



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	1 November 2021
Subject:	Huttoft A52 - Proposed 30mph Speed Limit

Summary:

This report considers a request from Huttoft Parish Council and the local Member for the existing 40mph speed limits on the A52 through Huttoft to be reduced to 30mph. Investigations have indicated that conditions to the south of the village 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 take place.

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, where an existing limit is already in place, a borderline case may be identified as defined within the policy at 4.2 as follows:

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 P & R Committee for consideration.

1.3 At Huttoft 40mph limits are in force on the A16 to the north and south of the village either side of an existing 30mph limit. Speed surveys have been carried out to ascertain the mean speed of traffic within each limit and the results are 36mph to the south (Appendix A) and 50mph (Appendix B) to the north.

There have been 3 reported injury accidents over the last five years within the limit under consideration to the north of the village, and none recorded at the southern end of the village.

1.4 At 36mph the mean speed of traffic within the 40mph limit to the south meets the requirement to be considered a borderline case, 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

The Committee may therefore approve the initiation of a scheme whereby the existing 40mph speed limit at the southern end of the village can be reduced to 30mph as indicated at Appendix C. The outcome of the survey to the north of the village however gives a mean speed of 50mph and therefore does not meet the criteria to reduce the limit here to 30mph as requested.

Conclusion

Under the normal criteria set out in the Council's speed limit policy the existing 40mph limit to the south of the village would not be 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.

Consultation

The local Member is in support of the proposal.

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Existing speed limits and survey location at the southern end of village
Appendix B	Existing speed limits and survey location at the northern end of village
Appendix C	Proposed 30mph speed limit

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