

Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
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Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
Oswaldtwistle; Rishton and
Clayton-le-Moors

**A678 Blackburn Road, Rishton and A679 Blackburn Road Oswaldtwistle,
Hyndburn Borough, Revocation, 40mph and 50mph Speed Limit, 30mph
Restricted Road Status, Order 201**
(Appendices 'A' - 'C' refer)

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Executive Summary

This report sets out a proposal to introduce a 50 miles per hour speed limit, 40 miles per hour speed limit, restricted road (30 miles per hour speed limit will apply) and associated revocations at A678 Blackburn Road, Rishton and to introduce a 50 miles per hour speed limit at A679 Blackburn Road, Oswaldtwistle.

The proposals have been advertised in the local press and no objections have been received.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order No. 25 have been complied with.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to approve the making of a Speed Limit Order which introduces 50mph speed limit, 40mph speed limit and 30mph restricted road status on A678 Blackburn Road in Rishton and the 50mph speed limit along a length of the A679 Blackburn Road, Oswaldtwistle (and associated revocations) as set out in the schedule attached at Appendix 'A' and is shown on the plans at Appendices 'B' and 'C'.

Background and Advice

Lancashire Constabulary has highlighted certain discrepancies between the measurements on the current speed limit orders and the actual distances on site to and from the existing signing. Consequently, they are unable to enforce these speed limits. It has been agreed that Lancashire County Council pursues a rectification

Order for the existing 30mph restricted road, 40mph and 50mph speed limits along a length of the A678, Blackburn Road, Rishton and the existing 50mph speed limit along a length of the A679 Blackburn Road, Oswaldtwistle. This rectification Order will support the existing speed limit signing and lining which is in situ along these lengths of public highway.

- 1) **Introduce a 30mph Restricted Road Status on the following lengths of road:**
Blackburn Road, from a point 275 metres north east of its junction with the Centreline of Sidebeet Lane in a north easterly direction to its junction with the Centreline of Eachill Road.
- 2) **Introduce a 40mph Speed Restriction on the following lengths of road:**
Blackburn Road, Rishton, from a point 312 metres south west of its junction with the Centreline of Sidebeet Lane in a south westerly direction to its junction with the Centreline of the circulatory carriageway of Whitebirk Roundabout.
- 3) **Introduce a 50mph Speed Restriction on the following lengths of road:**
 - (a) Blackburn Road, Rishton, from a point 275 metres north east of its junction with the Centreline of Sidebeet Lane, in a south westerly direction to a point 312 metres south west of its junction with the Centreline of Sidebeet Lane, a distance of approximately 587 metres.
 - (b) Blackburn Road, Oswaldtwistle, from a point 112 metres east of the Centreline of the unnamed access road to Brantwood Avenue in an easterly direction to a point 209 metres west of its junction with the Centreline of Devon Avenue, a distance of approximately 862 metres.

Orders to be revoked

- (i) Schedule 1, A678 Blackburn Road, Rishton, from a point 776 metres north east of its junction with the northern edge of the carriageway of the roundabout junction with the M65 motorway to a point 20 metres north east of the Centreline of Highfield Road.
- (ii) Schedule 2, A678, Blackburn Road, Rishton, from its junction with the northern edge of the carriageway of the roundabout junction of the M65 motorway for a distance of 776 metres in a north easterly direction.

These revocations are required to accommodate the new proposals.

Consultations

These speed limit proposals were the subject of a formal consultation between 10 February 2016 and 10 March 2016 by way of advertisement in a local newspaper. The County Councillors for the affected divisions were informed. No objections were received to the proposals.

Approval is therefore sought for the introduction of the proposed speed restrictions as advertised, as set out in the schedule at Appendix 'A' and shown on the plans at Appendices 'B' and 'C'.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

These orders aim to confirm the existing speed limit orders that are on site. Failure to implement the Speed Limit Order will prevent the police from enforcing the speed limits along these sections of road which has potential road safety implications for highway users.

Financial

The cost of the works will be funded from the existing Signs and Lines revenue budget.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A