

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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	13 January 2020
Subject:	Great Limber A18 - Proposed 30mph Speed Limit

Summary:

This report considers objections received to the statutory consultation for the above proposal, the extent of which is shown at Appendix A.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee overrules the objections and that the proposal is publicly advertised.

1. Background

- 1.1 Following a request from Great Limber Parish Council for the existing 40mph speed limit on the A18 through the village to be reduced to 30mph, three speed surveys were carried out at various locations in October 2017. The plan at Appendix B shows these sites and the mean speed of traffic measured at each.
- 1.2 Sites 1 and 2 indicate levels of 36 and 35 mph whilst Site 3 recorded 38mph. In accordance with the speed limit policy where the mean speed data falls within 3mph of the threshold for a lower limit it will be classed as a borderline case and will be submitted to this Committee for approval to pursue an order for the reduced limit. This applies at Sites 1 and 2 and a paper on this matter was presented to this Committee on 4 June 2018 with a recommendation that the reduction to a 30mph speed limit in accordance with the policy be approved as shown in Appendix B. Site 3 indicates a mean a mean speed beyond the borderline threshold and it was therefore proposed to retain the existing 40mph limit here and at the western end of the village.
- 1.3 The recommendation was approved and a formal consultation process for a 30mph limit to be introduced was initiated in July 2019.

Objections

- 1.4 Three objections have been received to this proposal, including one from the Parish Council.
- 1.5 Each suggests an extension to the proposed 30mph limit further out of the village and also extensions to the existing 40mph limits in both directions.
- 1.6 The Parish council has objected to the extents of the new limit proposed and have requested that it be extended in both directions to include bends in the road alignment, and that the current extents of the 40mph limit be extended further out of the village also. A third objection suggests that these extensions should apply for 2.5km to the east and 0.5km to the west.

Comments

- 1.7 Owing to lack of frontage development on the outskirts of the village and beyond, extensions to the existing 40mph limits have been assessed separately as rural limits as defined in the policy. There have been three reported accidents in total along the lengths 2.5km to the east and 0.5km to the west respectively. However the criteria have not been met and I regret therefore that this request cannot be progressed at this time.
- 1.8 The speed limit policy is designed to promote speed limits in built up areas where more activity on the highway is generated, or in rural areas where accidents have been reported. The majority of drivers adjust their speed in accordance with road conditions and it is for this reason that speed limits are not used to reduce speed at such locations unless they are employed as part of an accident reduction scheme. At Great Limber the bends on the approaches to the village are highlighted to drivers by warning signage, and street lighting is in place on both approaches beyond the existing 40 limit termination points.

2. Conclusion

- 2.1 The 30mph speed limit as proposed is compliant with the policy criteria and the locations of its terminal points on the approaches to the village centre ensure its impact is concentrated at this point.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 Consultation for this proposal included the local Member and District Councillors, the police, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, EMAS, Great Limber Parish Council, West Lindsey District Council, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association, Bus services Stagecoach and Sherwood Travel, Transport Services.

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

No

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

n/a

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Site location plan
Appendix B	Plan of proposed 30 mph speed limit

Background Papers

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Speed survey information and letters of objection.	

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