



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	4 September 2023
Subject:	Louth, Legbourne Road – proposed extension to 30mph speed limit.

Summary:

This report considers a request for a reduction to the existing 40mph speed limit on Legbourne Road to 30mph. Investigations have indicated that a reduction in speed limit at this location may be considered as a 'Borderline Case', as defined within the Council's Speed Limit Policy.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee approves the extension of the 30mph speed limit proposed so that the necessary consultation process to bring it into effect may be pursued.

Background

Following a request from Louth Town Council for a review of the 40mph speed limit on Legbourne Road, investigations and a speed survey have been carried out to determine if a reduction in the level of limit 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 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.

The mean speed established via a speed survey carried out at the location shown at Appendix B is 34mph. As this lies within 3mph of the level required to justify a 30mph speed limit, the site 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 length shown at Appendix B.

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 at this location. It is anticipated that road safety along this section of the B1200 will be improved should this new speed limit be introduced.

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 extension

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 result; correspondence.	Available on request

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