

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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	06 December 2021
Subject:	Torksey Lock A156 and A1133 - proposed speed limit reduction

Summary:

This report considers a request for the reduction of the existing 50mph speed limit to 40mph on the above routes. Investigations have indicated that both sites may be considered as a 'Borderline Case', as defined within the Council's Speed Limit Policy.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee approves the reduction in speed limit so that the necessary consultation process to bring this into effect may take place.

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. The existing speed limit at Torksey Lock has been justified against the criteria previously. However, a borderline case may be identified within the policy if the criteria specified at 4.2 is met:

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.

It will therefore be the results of speed surveys which confirm if the current 50mph limits on the A156 and A1133 may be considered as borderline cases. Speed survey equipment was installed at four sites as indicated at Appendix B and mean speeds of 41 mph and 45/46mph were measured. The latter two results lie within 3mph of the level required to justify a 40mph 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

The mean speed on both these routes identifies them as borderline cases and as such this report has been submitted to this Committee for approval to initiate the speed limit order required to reduce the current 50mph speed limit to 40mph, as shown at Appendix C.

There has been one personal injury collision in the area during the last 5 years which occurred at the junction of the A1133 and A156.

Conclusion

Under the normal criteria set out in the speed limit policy the existing 50mph speed limit on both the A156 and A1133 through Torksey Lock would apply. However the Planning and Regulation Committee may approve a reduction in the level of limit where the criteria for a borderline case have been met, as is the case on both routes through the village.

Consultation

The local Member has been consulted and supports these proposals.

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None carried out

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Site location
Appendix B	Plan of existing 50mph speed limit and speed survey results
Appendix C	Plan of proposed 40mph 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 data	Available on request

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