



Reference: FOI1178

**Request:**

Subject: Road Safety Speed limits Under the freedom of Information Act 2000 I request the following information

Reference the road A193 from Seaton Sluice to Whitley Bay outside the whitley bay caravan site

Having lived in this area for many years the entrance to the caravan site has always been 30mph. in approximately July 2018 the 30mph sign was moved towards the original dual carriageway on the Links following complaints that the sign could not be seen for the trees THIS MADE THE SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE THE CARAVAN SITE 60MPH Between November. 2018 and December the same sign was removed again to the the start of the original dual carriage way. I require an answer to the following questions.

1 why was the sign moved from its original position

Please see attached photograph above which shows the speed restrictions of 60mph in front of the caravan access – a photograph from Google maps in 2012.

As part of interim road safety measures along the A193 the Council reduced the speed limit from 60mph to 30mph relocating the signs from this location to west of the caravan park access

We can confirm the area on Blyth Road at its access with the caravan park has historically been 60 mph. The 30mph signs were relocated last year to incorporate the caravan park access with the 30mph restriction however following further discussions with Northumbria Police the signs returned to their previous position soon after.

However we are currently going through the legal process to extend the 30mph past the access and beyond and hope to implement the restriction in the next 2 month

We trust this information clarifies the position with regards to the speed restriction on the A193

2 Was the first move done legally

Yes

3 if so what was the date of authorisation



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A temporary traffic regulation order was implemented on 19th July 2017 followed up by a permanent one on 30th November 2017

4 what was the name of the authorisation authority

The Council of the Borough of North Tyneside in exercising its powers under Sections 9, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and all other enabling powers, hereby make the following Temporary Variation Order

5 why was the sign moved from the second position

Please see above.

6 was the second move done legally

Yes

7 if so what was the date of authorisation

Please see above.

8 what was the name of the authorisation authority

North Tyneside Council gives notice under Section 82, 83 and 84 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 it proposes to make a Variation Order to carry the North Tyneside (Speed Limits) (Consolidation) Order 2011

9 were the public consulted to increase the speed limit from 30mph to 60mph

Yes

10 what was the response from the police in regard to road safety for children in the caravan site

They were in agreement of the proposals.

11 did the police approve of this increase\*\*

There hasn't been an increase, please see above.

12 was the mayor informed of this increase as she takes a keen interest in road safety

There hasn't been an increase, please see above.

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