



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	14 March 2022
Subject:	A607 Main Street, Carlton Scroop - Proposed 30mph speed limit

Summary:

This report considers a request for the existing 40mph speed limit through Carlton Scroop to be reduced to 30mph as shown at Appendix B. Investigations have indicated that this site may be considered as a 'Borderline Case', as defined within the Council's Speed Limit Policy.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee approves the speed limit reduction 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 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. 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 and it will therefore be the results of speed surveys which identify it as a Borderline Case. Speed surveys completed at the two sites identified at Appendix B measured mean speeds of 35 and 36mph, an average of 35.5, which 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 can therefore be considered as a Borderline Case and the Committee may approve the initiation of the speed limit order process to reduce the current 40mph speed limit to 30mph. A plan indicating the extent of the 30mph limit suggested is shown at Appendix B. There have been no reported injury accidents on this route during the last five years.

Conclusion

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

Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Site location
Appendix B	Proposed 30mph 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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