

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Environment and Economy**

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>04 June 2018</b>
Subject:	<b>Linwood B1202 and Great Limber A18 - Requests for Speed Limit Reduction</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers requests for the reduction of existing 40 mph speed limits to 30 mph at the above locations, shown at Appendix A. Investigations have indicated that these sites are 'Borderline Cases', as defined within the Council's Speed Limit Policy.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Committee approves the reduction in speed limit at both locations so that the necessary consultation process to bring this into effect may be pursued.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 The County Council's Speed Limit Policy provides a means by which requests for speed limits can be assessed consistently throughout the county. The criteria by which a speed limit may be justified within a village location is based on the number of units of development along a road and the level of limit is determined by the mean speed of traffic travelling along it.

- 1.2 However, having carried out an assessment, a Borderline Case may be identified and is defined within the policy at 4.1 and 4.2 as follows:

*4.1 During the assessment process, at locations where the length and number of development units fronting the road under review is within 20% of that required, then this is classed as a Borderline Case.*

*4.2 At locations where the mean speed data falls within +/- 3mph of Table 3 (Mean Speeds), then this is classed as a Borderline Case.*

Where the above applies a report is submitted to the Planning and Regulation Committee for consideration.

- 1.3 In the case of both Linwood and Great Limber a 40 mph speed limit is already in place and it will therefore be the results of speed surveys which identify them as Borderline Cases.

## 2. Existing Conditions

- 2.1 Linwood B1202: A 40 mph speed limit is currently in force as shown at Appendix B. Speed survey equipment at the two locations shown measured mean speeds of 31 and 35 mph. Reported injury accidents over the last 5 years amount to 1 serious and 7 slight incidents.
- 2.2 Great Limber A18: A 40 mph limit is currently in force as shown at Appendix C. Speed survey equipment was installed at the three locations indicated as shown which measured mean speeds at 36 and 35 mph around the centre of the village, and 38 mph further eastwards on leaving the village. There have been 6 reported injury accidents over the last 5 years, 4 of which were slight and two serious.

## 3. Proposals

- 3.1 At Linwood the average mean traffic speed lies within 3 mph of the level required to justify a 30 mph speed limit, as specified in Table 3 from the policy:

**Table 3**

Mean Speed	Limit
< 33 mph	30 mph
33 - 43 mph	40 mph
< 43 mph	50 mph

It can therefore be considered as a Borderline Case and the Committee may approve the initiation of the speed limit order process by which the existing 40 mph speed limit can be reduced to 30 mph. A plan indicating the extent of the 30 mph limit suggested is shown at Appendix D.

- 3.2 The local Member for the area is in full support of this speed limit reduction.
- 3.3 At the A18 through Great Limber, mean speeds measured near the village centre lie within 3 mph of the level required to justify a 30 mph speed limit as specified in Table 3 above, and again may be considered as a Borderline Case requiring the approval of this Committee. A plan indicating the suggested extent of the existing 40 mph limit to be reduced to 30 mph is shown at Appendix E.

The Local Member supports a speed limit reduction but has concerns that a lower limit may encourage on street parking.

## **Conclusion**

Under the normal criteria set out in the Council's Speed Limit Policy these two locations would not be considered eligible for a reduction in speed limit. As Borderline Cases however the Planning and Regulation Committee can approve a departure from the criteria where appropriate.

## **Consultation**

**a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out??**

**b) Risks and Impact Analysis**

## **Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Linwood B1202 and Great Limber A18 - Requests for speed limit reduction.
Appendix B	Linwood B1202: Existing conditions.
Appendix C	Great Limber A18: Existing conditions.
Appendix D	Linwood B1202: Suggested extent of speed limit reduction.
Appendix E	Great Limber A18: Suggested extent of speed limit reduction.

## **Background Papers**

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