



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	13 March 2023
Subject:	Blankney, B1188 - Proposed 30mph speed limit

Summary:

This report considers a request for a reduction of the existing 40mph speed limit on the B1188, Blankney, to be reduced to 30mph. 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 Blankney Parish Council for a review of the 40mph speed limit through the village, investigations and speed surveys have been carried out to determine if a reduction in the level of limit can be justified against the speed limit policy. The level of limit to be imposed will be determined by the mean speed of traffic and its correlation to Table 3 of the policy:

Table 3

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

In accordance with the County Council's Speed Limit Policy a Borderline Case may be identified and is defined 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.

The mean speeds established via speed surveys carried out at the locations shown at Appendix B are 36 and 33mph. As these fall within 3mph of the level required to justify a 30mph speed limit, the site may be considered 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 2 reported injury accidents within the proposed 30mph speed limit during the last five years.

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 30mph limit at this location. It is anticipated that road safety along this section of the B1188 will be improved should this new speed limit be introduced.

Consultation

No formal consultation is required at this stage. The local Member is in support 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 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
Speed limit policy; Speed survey results; correspondence.	Available on request

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