

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

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| Report to: | <b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>                              |
| Date:      | <b>02 December 2019</b>   |
| Subject:   | <b>A46 Market Rasen - Holton le Moor : Proposed 50mph Speed Limit</b> |

**Summary:**

This report considers objections received to the above proposal.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Committee overrules the objections received and confirms the Order as advertised.

**Background**

1.1 Following a number of reported injury accidents on the A46 and subsequent requests from members of the public for a reduction in speed limit to be considered, investigations and surveys were carried out earlier this year.

**Existing Conditions**

1.2 The A46 between Market Rasen and Nettleton forms junctions with the A1103 and B1434 and passes through Usselby and Holton le Moor where a level crossing is situated. Between Market Rasen and Nettleton the road is subject to the national speed limit, except for a 1.2km section of existing 50mph speed limit at Fir Park. There is insufficient development along this length of the A46 to justify the introduction of a speed limit on those grounds so the area has been assessed as a rural limit where the number of reported accidents and traffic flow are taken into account. The accident rate calculated for the 7.6km length under consideration allows for a limit to be introduced and the level of limit proposed has been determined by the mean speed of traffic.

**Proposal**

1.3 In accordance with the County Council's Speed Limit Policy a 50mph speed limit can be justified from the current termination point of the existing 40mph limit on leaving Market Rasen to a point approximately 350 metres north of Holton le Moor level crossing, as shown at Appendix A.

1.4 The proposal was the subject of statutory consultation in June 2019 and was subsequently advertised from 7 August to 4 September 2019.

### Objections and Comments

1.5 Six objections have been received, most of which relate to the existing 30 and 40mph limits in force travelling out of Market Rasen. It is suggested that the 30mph limit should be extended to replace the existing 40mph limit and that the existing 40 limit should be extended northwards to a point beyond the junction with Skinners Lane. An objection provided by a representative of residents in Holton le Moor requests that the proposed 50mph limit is extended a further 500m to include the crossroads at Gatehouse Road/Stope's Hill.

1.6 The local Member is in support of the proposal as advertised.

### Comments

1.7 Speed readings carried out within the current 40mph limit and approximately 200m further north where the national speed limit applies give mean speeds of 39.3 and 47.9mph respectively. These indicate that the existing 40 limit and proposed 50 limit will be in accordance with the speed limit policy criteria as indicated by Table 4 of the policy shown below.

**Table 4**

| Mean Speed  | Limit  |
|-------------|--------|
| < 33 mph    | 30 mph |
| 33 – 43 mph | 40 mph |
| 44 – 53 mph | 50 mph |
| > 53 mph    | 60 mph |

This being the case fulfilling the requested amendments to reduce the existing 40 limit and extend it further would be in breach of the policy.

The request to extend the proposed 50mph limit by a further 500m is noted. However the intention is to apply the 50mph limit in advance of the section of the A46 through Holton le Moor where there is more development and activity, and where compliance is more likely, rather than extending it into open countryside which may detract from where it will be more relevant.

### Conclusion

2. The County Council's Speed Limit Policy provides a means by which requests for speed limits can be assessed consistently throughout the county. Having met the criteria for a new speed limit to be introduced the level of limit as proposed is in accordance with the policy.

## Consultation

3. The following were consulted with regard to this proposal:  
Police, EMAS, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, West Lindsey District Council, Market Rasen Town Council, Parish Councils at Middle Rasen, Osgodby, Owersby, Holton le Moor and Nettleton, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association and affected bus companies.

**a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out??**

No

**b) Risks and Impact Analysis**

n/a

## Appendices

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| These are listed below and attached at the back of the report |                                    |
| Appendix A  | Plan of proposed 50mph speed limit |

## Background Papers

| Document title                    | Where the document can be viewed |
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| Letters of objection and support. |                                  |

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