



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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>08 January 2024</b>
Subject:	<b>Scrub Hill, C613 (Coningsby and Wildmore) - Proposed 40mph speed limit</b>

**Summary:**  
This report considers the outcome of an assessment of the existing 50mph speed limit through Scrub Hill. 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 considers its power of discretion where a borderline case has been identified and therefore may support the reduction of the 50mph speed limit to 40mph at Scrub Hill, so that the necessary consultation process to bring it into effect may begin.

**Background**

A request has been received from the Parish Council and Local Member for the speed limits along the route between Coningsby and Dogdyke then eastwards to New York to be reviewed. An existing 50mph speed limit is in place through Scrub Hill, and it will be the mean speed of traffic here which will determine if this limit may be reduced.

The mean speed through Scrub Hill has been measured as 46mph and in accordance with the policy, a borderline case may be identified and is defined 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

The Committee may therefore approve the initiation of the speed limit order process whereby the existing 50mph speed limit can be reduced to 40mph, as shown at Appendix A.

## Conclusion

Under the normal criteria set out in the Council's speed limit policy this location would not be considered eligible for a reduction in speed limit. As a borderline case however the Planning and Regulation Committee may use its discretion to approve a departure from the criteria where appropriate.

## Consultation

No formal consultation is required at this stage. The local Member is in support of the proposal.

## Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out

## Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Site location and detail of proposed 40mph 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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