

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Lancaster Rural East

Proposed 20mph Speed Limit in the Over Kellet area of Lancaster
(Appendices 'A', 'B' and 'C' refer)

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Executive Summary

Approval is now sought to retain the existing 30mph speed limit in the Over Kellet area of Lancaster, with a view to enhancing the current speed limit signage throughout the village as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 'C'.

This follows the receipt of objections to the current proposal for a 20mph speed limit, as set out in the schedule at Appendix 'A' and as shown on the plan at Appendix 'B'.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to give approval:

- i. not to proceed with the introduction of a 20mph speed limit as set out in the schedule attached at Appendix 'A' and as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 'B', but
- ii. to retain the existing 30mph speed limit in the Over Kellett area of Lancaster and enhance the current signage, as indicated on the plan attached at Appendix 'C'.

Background and Advice

The Local Transport Plan 2011/21 identifies investment in the safety of our children and young people to reduce the numbers involved in accidents on our streets, particularly in our disadvantaged communities, as amongst the top priorities of the Plan. The roll out of 20mph schemes across residential areas in Lancashire where these speed reduction measures can be accommodated and consistent with the free movement traffic on the highway network is a key proposal within the Plan.

This scheme now proposes the retention of the existing speed limit in the Over Kellet area of Lancaster, with a view to enhancing the current 30mph speed limit throughout the village as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 'C'.

This follows the receipt of objections to the current proposal for a 20mph speed limit, as set out in the schedule at Appendix 'A' and as shown on the plan at Appendix 'B'.

Consultations

The proposal was advertised between 12 January and 23 February 2012.

Lancaster City Council, Lancashire Constabulary, Lancashire Ambulance Service, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Local Cycling Representatives and Local Members were consulted and have no objections to the proposal. The County Councillor for Lancaster Rural East has reviewed the proposal and has indicated her support for enhancing the 30mph speed limit throughout the Over Kellet area of Lancaster.

During the consultation process, comments were received from four consultees.

The basis for the comments is summarised below:

- 1) A letter of representation was received from Lancashire Constabulary stating that Church Bank and School Lane are relatively short, with low existing traffic speeds, so mandatory 20mph speed limits are probably not required.
- 2) A letter of support was received from Over Kellet Parish Council, but stating that the speed limit reduction should not be restricted to just School Lane and Church Bank. The Parish Council suggests that Nether Kellet Road (from The Green to the junction with Church Bank) and Kirby Lonsdale Road (from The Green to the junction with Craggs Hill), should also be made 20mph.
- 3) Letters of support were received from two local residents requesting that, in addition to the proposed speed limit reduction, there should be 20mph speed limits introduced on Nether Kellet Road, Kirby Lonsdale Road, The Narrows and The Green.

County Council response

- 1) In light of all the comments received, requests for the extension of the 20mph speed limit to include distributor roads, and following further discussions between County Council officers and the local County Councillor, it is now recommended to retain the existing 30mph speed limit throughout the village, whilst investigating the option for further measures to enhance the current 30mph speed limit.
- 2) This has been answered by the response to point one above.
- 3) This has been answered by the response to point one above.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Although there can be no guarantee that all vehicles will travel at or below 20mph, it is anticipated that a reduction in the speed limit would influence the speed of the majority of vehicles and enhance road safety.

The 20mph speed limit programme is sign only and in order to embed the principle of driving at no more than 20mph in residential areas and outside all schools as normal behaviour a multi-agency approach is required to engage with communities through a range of activities, including:

- Undertaking speed surveys
- Liaison with Lancashire Constabulary regarding Community RoadWatch:
 - With the aim of establishing working partnerships between Lancashire Constabulary and local communities to address road safety concerns and reduce road casualties.
 - The Community RoadWatch activity is designated as an educational activity and not as police enforcement.
 - Community RoadWatch primary focuses on drivers exceeding the speed limit but also targets drivers using mobile phones and drivers and passengers failing to wear seat belts and/or child restraints.
- Promotion of 20mph speed limits through school based activities,
- Police and Communities Together (PaCT) meetings,
- Parish Council meetings to understand community concerns and develop responses appropriate to that area,
- Support for the Healthy Streets initiative,
- Liaison with Public Realm Teams regarding the deployment of Speed Indicator Display Signs (SpIDS)
- Lancashire Constabulary will take necessary enforcement action if deemed necessary

Financial

The scheme would be funded from the resources set aside in the Directorate's 2013/14 Capital Programme for 20mph Areas at an estimated cost of £3,000

List of Background Papers

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Nil.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.