

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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>07 September 2020</b>
Subject:	<b>East Keal A16 - Proposed 30 mph speed limit</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers a request from East Keal Parish Council for the existing 40mph speed limit on the A16 through East Keal 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 it into effect may be pursued.

**1. Background**

1.1 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 within a village location 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.

1.2 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 will be submitted to the Planning and Regulation Committee for consideration.

1.3 In the case of East Keal a 40mph speed limit is already in place (see Appendix A) and it will therefore be the results of speed surveys which will confirm the level of limit which may be imposed.

Speed survey equipment located at three sites measured mean speeds of 36mph to the north of the village, 31mph in the centre and 37mph on the western approach to the village as shown at Appendix B. There have been 3 reported injury accidents over the last five years within the proposed speed limit reduction, one fatal, one serious and one slight. An advisory 20mph speed limit is in place with enhanced warning signage in advance of the sharp bend to the south of the village.

1.4 The average of the mean traffic speeds measured along the length surveyed is 34 mph which 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

It can therefore be considered as a Borderline Case and the Committee may approve the initiation of the speed limit order process whereby a section of the existing 40mph speed limit can be reduced to 30mph. A plan indicating the extent of the 30mph limit proposed is shown at Appendix B. It is noted that the mean speed at the southern end of the village lies within the range for a 40mph. However the proposed 30mph limit extends beyond this point to incorporate the advisory 20mph limit signage and therefore promotes the reduction in vehicle speed required at this point.

**2. Conclusion**

Under the normal criteria set out in the Council's speed limit policy the A16 through East Keal 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.

**3. Consultation**

Not required at this stage.

**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 and existing speed limits
Appendix B	Proposed 30mph speed limit and survey locations

## Background Papers

### Objections

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
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