



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

Report to:	<b>Planning and Regulation Committee</b>
Date:	<b>05 December 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>West Willoughby A153, Willoughby Road – proposed 40mph speed limit extension.</b>

**Summary:**

This report considers a reduction of the 60mph speed limit on the A153, Willoughby Road to 40mph. Investigations have indicated that the above location may be considered a 'Borderline Case', as defined in 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**

Following a request from Ancaster Parish Council for a review of the existing 60mph speed limit at this location, investigations have been carried out to determine if a reduction in the level of limit can be justified against the speed limit policy.

The A153 forms part of the strategic road network carrying a weekday average traffic flow of 6000 vehicles. There is insufficient development along this length to justify the introduction of a speed limit on that basis, so it has been assessed under the criteria for a rural limit where the number of reported injury accidents, in this case three, and traffic flow, are taken into consideration to provide an accident rate. The accident rate has been calculated at 42 and is therefore sufficient to justify a new limit. The level of limit to be imposed is determined by the mean speed of traffic and its correlation to the level of limit shown in Table 4 of the policy:

**Table 4**

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

In accordance with the County Council's Speed Limit Policy a Borderline Case may be identified and is defined at 6.1 as follows:

*6.1 At locations where the mean speed data falls within +/- 3mph of the mean speed in Table 4 then this is classed as a Borderline Case.*

A speed survey carried out at the location shown at Appendix B has determined a mean speed of traffic of 45mph, which lies within 3mph of the level required to justify a 40mph speed limit. This proposal may therefore be considered a Borderline Case and the Committee may approve the initiation of the speed limit order process to reduce the current 60mph speed limit to 40mph as shown at Appendix B.

### **Conclusion**

The Planning and Regulation Committee may approve a departure from the criteria set out in the speed limit policy where a borderline case has been identified, and therefore may agree to a reduction to a 40mph limit at this location. It is anticipated that road safety along this section of the A153 will be improved should this new speed limit be introduced.

### **Consultation**

No formal consultation is required at this stage. The local Member supports the proposal on the basis that school children cross the A153 here to access bus stops, and large, slow moving vehicles associated with a nearby quarry will be negotiating the junction of Rookery Lane with the A153.

### **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 restrictions

### **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; Speed survey results; correspondence.	Available on request

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