

**Lancashire County Council**  
**Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers - Key Decisions**

**Executive Director for Environment**

The following action is a Key Decision taken by the Chief Officer under authority delegated by a Cabinet Member, the Cabinet, a Council Committee or the Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers as approved by the Full Council.

**Part I - Item No. 2**

Electoral Divisions affected:  
Rossendale North,  
Rossendale South, and  
Rossendale West

**Proposed Revocation of 30mph Speed Limit Order (SLO) and Introduction of Restricted Road Status Bocholt Way Rawtenstall and Blackburn Road Haslingden**

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

On 13 August 2010, the Executive Director for Environment approved the revocation of an existing 40mph speed limit order (SLO) and the introduction of a 30mph SLO on the A681 Bocholt Way, Rawtenstall and the A680 Blackburn Road, Haslingden. This was made in light of the findings of the County Council's speed limit review.

Subsequent to the making and sealing of the Order, consideration was given to the fact that street lighting columns lined Bocholt Way and Blackburn Road at intervals of no more than 200 yards. This meant that a 30mph limit would legally apply to these respective lengths of road if restricted roads status were to be introduced, negating the need for the provision of additional street furniture, lines and signs to accompany the 30mph limit (allowing it to be enforced).

This report therefore proposes:

- (i) To revoke, in whole, schedule 2 of the "Lancashire County Council (Speed Limit Management)(Various Roads, Rossendale) (Revocation, 30, 40 and 50 mph Speed Limit) (No1) Order 2011"
- (ii) To introduce Restricted Road status (30mph speed limit will apply) on the following lengths of roads:

Bocholt Way from its junction with Bury Road, to its junction with Bacup Road, a distance of approximately 900metres, and Blackburn Road, Haslingden from a point 27m north of its junction with Brook Street to a point 227m south east of its junction with Oak Avenue, incorporating the roundabout at the junction of the A56.

It should be noted that during the formal consultation the length of restriction on Bocholt Way referred to its junction with the A59. This was a textual error and should have referred to the A56 instead. Having consulted the County Secretary and Solicitors Group, they are satisfied that the amendment would not affect the validity of the formal consultation and that no prejudice has been shown to anyone affected by the proposal.

The revocation will remove the speed limit order thereby returning these roads to Restricted Road Status under section 82 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

This is a Key Decision and is included in the Forward Plan.

### **Decision to be taken**

The Executive Director for Environment is asked to approve the Order as set out in the report and as per the draft attached at Appendix 'A'.

## **Background and Advice**

On 13 August 2010, approval was given to the reduction of the 40mph speed limit on these sections of carriageway to a 30mph speed limit, following the recommendations of the Speed Limit Review.

In August 2006, the Department for Transport issued new guidance relating to speed limits. It states that : Section 82(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 defines a restricted road in England and Wales as a road which is provided with “a system of street lighting furnished by means of lamps placed not more than 200 yards apart”. Section 81 specifically makes it an offence for a person to drive a motor vehicle at a speed of more than 30 mph on a restricted road.

Since street lighting columns line the respective lengths of highway at intervals of less than the prescribed 200 yards, it is proposed to introduce restricted roads status in order that a 30mph speed limit can be applied without the need for additional street furniture, signs and lines.

The reason for this Order is to revoke 30mph speed limits, and as such introduce restricted road status on the respective lengths of roads.

## **Consultations**

The proposal has been advertised on site between 30<sup>th</sup> September and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and no objections have been received. Statutory consultees and County

Councillors have been consulted. No adverse comments or objections have been received.

### **Risk management**

The introduction of this Order will enable enforcement of the 30 miles per hour speed limit on these roads.

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Financial**

The cost of this scheme has been funded from the Speed Limit Review budget (CHCJP2061/C850010) approximate cost of work £1000.00

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

#### **List of Background Papers**

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Nil.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.