



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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>03 October 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>A15 Northorpe - Bourne: Proposed 40mph speed limit</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers an objection to the proposed extension of the 40mph speed limit in Northorpe further northwards along the A15.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Committee overrules the objection so that the proposal may be publicly advertised.

**Background**

Following the occurrence of a number of reported injury accidents along the A15 north of Northorpe the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership requested an assessment to determine if a reduction of the national speed limit could be justified at this location. In the absence of development along this route it has been assessed as a rural limit where an accident rate is calculated based on traffic flow and accidents over a given length. The accident rate meets the requirements of the speed limit policy and the mean speed measured within the extent of the proposal gave a result of 42.5mph. This lies within the parameters specified in Table 4 of the policy for a 40mph speed limit to be introduced:

**Table 4**

Mean Speed	Limit
< 33 mph	30 mph
33 – 43 mph	40 mph
44 – 53 mph	50 mph
> 53 mph	60 mph

The proposed 40mph extension as shown at Appendix B has been the subject of statutory consultation whereupon an objection from a local bus company was received. Sections of unrestricted route enable buses to regain time lost where delays have occurred elsewhere on the route. They have concerns that reducing the limit here to 40mph will therefore

affect the operating times of their services, and that a 50mph limit would be more appropriate.

The concerns of the bus company are noted. However the level of limit proposed is in line with the policy criteria and reflects those frequent periods when high traffic flows reduce vehicle speeds along this route.

### **Conclusion**

The proposed extension to the existing 40mph at this location has met the criteria set out in the speed limit policy both in terms of accident rate and level of limit.

It is anticipated that the reduction in speed limit here will reduce the incidence of collisions and improve highway safety.

### **Consultation**

Statutory consultation involved the local Member, Lincolnshire Police, EMAS, Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue, NFU, SKDC, RHA, FTA and local bus services.

#### **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 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
Assessment and speed survey information; objection and correspondence.	Available on request

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