

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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>18 January 2021</b>
Subject:	<b>Market Rasen, Walesby Road - Proposed 30mph speed limit extension</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers a request for the reduction of the existing 40mph speed limit to 30 mph at the above location, shown at Appendix B. Investigations have indicated that this site is a 'Borderline Case', as defined within the Council's Speed Limite Policy.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Committee approves the reduction in speed limit at the above location so that the necessary consultation process to bring this into effect may be pursued.

## Background

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 urban 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.

However, having carried out an assessment, 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.

In the case of the above location a 40 mph speed limit is already in place as shown at Appendix A so as the level of limit imposed is determined by the mean speed of traffic it will be the results of speed surveys which confirms it as a Borderline Case. Speed surveys

were carried out at the two locations shown and the mean speeds were measured at 34 and 43mph. While the latter confirms the level of limit is correct for the northerly section of the existing 40 limit, the mean speed of 34 mph further into the town provides an opportunity to reduce the level to 30mph as a borderline case as it 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

This Committee may therefore approve the initiation of the speed limit order process to reduce the current 40mph speed limit to 30mph over the length shown at Appendix B.

## Conclusion

Under the normal criteria set out in the speed limit policy this length of Walesby Road would remain as a 40mph speed limit. However as a borderline case the Planning and Regulation Committee may approve a departure from the criteria where appropriate, and agree a reduction to a 30mph limit at this location.

## Consultation

### a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out

Not required at this stage.

## Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Site location and existing conditions/mean speeds
Appendix B	Proposed Speed Limit

## Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Speed survey results	

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