



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	11 April 2022
Subject:	Pinchbeck, Mill Green Road - Proposed 30mph speed limit

Summary:

This report considers a request for the reduction of the existing 40mph speed limit to 30mph at the above location, shown at Appendix B. Investigations have indicated that this site is a borderline case, as defined within the Council's Speed Limit Policy.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee approves the reduction in speed limit at the above location so that the necessary consultation process to bring this into effect may be pursued.

Background

The 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. Sufficient frontage development is evident at Mill Green Rd to justify the existing speed limit.

However, a borderline case may be identified within the policy if the criteria 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.

Where the above applies a report will be submitted to the Planning and Regulation Committee for consideration.

At the above location it will therefore be the results of a speed survey which confirms if it can be considered as a borderline case. Speed survey equipment was installed at the site indicated at Appendix B and a mean speed of 36 mph was measured. This lies within 3mph of the level required to justify a 30mph speed limit, as specified in Table 3 of the policy:

Table 3

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

This site 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, as shown at Appendix B.

There has been one reported injury accident along this stretch of highway over the last 5 years.

The local Member supports the proposal.

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	Detail of proposals

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 results	Available on request

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