

## Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 June 2017

### Report of the Director of Community Services

#### Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:  
Ribble Valley South West;  
and South Ribble East

#### **40mph Speed Limit Revocation Order Branch Road, Mellor Brook, Mellor** (Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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#### **Executive Summary**

This report sets out a proposal to revoke a 40mph Speed Limit Order (SLO) along the entire length of Branch Road, Mellor Brook, Mellor. The road is signed as a 30mph limit and has been for many years. Following enquiries from the police, the original 40mph SLO has been found but a corresponding 40mph Revocation Order cannot be located. In order for police enforcement to take place, a new 40mph Revocation Order is required. Branch Road will revert to restricted road status (30mph speed limit) by virtue of its existing system of street lighting. No objections have been received. A copy of the proposed 40mph Revocation Order is attached at Appendix 'A' and the extents are shown on the plan at Appendix 'B'.

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

#### **Recommendation**

The Cabinet is asked to approve the making of a 40mph Revocation Order which revokes the existing 40mph Speed Limit Order along the whole length of Branch Road, Mellor Brook.

#### **Background and Advice**

Lancashire County Council has received requests from the Police to confirm a 30mph speed limit on Branch Road to allow for speed enforcement activity to take place following community concerns. The original 40mph SLO for this length of road is to hand but a 40mph Speed Limit Revocation Order that would support enforcement of the signed 30 mph speed limit cannot be located so it is proposed to make a new 40mph Speed Limit Revocation Order to confirm the extinguishment of the 40mph speed limit. This will have the effect of confirming a 30mph speed limit on

Branch Road by virtue of the existing system of street lighting in accordance with section 82(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposal makes no changes to the existing extents of the signed 30mph speed limit although some minor changes to the existing signs on Branch Road are required. The proposal will allow Lancashire Constabulary to enforce the speed limit and thereby address community concerns regarding vehicles driving too fast along Branch Road.

## **Consultations**

- Informal Consultation

No informal consultation has taken place as this proposal makes no material changes to the existing speed limits as signed on Branch Road and seeks to correct an anomaly within the current SLO records.

- Formal Consultation

A formal consultation was carried out between 6 April 2017 and 4 May 2017 for the 40mph Revocation Order by way of an advert which was placed in the local press. The County Councillors, District Councils and the Police were informed. The consultation raised no objections.

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

The proposal seeks to remove an anomaly within the existing traffic regulation order records for Branch Road. Failure to implement the recommendations set out in the report would prevent the Police from being able to enforce the speed limit which could lead to the County Council being criticised for not supporting the Police or the local community.

## **Financial**

The cost of the changes to the existing signage will be met from the 2017/18 Ribble Valley District Existing Signs and Road Markings Revenue Budget.

## **List of Background Papers**

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A