

2 July 2020**Agenda Item:9****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MANSFIELD ROAD (B6030),
CLIPSTONE AND KING'S CLIPSTONE) (50 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2020
(3308)****CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the objections received in respect of the above Speed Limit Order and whether it should be made as advertised.

Information

2. The section of the B6030 Mansfield Road which extends between Kings Clipstone and Clipstone is a single carriageway rural distributor road that is street-lit with a narrow footway is located on the north-west side of the road. There are approximately three access drives along the route, leading to agricultural or private premises and residences. Cavendish Way joins the route from the east at a roundabout, located approximately 300m north of Clipstone. The speed limit on Mansfield Road is currently 60mph; the national speed limit for single-carriageway derestricted roads.
3. County Councillor Peck has raised concerns, on behalf of his constituents, regarding vehicle speeds on this road, which links the two Clipstone communities.
4. In response it is proposed to introduce a speed limit of 50mph between Clipstone and Kings Clipstone. In considering changes to speed limits, the Department for Transport (DfT) guidance "Setting Local Speed Limits" is used to determine the appropriate limit. A principle of this guidance relates to matching speed limits to recorded mean traffic speeds; a 50mph limit is considered appropriate for the type of road and the traffic using it. In addition, the lower speed limit will help to reduce the speed of the traffic approaching the existing 30mph speed limits and encourage greater compliance with the existing 30mph limits at start of the residential areas. The lower vehicle speeds will also improve safety for vulnerable user and encourage the use of sustainable transport modes such as cycling
5. The statutory consultation was undertaken between 4th November and 9th December 2019, the proposals are as detailed on plan H/JAB/3280/01.
6. Two responses were received to the consultation consisting of a comment from County Councillor Peck and an objection from the Parish Council. Councillor Peck welcomed the proposed speed limit reduction but requested that consideration be given to the reducing the limit between Cavendish Way and Clipstone to 40mph rather than 50mph. This was suggested on the basis that it would prevent drivers travelling along Cavendish Way, which

is subject to a 40mph limit, from accelerating as they join the B6030 for around 300m before reaching the 30mph speed limit at Clipstone. Councillor Peck further commented that there was a large residential care home within this section and commercial premises located on a cul-de-sac accessed off Mansfield Road.

7. The remaining response from the Parish Council is considered to be an outstanding objection to the proposal.

Objections Received

8. Objection – Proposed speed limit is too high
Clipstone Parish Council objected to the proposal on the grounds that they considered the reduction to be insufficient and that the entire section of Mansfield Road between Clipstone and Kings Clipstone should be subject to a 40mph limit. The Parish Council considered that this would make walking and cycling along that route safer and pleasant and make it more likely that traffic adheres to the 30mph in the villages.
9. Response – Proposed speed limit is too high
The County Council does not consider that a speed limit of 40mph is appropriate for this section of Mansfield Road. The proposed 50mph speed limit is based on the Department for Transport's guidance "Setting Local Speed Limits" which recommends that the average speed for a road should be used as a guide to set the speed limit. On the B6030 the average recorded traffic speeds are almost exactly 50mph.
10. The guidance also recommends that ideally a speed limit should be at least 600m long with an absolute minimum of 400m, this is to avoid drivers encountering several different speed limits in quick succession. On the B6030 the distance between the Cavendish Way roundabout and the Clipstone 30mph speed limit is around 330m. Drivers travelling along the B6030 between Clipstone and Kings Clipstone would encounter a short length of 40mph speed limit, then a 50mph speed limit before the 30mph speed limit in Kings Clipstone. The entrance to the care home in Clipstone is within the existing 30mph speed limit.
11. It is not considered that reducing the limit further would achieve additional benefits because of the likelihood that drivers will not adhere to it without additional measures, such as fixed or mobile cameras, both of which require significant funds and evidence of high recorded levels of injury accidents which relate to vehicle speeds.

Other Options Considered

12. The other options which were considered related to the appropriate speed for this section of road. The route was assessed in line with Department for Transport guidelines on setting speed limits and this indicated that 50mph was the appropriate limit.

Comments from Local Members

13. County Councillor Peck stated his preference for a 40mph limit on the section between Clipstone and Cavendish Way, but overall supported the proposed 50mph limit as it would facilitate a reduction in vehicle speeds on Mansfield Road.

Reasons for Recommendations

14. The proposed changes to the speed limits along Mansfield Road are considered appropriate taking into account a balanced view of the needs of all road users and safety concerns.

Statutory and Policy Implications

15. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, 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

16. Nottinghamshire Police made no objections to the proposal. No additional crime or disorder implications are envisaged.

Financial Implications

17. The scheme is being funded through the 2020/21 Integrated Transport Measures capital programme with an expected cost of £4,000.

Human Rights Implications

18. 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

19. 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.
20. 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 (Mansfield Road (B6030), Clipstone and King's Clipstone) (50 M.P.H. Speed Limit) Order 2020 (3308) is made as advertised and objector advised accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (SJE 28/05/2020)

21. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Communities & Place Committee to whom responsibility for the exercise of the Authority's functions relating to traffic management has been delegated.

Financial Comments (GB 09/06/2020)

22. The estimated cost to implement the works outlined in this report totals £4,000. This will be funded from the 2020/21 Integrated transport Measures capital budget which totals £7.4m and is already approved as part of the Communities and Place capital budget.

Background Papers

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.

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

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Sherwood Forest ED

Councillor John Peck