

Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
Report submitted by: Head of Service, Highways
Date Monday, 13 March 2017

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
Longridge with Bowland;
Ribble Valley South West;

20 mph Order Mellor, Langho & Longridge
(Appendices 'A' - 'E' refer)

Contact for further information:
Chris Nolan, Tel: (01772) 531141, Lancashire Highways Service,
chris.nolan@lancashire.gov.uk

Executive Summary

Approval is sought for the sealing of the order in respect of the installation of a 20mph speed limit in Mellor, Langho and Longridge following the period of public consultation during which no objections or comments were received.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order 25 have been complied with.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to approve the sealing of the order in respect of the installation of the proposed 20mph speed limit as set out in this report and the schedules and plans attached at Appendices 'A' - 'E'.

Background and Advice

This order covered three separate areas, Croft Way, Longridge; Hob Green, Mellor; and Petre Wood, Langho which required work to establish or change a 20 mph limit on residential roads. (Appendix 'E' refers).

Croft Way, Longridge

Croft Way, Meadow Close and Pasture Grove is a small estate of new houses where the establishment of a 20 mph limit was a condition of the planning permission. The housing developer had completed the estate and in this process also erected the correct signs for the speed limit. This order is the legal requirement to allow the speed limit to be enforceable. (Appendix 'B' refers).

The issue was considered at a Traffic Liaison Meeting on 4 November 2015; this is a meeting between County Council officers from various highways disciplines, the Police and representatives from Ribble Valley Borough Council, and it was recommended that this should be progressed, financed by the County Council when resources became available. No informal consultation was conducted with regard to this change as it was a condition of the planning approval.

Hob Green, Mellor

This work is required to introduce the correct signing in an area that had previously been established as a 20 mph zone. Though the zone had zone signs on all approaches, the interior of this well-established estate had no traffic calming measures. 20mph zones should have such measures that slow down traffic and so that vehicles would not normally travel above this speed.

The area of Hob Green has a number of long straight roads without any traffic calming. As the policy of Lancashire County Council is to have 'sign only' 20mph speed limits in residential areas, the issue was discussed at the Traffic Liaison Meeting on 26 February 2015. At the meeting it was recommended that the best option was to change the 20 mph zone to a 20 mph speed limit and by this action 20 mph repeaters could be placed throughout the estate bringing the system in line with similar schemes throughout the county. At the same meeting it was suggested that the scheme should be extended to include Church Lane and streets adjoining Church Lane.

The proposal was the subject of an informal consultation including the local County Councillor, Borough Councillors and the Parish Council along with the local school. This work raised the issue of including Mellor Brow into the proposed 20 mph speed limit. As this road is an established through route and would not be suitable for such a change at this time, so was not included in the final proposal (Appendix 'C' refers).

Petre Wood, Langho

This is a small new housing development that was commenced at the time when the County Council was first considering introducing 20 mph 'sign only' speed limits for residential roads. The estate was not therefore subject to a 20 mph speed limit as part of the planning approval. Furthermore, it was not constructed at the time the 20 mph 'sign only' speed limit was introduced in the Langho area. Residents have requested the introduction of a 20mph speed limit.

The speed limit for this area was discussed at a Traffic Liaison Meeting on 4 November 2015 following residents' concerns. It was recommended that a 20 mph speed limit on the Petre Wood Estate should be progressed when resources became available. (Appendix 'D' refers).

Informal Consultation produced one e-mail in support of the 20 mph speed limit and no objections.

Consultations

A formal Traffic Regulation Order was advertised in the local press and prominently in the local area between 5 May 2016 and 2 June 2016. No objections were received. (Appendix 'A' refers). Both County Councillors were informed of the work and invited to make comments at this stage.

Works for Croft Way had been completed prior to the start of consultation by the developer's contractor as it was included on the planning approval drawings. Orders had been raised to produce estimates for the remaining two sites but in error the orders were not put on hold and the signage and road markings have been completed. The alteration of the signs on Hob Green have been completed using the new signs and road markings budget for Ribble Valley 2016/17. The signs for Petre Wood have been completed from Network Development Budgets. The Traffic Regulation Order is now ready to seal so that the new speed limits can be enforced.

Risk management

Without the necessary approval to seal this order, the new speed limit would not be enforceable and the whole order would need to be re-advertised with associated costs.

Financial

There are no financial implications as all the works are completed and in place.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
-------	------	-------------

N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A