

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

Report to: Planning and Regulation Committee

Date: **04 December 2023**

Subject: Anderby, Sea Road – proposed 30mph speed limit

Summary:

This report considers a potential reduction of the existing 40mph speed limit on Sea Road within Anderby village and extending westwards. Investigations have indicated that this site may be considered a 'Borderline Case', as defined within the Council's Speed Limit Policy.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee considers its power of discretion where a borderline case has been identified and therefore may support the introduction of a 30mph speed limit as proposed, so that the necessary consultation process to bring it into effect may begin.

Background

A request has been received from Anderby Parish Council for the existing 40mph speed limit through the village to be reduced to 30mph.

In accordance with the Council's speed limit policy the level of limit applied at any location is determined by the mean speed of traffic and its correlation to Table 3 of the policy:

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

This being the case three surveys have been completed at the sites shown at Appendix B.

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 speed established via the survey in the vicinity of Church Farm has been measured at 29mph. This meets the criteria for a 30mph speed limit to be introduced along this section of Sea Road. The mean speeds determined further east are 34.3 and 33mph. As these lie within 3mph of the level required to justify a 30mph speed limit, these sections of Sea Road may be considered a Borderline Case. The Committee may therefore use its discretionary power to approve the initiation of the speed limit order process to reduce the current 40mph speed limit to 30mph, for the extent shown at Appendix B.

There have been no reported injury accidents within the proposed 30mph speed limit during the last five years.

Conclusion

Under the normal criteria set out in the Council's speed limit policy this location would not be considered eligible for a reduction in speed limit. As a borderline case however the Planning and Regulation Committee can use its discretion to approve a departure from the criteria where appropriate.

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 survey data and extent 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;	Available on request
correspondence.						

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