



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	3 July 2023
Subject:	Woodhall Spa, B1191 Witham Rd - Proposed extension to 30mph speed limit

Summary:
This report considers an extension of the 30mph speed limit on the B1191 through Woodhall Spa to replace the existing 40mph limit. Investigations have indicated 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 30mph speed limit extension as proposed so that the necessary consultation process to bring it into effect may be pursued.

Background

Following a request from Woodhall Spa Parish Council for the existing 40mph speed limit on the B1191 to the west of the village to be reviewed, speed surveys have been carried out to determine if a reduction to 30mph along this stretch can be justified against the speed limit policy. The level of limit to be imposed will be determined by the mean speed of traffic and its correlation to Table 3 of the policy:

Table 3

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

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.

As shown at Appendix B, the mean speed established at Location 1 is 36.5mph which, in accordance with Table 3, confirms that the existing 40mph limit is the correct level of limit along this section. At Locations 2 and 3 however the mean speeds have been measured at 33.7mph. As this lies within 3mph of the level required to justify a 30mph speed limit, this section of Witham Road may be considered a Borderline Case and the Committee may approve the initiation of the speed limit order process to reduce the current 40mph speed limit to 30mph, for the extent shown at Appendix B.

Along the route under consideration, there has been one reported injury accident within the proposed 30mph speed limit extension 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 an extension of the 30mph limit along this section of the B1191. Frontage development is present throughout, with new residential development having been completed on the south side of Witham Rd over the last few years.

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 survey data and 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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