



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	03 October 2022
Subject:	Freiston, Church Road and Priory Road - proposed 30mph speed limit extensions

Summary:

This report considers a review of the existing 40mph speed limits at Church Road and Priory Rd. Investigations have indicated that these sites are Borderline Cases, as defined in the Council's speed limit policy.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee approves the reductions in speed limit proposed so that the necessary consultation process to bring them into effect may be pursued.

Background

Frontage development along Church Lane has increased in recent years and a request for the 40mph speed limit on Church Road to be reduced has been received. Investigations to determine if a reduction to 30mph will meet the criteria set out in the Speed Limit Policy have taken place and a similar exercise has been carried out at nearby Priory Road where the Village Hall and a business park are located and where a 40mph limit is also in place.

The County Council's Speed Limit Policy provides a means by which requests for speed limits can be assessed consistently throughout the county. In accordance with the criteria the level of limit is determined by the mean speed of traffic flowing along it.

However, 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 both Church Road and Priory Road where a 40mph speed limit is already in force, it will be the results of speed surveys which identify them as Borderline Cases.

At Church Road a mean speed of 36mph was measured and at Priory Road it was 34mph. These results lie 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

They may therefore both be considered as Borderline Cases and the Committee may approve the initiation of the speed limit order process by which the existing 40mph speed limit can be reduced to 30mph. Appendix B indicates the extents of the proposed 30mph limits. There have been no reported injury accidents at either location during the last five years.

Conclusion

Under the normal criteria set out in the Council's speed limit policy these locations would not be considered eligible for a reduction in speed limit. Where a Borderline Case applies however, the Planning and Regulation Committee may approve a departure from the criteria where appropriate.

Consultation

None 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	Detail of proposed 30mph speed limit extensions.

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
Assessment and speed survey information; Correspondence	Available on request.

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