

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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>6 July 2020</b>
Subject:	<b>Lincoln A15 South Park Avenue - Proposed 30mph Speed Limit Extension</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers a request for the existing 40mph speed limit at South Park Avenue to be reduced to 30mph. 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 approves the reduction in speed limit proposed so that the necessary consultation process to bring the order into effect may be pursued.

**1. Background**

- 1.1 In connection with the new Emergency Services Hub at South Park Avenue, Lincoln a request has been received for the existing 30mph speed limit to be extended to incorporate its new vehicular exits and thereby improve safety for emergency vehicles leaving the site.
- 1.2 South Park Avenue currently forms part of the A15 through the centre of Lincoln. Following completion of the Lincoln Eastern Bypass it will be reclassified as the A1434 and as such will remain as part of the strategic road network.
- 1.3 The County Council's Speed Limit Policy provides a means by which requests for speed limits can be assessed consistently throughout the county. The criteria by which a speed limit may be justified is based on the number of units of development along a road and the level of limit is determined by the mean speed of traffic travelling along it.

Following an assessment of a site however a borderline case may be identified and is defined within the policy at 4.1 and 4.2 as follows:

- 4.1 During the assessment process, at locations where the length and number of development units fronting the road under review is within 20% of that required, then this is classed as a Borderline Case.*

*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.*

Where the above applies a report is submitted to the Planning and Regulation committee for consideration.

- 1.4 At South Park Avenue both 30 and 40mph speed limits are in place as shown at Appendix A. Justification for a change in the level of a limit relies on the mean speed of traffic and two speed surveys were carried out at Sites 1 and 2 as shown. These measured mean speeds of 27mph at Site 1 and 35mph at Site 2. The value at Site 1 reflects the likelihood of traffic slowing down to queue and this being the case the higher result has been taken to reflect the mean speed of free flowing traffic. At 35mph this lies within 3mph of the level required to justify a 30mph speed limit, as specified in Table 3 from the policy:

Table 3

Mean Speed	Limit
< 33 mph	30 mph
33 – 43 mph	40 mph
>43 mph	50 mph

- 1.5 Subject to the approval of this Committee it is proposed to extend the existing 30mph limit eastwards to connect with the 30mph limit on Canwick Road as shown at Appendix B.

## 2. 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 can approve a departure from the criteria where appropriate.

### 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	Existing condition and mean speeds
Appendix B	Proposed 30mph speed limit

## Background Papers

### Objections

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Speed Survey Information	Jamie Earls on 01522 782070

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