

5th July 2022**REPORT OF HEAD OF SERVICE, MAJOR PROJECTS, AND IMPROVEMENTS****THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (KNEESALL ROAD,
MOORHOUSE ROAD AND THE BAR, LAXTON) (30 MPH SPEED LIMIT)
ORDER 2022 (3348)****CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to consider the objection received in respect of the above Speed Limit Order and if it should be implemented as advertised.

Information

2. Laxton is a village situated approximately 12 miles north-west of Newark. Situated between the A1 and the A614. Properties in the village are predominately residential, and farm buildings
3. Nottinghamshire County Council received a request to extend existing 30 mph speed limits to better match the extents of the village which would help improve road safety for the residents specifically on Kneesall Road, Moorhouse Road and Bar Road, Laxton.
4. In response, it is proposed to extend the 30 mph Speed Limit on Kneesall Road, Moorhouse Road and Bar Road, Laxton. The proposals are as shown on drawing H/MN/3890/01. The statutory consultation and public advertisement of the proposals was carried out between 20th January and 18th February 2022
5. Three responses were received during the consultation, one was from the Parish Council, which supported the proposals. One response during the consultation is an outstanding objection to the proposals.

Objections received

6. Objection – The extents of the speed limit should be extended.

The respondent stated that driving from Moorhouse Road - the proposed location does not give enough notice for slowing down before being practically within the residential area. Most drivers only start slowing at the point of the sign, rather than before, therefore there is little point to move the sign only a few yards away from its current location as it is simply moving the existing issue and would create the same issue for the last two homes on the road instead. The respondent also expressed their concern that the location of the speed terminals would not give optimum viewpoint for drivers and is unlikely to be spotted until right on top of the sign

and questioned the proposed location of the end of the restriction on Moorhouse Road, where a previous road surface water drain was filled in and is often the scene of flooding.

7. Response – The extents of the of the speed limit should be extended.

Nottinghamshire County Council uses several factors when determining appropriate speed limits; these are based on the Department for Transport's guidance "Setting Local Speed Limits" which draw on several contributory factors, such as mean speeds, road function and collision history. The objective when setting speed limits is to set a limit that is appropriate and realistic to the road environment so that the majority of motorists comply with it and it makes the road safer and improves quality of life for residents.

Drivers associate lower speed limits on primary routes with adjacent roadside development, which would not be the case on this route if the restrictions were moved farther out and may lead to lower compliance. The signs should be located at the point where the speed limit starts, and it may be helpful if drivers can see housing at the same time as the signs, reinforcing the visual message for reduced speed. The above criteria should give adequate visual message to drivers to reduce their speed.

Other Options Considered

8. Other options considered relate to both the speed limit proposed and the extent of the speed limit, which could have been lesser or greater in either case. It is considered that the proposal achieves the most appropriate balance in ensuring both the safe and expeditious movement of all traffic, including pedestrians.

Comments from Local Members

9. Councillor Pringle made no comment to this scheme during the consultation period.

Reasons for Recommendations

10. It is considered that the proposal will facilitate the safe operation along Kneesall Road, Moorhouse Road and Bar Road, Laxton, for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians, in accordance with the Authority's duty to ensure the safe and expeditious movement of all traffic, including pedestrians.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public-sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability, and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Crime and Disorder Implications

12. Nottinghamshire Police made no comment to this scheme during the consultation period. No additional crime or disorder implications are envisaged.

Financial Implications

13. The scheme is being funded through the 2022/23 Integrated Transport Measures capital budget with an estimated cost to implement the works and traffic order of £5,000.

Human Rights Implications

14. The implementation of the proposals within this report might be considered to have a minimal impact on human rights (such as the right to respect for private and family life and the right to peaceful enjoyment of property, for example). However, the Authority is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law and is both necessary and proportionate to do so, in the interests of public safety, to prevent disorder and crime, to protect health, and to protect the rights and freedoms of others. The proposals within this report are considered to be within the scope of such legitimate aims.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

15. As part of the process of making decisions and changing policy, the Council has a duty 'to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not' by thinking about the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, and victimisation.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share protected characteristics (as defined by equalities legislation) and those who don't.
 - Foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who don't.
16. Disability is a protected characteristic, and the Council therefore has a duty to make reasonable adjustments to proposals to ensure that disabled people are not treated unfairly.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is **recommended** that:

- 1) The Nottinghamshire County Council (Kneesall Road, Moorhouse Road and The Bar, Laxton) (30 Mph Speed Limit) Order 2022 (3348) is made as advertised, and the objector informed accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SJE – 22/09/2022)

17. This executive decision falls within the delegation made to the Group Manager (Highways & Transport) by the Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment on 30th May 2022. As with other regulatory or quasi-judicial decisions, this decision is not subject to call-in

Financial Comments (GB-22/08/19)

18. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 13 of the report.
19. The estimated cost to implement the works identified in this report total £5,000. It is proposed that the costs will be funded from the 2022/23 Integrated Transport Measures capital budget which totals £6.5m and is already approved as part of the Transport and Environment portfolio capital budget.

Background Papers

All relevant documents for the proposed scheme are contained within the scheme file which can be found in the Major Projects and Improvements section at Trent Bridge House, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Ollerton Councillor Mike Pringle