Report to the Cabinet
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8 March 2018

Report of the Head of Service Highways

Part I

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

Lancashire County Council (Sir Frederick Page Way, Samlesbury, Ribble Valley and South Ribble Boroughs) (Prohibition of Stopping) and (30MPH Speed Limit) Orders 201*
(Appendices 'A' - 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

As part of the Samlesbury Aerospace Enterprise Zone scheme, and following investigations and a public consultation, it is proposed to introduce a Clearway Order and a 30MPH Speed Limit Order. The proposals are put forward in order to regulate vehicle speeds and prevent parked vehicles obstructing traffic accessing Samlesbury Aerospace Enterprise Zone.

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

Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the proposals for the introduction of a 30mph Speed limit and Clearway as set out at Appendices 'A' and 'B'.

Background and Advice

Following completion of a procurement process in accordance with the County Council's standing orders, on 10 March 2016 approval was given for the award of a contract for a Commercial Agent for the Enterprise Zone in Lancashire to build a new 2km long highway to connect the A677 at Mellor with the A59 and in doing so establish a spine road to facilitate the Samlesbury Enterprise Zone.

It is considered that the proposed 'Prohibition of Stopping (Clearway)' detailed in Appendix 'A' is required in conjunction with a 30mph speed limit as detailed in Appendix 'B' to prevent vehicles causing an obstruction and blocking traffic passing

through the Samlesbury Aerospace Enterprise Zone whilst establishing a suitable speed limit for the road.

Consultations

Formal consultation was carried out between 15 November 2017 and 15 December 2017 and advertised in the local press. Notices were also displayed on site and one objection was received.

The divisional county councillors were also consulted with one response being received supporting the proposals.

Objection

The resident supported the implementation of 30mph speed limits on both the northern and southern sections of the scheme but considered that the central section should be subject to a 40mph limit. The reasoning being that this would encourage through traffic onto this route and off the existing residential roads currently used.

Officer Response

The new road has been designed to the standards required for a 30mph speed limit and to make best use of the land for development. There is a statutory obligation to advertise a 30 mph speed limit where there is no system of street lighting in place, and to consider any objections to it, however changing the speed limit on a section of the road would not be in accordance with the design.

The junctions of the new road with the A59 and A677 are designed to current standards and as they are signal controlled will make it much easier for drivers to use the new route.

Furthermore the new road is designed as a clearway (Appendix 'A' refers) and vehicles will not be permitted to park along its length, allowing traffic to flow more freely than on the alternative route.

The design and layout of the new road is such that the route will be much easier to use for drivers and should encourage drivers to use this route rather than the existing route along Branch Road.

For the reasons identified the introduction of a 40mph section is not recommended.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

The scheme would be funded from the Samlesbury Enterprise Zone development and as such there is no financial implication for the County Council.

Risk management

Road safety may be compromised should the proposed restrictions not be approved.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A