history will be gathered. The local 95 Alive Partnership representatives will then assess the findings in line with the protocol and report to you the outcome of their investigation, together with any identified actions that the Road Safety Group consider to be appropriate and effective. These may include educational initiatives, temporary matrix sign deployment, engineering or enforcement measures. This is a group response and not that of the North Yorkshire County Council Highways Area Office alone who administer the process on behalf of the Partnership.

NOTE: If you know of other persons who have similar concerns about the same section of road, there is no need for them to submit a duplicate form. One form is sufficient to instigate an investigation. This is a technical process and a petition is not required. The submission of multiple forms for the same location severely reduces the efficiency of the system and creates an unnecessary time delay for completion.

Item 6 of the proposals (provision of a footpath between Kirkby Malzeard and the Cemetery), would require significant investment, at 280m a standard footway would cost approx. £75k. Additional concerns would be the lack of width and the amount of engineering measures required to make good to the verges. Therefore, this is not a scheme NYCC will be considering in the near future.

We shall continue to monitor situation and when funding streams become available look to review the speed limit at Laverton. Whilst I understand this may be disappointing, I trust this clarifies NYCC's position at the present time.

Kind Regards,

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