



Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director of Place

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	09 May 2023
Subject:	A1175, Deeping St Nicholas - Proposed 30mph Speed Limit

Summary:

This report considers investigations into a reduction in the level of speed limit through the village of Deeping St Nicholas. Surveys indicate that this site may be considered a borderline case, as defined within the council's speed limit policy.

Recommendation(s):

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

Background

Requests have been received from residents of Deeping St Nicholas for the 40mph speed limit through the village to the north of the existing 30mph limit to be reduced to 30mph. At this location a 40mph speed limit is already in place, and it will therefore be the results of speed surveys which identify if the limit can be reduced. Speed surveys completed at the 3 sites identified at Appendix B measured mean speeds of 33mph, close to the existing 30mph speed limit terminal point, 35mph within the central area of the existing 40mph limit, and 37mph further north towards the existing 50mph limit.

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 the level of speed limit on a road is determined is confirmed by the mean speed of traffic travelling along it. Having carried out an assessment, a Borderline Case may be identified and is defined within the policy at 4.2 as follows:

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.

A mean speed of 35mph may be considered as a borderline case as it lies within 3mph of the level required to justify a 30mph 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

Considering the speed survey results overall at this location it is proposed to retain the 40mph limit at the northern end of the village but reduce it to 30mph on the remaining length on the basis that the criteria for a borderline case are met along this stretch. Therefore, subject to the approval of this Committee the process by which the current 40mph speed may be reduced to 30mph as shown at Appendix B may be initiated.

For information, there have been two personal injury collisions reported on this route during the last five years, one close to the start of the 50mph limit and the other within the existing 40mph limit where the 30mph limit extension is proposed.

Conclusion

Under the normal criteria set out in the speed limit policy the 40mph speed limit would remain for the majority of its current length. However, as a borderline case the Planning and Regulation Committee may approve a departure from the criteria where appropriate and agree the pursuit of a reduction to a 30mph limit for the extent proposed.

Consultation

Not required at this stage. The local Member and Parish Council support the proposal.

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out.

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Site location
Appendix B	Proposed extension to existing 30mph speed limit

Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Correspondence; Speed limit policy	Available on request

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