



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	05 July 2021
Subject:	Tattershall Thorpe, B1192 - proposed speed limit reductions

Summary:

This report considers a request for a reduction in speed limit on the B1192 Northbound through the village. Investigations indicate that two potential speed limit reductions may be considered as borderline cases as defined in the speed limit policy.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee approves the proposed speed limits so that consultation for the speed limit order 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 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 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.

In the case of the B1192 northbound through Tattershall Thorpe a 40mph speed limit is in place as shown at Appendix A. The national speed limit applies beyond this point. As indicated there have been two personal injury accidents at the bend in the road during the last five years. Investigations indicate that a new speed restriction can be justified beyond the existing limit on the basis of an accident rate of 52.

The mean speed of traffic has been measured at the sites indicated at Appendix A. Within the derestricted length it is 44mph, and within the existing 40mph limit it is 34.4mph. These

lie within 3mph of the mean speeds required for reductions to 40 and 30mph limits respectively, as shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3

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

These sites can therefore be considered as borderline cases and the Committee may approve the initiation of the speed limit order process to introduce speed limit reductions as shown at Appendix B.

Conclusion

Under the normal criteria set out in the Council's speed limit policy the B1192 would not be considered eligible for a reduction in speed limit. As borderline cases have been identified however, the Planning and Regulation Committee can approve a departure from the criteria where appropriate.

The local Member for the area is in support of these speed limit reductions.

Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Existing conditions and speed survey results
Appendix B	Proposed speed limit reductions

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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