



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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>09 May 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>North Thoresby A16 - Proposed 40mph speed limit</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers a request for the existing 50mph speed limit on the A16 through North Thoresby to be reduced to 40mph. Investigations have indicated that this site 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 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 an assessment of a site however a borderline case may be identified and is 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.*

In the case of North Thoresby a 50mph speed limit is already in place and it will therefore be the results of speed surveys which will confirm the level of limit which may be imposed.

Speed survey equipment located at the site highlighted at Appendix B measured the mean speed of traffic at 46mph. This lies 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

It may therefore be considered as a Borderline Case and the Committee may approve the initiation of the speed limit order process whereby the existing 50mph speed limit can be reduced to 40mph, the extent of which is shown at Appendix B.

Within the length of this proposed limit, there have been 11 reported injury accidents over the last five years, three of which were serious and eight recorded as slight.

### Conclusion

Under the normal criteria set out in the Council's speed limit policy this location would not be considered 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

#### 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 40mph speed limit and survey location

### 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 Limit Policy	<a href="https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/61713/speed-limit-policy">https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/61713/speed-limit-policy</a>

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