



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	15 March 2021
Subject:	Langworth A158 - Proposed 30mph Speed Limit

Summary:

This report considers a request from a resident of Langworth for the existing 40mph speed limit on the A158 through Langworth 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.

Background

The County Council's Speed Limit Policy provides a means by which requests for speed limits may be assessed consistently throughout the county. The criteria by which a speed limit is 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.

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.

In the case of Langworth a 40mph speed limit is already in place along the A158 through the village 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 two sites measured mean speeds of 29mph to the east of the village and 36mph on the western approach to the village as shown at

Appendix A. There have been eight reported injury accidents within the length of proposed speed limit reduction over the last five years.

The mean traffic speed of 29mph measured to the east of the village indicates that a reduction to a 30mph limit here is justified in line with Table 3 of the speed limit policy:

Table 3

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

However at 36mph, the mean speed to the west may be considered as a borderline case. The Committee may therefore approve the initiation of the speed limit order process whereby a section of the existing 40mph speed limit can be reduced to 30mph as shown at Appendix A.

Conclusion

Under the normal criteria set out in the Council's speed limit policy the A158 through Langworth would not be considered eligible for a reduction in speed limit to the west of the village centre. As a borderline case however the Planning and Regulation Committee can approve a departure from the criteria where appropriate.

Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Proposed 30mph speed limit and survey locations

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
None	None

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