



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

Report to:

Planning and Regulation Committee

Date:

13 February 2023

Subject:

**Sutton St Edmund, Broadgate and Cross Road – proposed
30mph speed limit**

Summary:

This report considers a reduction of the 40mph speed limit on Broadgate to 30mph. Investigations have indicated that this 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 the local Member for the existing 40mph speed limit on Broadgate and Cross Road to be reviewed, investigations have taken place to determine if a reduction in the level of limit can be justified against the speed limit policy. The mean speed of traffic is used to determine the level at which a speed limit is set in accordance with Table 3 of the policy:

Table 3

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

Three speed surveys were carried out at the locations shown at Appendix B. On Cross Road the criteria is met in terms of mean speed for a reduction to a 30mph limit. At the two sites on Broadgate the means speeds were recorded as 34 and 36mph.

A borderline case may be identified and is defined at 4.2 in the policy 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.

Since the survey results on Broadgate lie within 3mph of the level required to justify a 30mph speed limit it may be considered a Borderline Case and the Committee may give approval for the speed limit reduction to be processed for the extents 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. Speed survey results at two locations on Broadgate have confirmed its eligibility for approval for the 40mph limit to be reduced to 30mph, in accordance with the policy.

Consultation

No formal consultation is required at this stage. The local Member is supportive of the proposal.

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 survey locations and extent of proposal

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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