



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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>05 September 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>A156 Gainsborough Road, Lea - Proposed 30mph Speed Limit A</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers investigations into a reduction in the level of speed limit through the village of Lea. Surveys indicate 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 so that the necessary consultation process to bring it into effect may be pursued.

**Background**

Following a request from the local MP, local Member and the Parish Council for a review of the current 40mph speed limit on Gainsborough Road, investigations were carried out to determine if a reduction in the level of limit would meet the necessary criteria.

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 the level of speed limit on a road is determined is confirmed by the mean speed of traffic travelling along it. Having carried out an assessment, 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.*

At the above location a 40-mph speed limit is already in place, and it will therefore be the results of speed surveys which identify if the limit can be reduced. Speed surveys completed at the 3 sites identified at Appendix B measured mean speeds of 29, 36 and 36mph, an average of 33.6, 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 location may 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 have been 7 reported slight 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 agree the pursuit of a reduction to a 30mph limit at this site.

### **Consultation**

Not required at this stage.

#### **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	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
Correspondence; Speed limit policy	Available on request

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