

## Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 1 February 2018

### Report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning

#### Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:  
Burscough & Rufford; and  
West Lancashire East

### Proposed 40mph Speed Limit Briars Lane, Lowry Hill Lane and Course Lane, Newburgh (Appendices 'A', 'B' and 'C' refer)

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#### Executive Summary

Approval is sought for the sealing of the order in respect of the installation of a 40 mph speed limit along the currently derestricted (national speed limit) section of (A5209) Briars Lane, Course Lane, and Lowry Hill Lane, Newburgh. The order is proposed to address a significant collision and casualty record over the previous four year period resulting from loss of control as a result of inappropriate vehicle speed.

#### Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the sealing of the order in respect of the above speed reduction proposal as set out in this report and the schedules, plans and details attached at Appendices 'A' to 'C'.

#### Background and Advice

(A5209) Briars Lane, Course Lane, and Lowry Hill Lane is a semi-rural strategic route carrying approximately 10,000 vehicles per day comprising 1,000 Heavy Goods Vehicles between junction 27 of the M6 and the Burscough and Rufford area.

During the period 2014 to 2017 Lancashire Constabulary has recorded 17 collision incidents including one fatal event along this section of national speed limit highway.

An informal consultation exercise carried out between County Council officers from various highway disciplines and the Police revealed a high level of support for the proposal and recommendation that this should be progressed.

## **Consultations**

A formal Speed Limit Order was advertised in the local press and prominently in the local area between 30 November 2016 and 28 December 2016. No objections were received and a substantial level of local support was received (Appendix 'C' refers).

## **Concerns**

No concerns or objections were raised as a result of the consultation.

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

No implications are foreseen as a result of the introduction of the new reduced speed limit.

## **Risk management**

The implementation of the new speed limit would remove the last remaining derestricted section of the route resulting in a speed limit which is more representative of the current traffic volumes and vehicle characteristics.

The new speed limit is envisaged to result in reduced vehicle speeds along this section of road with a corresponding reduction in the current occurrences of collision incidents.

If the proposal is not approved the national speed limit will remain in force with the risk of a continuation or escalation of the current recorded collision incidences.

## **List of Background Papers**

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A