

Regulatory and Other Committee

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Environment and Economy

Report to:	Planning and Regulations Committee
Date:	6 June 2016
Subject:	A607 Cliff Road, Fulbeck – Introduction of 30mph speed limit along Cliff Road, Fulbeck.

Summary:

The purpose of this Report is to inform the Committee that, as required under the revised Speed Limit Policy, a prior approval should have been obtained to start consultation with regard to the introduction of 30mph speed limit along Cliff Road, Fulbeck for the extent of the existing 40mph speed limit. The officers are sorry for this oversight and would welcome any comments the Committee Members may have with regard to this proposal.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee agrees that the 30mph speed limit is introduced along Cliff Road, Fulbeck for the extent of the existing 40mph speed limit.

1. Background

1.1 The local residents and the Parish Council have been in contact with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) regarding the proposed amendment of the speed limit on Cliff Road, Fulbeck since August 2006. In accordance with the Speed Limit Policy at the time, LCC concluded that the speed limit set at 40mph (against a recommendation of 50mph) was the appropriate level. It was decided by the Committee that "local opinion should prevail in this instance".

1.2 On 18 February 2010 Fulbeck Parish Council identified noise, vibrations to property and road safety issues (generated by heavy goods vehicles) along this section of the A607.

1.3 The A607 in this location separates the village with the majority of properties including Fulbeck Hall, the Village Hall and the Public House situated on the western side. The playing fields and sports facilities are located on the eastern side of the A607.

1.4 It should be noted that there have been no recorded accidents within the section covered by the existing speed limit since 2004. However, it is considered that the reduction of the speed limit in this area will have some highway safety benefits in terms of public and pedestrian safety. This is especially the case for those using the community sports facilities and playing fields.

1.5 In March 2015 at the Highways and Transport Scrutiny meeting a proposed revision to the current Speed Limit Policy was supported. This was approved in Autumn 2015 and the new Policy was subsequently adopted.

1.6 Following the introduction of the new Speed Limit Policy this location was reassessed taking into account speed limit readings from 2011 and 2014. Two options were considered:

- a) a split 30mph/40mph limit with only the central area as a 30mph. This scores sufficiently to be implemented
- b) a full 30mph limit for the extent of the existing 40mph limit. For this option the site is a borderline case, as the mean speeds were +/- 3mph

1.7 Speed readings taken in October 2014 showed that the mean speed for southbound traffic was 29.4mph and northbound traffic was 28.8mph.

1.8 Taking into account the continuing views of the Parish Council, residents and the local elected member, it was decided to pursue the full 30mph limit throughout the village (option 1.6b) above).

2. Proposal

2.1 To introduce a 30mph speed limit along Cliff Road, Fulbeck for the extent of the existing 40mph speed limit as shown on the Location Plan (Appendix A). This measures approximately 740 metres.

3. Consultations

3.1 The initial statutory consultations for this scheme took place between 13 November 2015 and 18 December 2016 (Appendix B). The local Councillors supported the proposal and it was decided to proceed with the public consultation process.

Councillor Comments:

Cllr. Paul Wood: 'I give my full support to the proposals for the 30mph speed limit in Fulbeck and would like to thank David and Iris Morison and Fulbeck Parish Council for their campaign on this matter.'

4. Objections

4.1 The public consultation process (Appendix C) concluded on 16 February 2016 and no objections were received.

5. Conclusion

5.1 No objections have been received during the consultation period and the proposal attracts support from both the local elected member and the Parish Council. However, this proposal has been put before the Committee for consideration as it is a borderline case and the Committee's approval should have been obtained before undertaking the consultations as required within the new Policy.

5.2 The officers would welcome any comments the Committee Members may have in recommending that this proposal is accepted.

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

Not required.

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Location Plan
Appendix B	Consultation Letter
Appendix C	Public Notice
Appendix D	Photographs

Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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