



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	09 May 2023
Subject:	Market Deeping, Stamford Road and Millfield Road – proposed 30mph speed limit

Summary:

This report considers a reduction of the existing 60mph speed limit on the above roads to 30mph. Investigations have indicated that Stamford Road may be considered a 'Borderline Case', as defined in the Council's speed limit policy.

Recommendation(s):

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

Background

Following a request from the local Member for a review of the existing 60mph speed limit at Stamford Road, investigations have been carried out to determine if a new speed limit can be justified in accordance with our speed limit policy. The criteria relating to density of development has been met and two speed surveys have been completed to determine the mean speed of traffic here and on Millfield Road, and therefore the level of limit which may be imposed.

The mean speed measured at Millfield Road adjacent to frontage development was 24mph so the criteria for a 30mph speed limit is met at this location. On Stamford Road however the mean speed was 34mph.

In accordance with the County Council's Speed Limit Policy a Borderline Case may be identified and is defined 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.

Table 3

Mean Speed	Limit
< 33 mph	30 mph
33 – 43 mph	40 mph
>43 mph	50 mph

Stamford Road may therefore be considered a Borderline Case and the Committee may approve the initiation of the speed limit order process to reduce the current 60mph speed limit here to 30mph as shown at Appendix B. There has been one reported injury accident in this area during the last five years.

Conclusion

The Planning and Regulation Committee may approve a departure from the criteria set out in the speed limit policy where a borderline case has been identified, and therefore may agree to a reduction to a 30mph limit at this location. It is anticipated that the speed of traffic exiting the roundabout to the west will be reduced if the speed limit proposed is introduced and road safety will be improved as a result.

Consultation

No formal consultation is required at this stage.

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	Detail of proposed 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
Speed limit policy; Speed survey results; correspondence.	Available on request

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