



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	04 July 2022
Subject:	Burwell, A16 & Muckton Road - Proposed 30mph Speed Limit

Summary:

This report considers a reduction of the existing 40mph speed limit through the village of Burwell. Investigations have indicated that this may be considered a 'Borderline Case', as defined within the Speed Limit Policy and a 30mph limit may be introduced subject to the approval of this Committee.

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

Following a fatal road traffic accident on the A16 within Burwell village several residents requested that the existing 40mph speed limit be reduced to 30mph, and subsequently an assessment was carried out in line with the criteria set out in the County Council's Speed Limit Policy. The existing 40mph limit has been in place for many years and it will be the results of a speed survey which determines if the level can be reduced. Speed survey equipment located at the site identified at Appendix B measured a mean speed of 35mph. This lies within 3mph of the level required to justify a 30mph speed limit, as specified in Table 3 from the Policy and is therefore a borderline case in accordance with 4.2 of the policy:

Table 3

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

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.

This being the case the Committee may approve the initiation of the speed limit order process whereby the existing 40mph speed limit through the village can be reduced to 30mph as shown at Appendix B.

The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership has requested an assessment of the A16 to the north of Burwell to see if a reduction from the current national speed limit here may be justified. Despite the use of enhanced signage and speed enforcement via a mobile camera unit, the latest reported injury accident data indicates that during the last five years there have been 13 accidents on the A16 within the 40mph speed limit, and a further 10 accidents to the north of the village. It is their intention therefore to submit a bid for funding to install an average speed camera system from a point approximately 1.2km north of the village which will continue through it. An assessment confirms that the criteria are met in terms of accident rate, and the mean speed of traffic here supports the introduction of a 50mph limit.

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. In this case a reduction to 30mph will form part of measures put forward by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to reduce traffic collisions on the A16 on the northern approach and within the village itself.

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 50mph and 30mph speed limits and survey locations

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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