

Report of the Director of Place to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 27th June 2023

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Subject:

Consideration of 1 objection received from a local resident to a proposed speed limit reduction on Oldfield Lane, Oldfield which is part of a wider reduction in speed limits in the area. The objector wants to reduce the speed limit further, from the proposed 40mph to 30mph. Oldfield Lane is currently a national speed limit.

Summary statement:

This report deals with an objection received from a resident to the reduction in speed limit proposed for Oldfield Lane, Oldfield.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

It is expected that there will be no disproportionate impact from the items recommended for implementation within this report; however, any elements where a potential disproportionate impact is identified, through more detailed investigation and design, will be subject to Equality Impact Assessments.

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Regeneration, Planning & Transport

Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Regeneration & Environment

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report deals with an objection from a local resident to a proposed speed limit reduction on Oldfield Lane, Oldfield. This reduction is part of a wider reduction in speed limits in the area. The objector wants to reduce the speed limit further, from the proposed 40mph to 30mph. Oldfield Lane is currently a national speed limit.

2. BACKGROUND

- 1.2. In June 2022, this Committee approved a casualty reduction scheme on Oldfield Lane/Harehills Lane/Hob Cote Lane, Oldfield within its capital work programme. This section of road, on the outskirts of Oakworth that leads through Pickles Hill and Oldfield has a national speed limit. There are a number of residential driveways that lead off Hob Cote Lane and Oldfield Lane as well as a primary school and terrace houses with on-street parking.
- 1.3. The proposals consist of a 20mph speed limit Order on Oldfield Lane through Oldfield and past the school, a 30mph speed limit order on the section of Oldfield Lane west of the village to its junction with Scar Top Road and a 40mph speed limit Order on Oldfield Lane east of Oldfield, Harehills Lane up to The Grouse public house and Hob Cote Lane to the 30mph speed limit at Denby Hill.
- 1.4. The objection relates to the section of Oldfield Lane subject to a proposed 40mph speed limit. No objections relate to the remainder of the scheme.
- 1.5. Details of the proposals on Oldfield Lane/Harehills Lane/Hob Cote Lane subject to the objection are shown on drawing no. P/HS/THN/104847/CON-1B which is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.6. The proposed Speed Limit Order was advertised for a 3-week period (2nd March to 23rd March 2023) on-site and within the local press, resulting in one objection being received. The objectors and officer comments are shown in Appendix 2 of this report.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 This report has not been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 1.7. The costs necessary to introduce the proposed scheme have been allocated from this Committees capital allocation.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 There are no risk management and governance implications.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 There are no legal implications at present.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

1.1.1. There are no sustainability implications.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

1.1.1. There are no implications regarding greenhouse gas emissions impacts.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

1.1.1. The proposed reduction in speed limit is considered necessary:

- To modify vehicle speeds and reduce the potential for traffic collisions, and the number and severity of personal injuries.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

1.1.2. There are no implications for human rights.

7.5 TRADE UNION

1.1.1. There are no trade union implications.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

1.1.1. The proposed scheme is situated in the Worth Valley ward.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

1.1.2. In June 2022, this Committee approved this casualty reduction scheme on Oldfield Lane/Harehills Lane/Hob Cote Lane, Oldfield within its capital work programme.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

1.1.2. There are no issues arising from this report

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

1.1.3. There are no issues arising from this report

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

1.2. None

9. OPTIONS

1.2. Option 1 (Recommended)

- That the objection be overruled and the proposed reduction in speed limit be approved as advertised
- The proposed 40mph speed limit be implemented along with the rest of the scheme
- That the objector is advised accordingly.

1.3. Option 2 (Not recommended)

- That the objection be upheld, and the proposals abandoned completely.
- That the objector is advised accordingly.

1.4. Option 3 (Not recommended)

- Members may prefer to take a course of action other than that indicated in the above options or recommendations

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1. That the objection be overruled

1.2. That the proposed speed limit order be implemented

1.3. That the objector be advised accordingly.

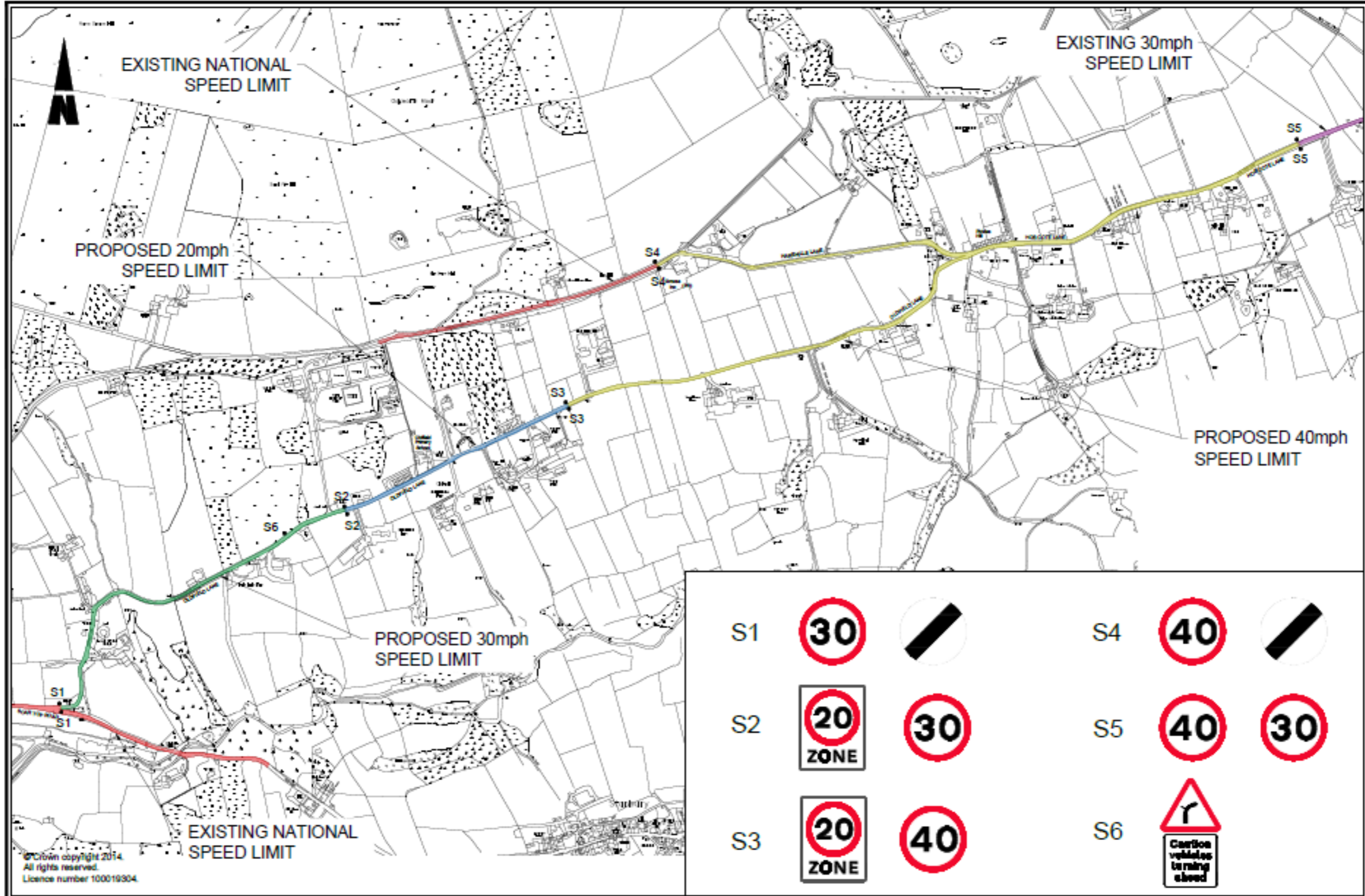
11. APPENDICES

1.1. Appendix 1 – Drawing no. P/HS/THN/104847/CON-1B (Scheme proposals as formally advertised)

1.2. Appendix 2 – Objector's and officer comments.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

1.1. None



<p>City of BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL</p> <p>Department of Place Strategic Director: Steve Harley</p>	<p>Planning, Transportation & Highways Service Traffic & Highways North Room 2 - Woodbridge Depot Rough Edge Avenue Keighley BD21 4BX</p>	<p>Project OLDFIELD VILLAGE AND SURROUNDING AREA</p>		Design: CJH	Drawn: CJH	Checked: CJH	Released: CJH	Drawing Title:
		<p>Client</p>		<p>Author: CJH Date: 11.10.22</p>	<p>Checked: NTS Date: [blank]</p>	<p>Approved: CJH Date: JULY 22</p>	<p>PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGES</p>	
<p>Revision</p>		<p>A Original CJH 15.07.22</p>	<p>B Change to 40mph between Oldkirk and Oldfield CJH 11.10.22</p>	<p>Engineer in Contact: Richard Gelder B.Eng(Hons), I.Eng. MICE</p>				<p>Drawing No. PIHS/THN/104847/CON-1B</p>

Appendix 2

Objector's comments	Officer comments
<p>I wish to raise an issue with you about the proposed speed limits on Oldfield Lane.</p> <p>It is excellent news that the speed limit will be 20mph in the immediate area of Oldfield Primary School. This is long overdue.</p> <p>The rest of the lane in the direction of Ponden will be 30mph, which is so appropriate for this narrow and twisting lane, which has a number of properties with direct access onto the lane. Also the area around the lane is farm land and there are often animals being moved on the lane.</p> <p>I strongly object to the rest of the lane in the direction of Pickles Hill being 40MPH as the nature of the lane and usage are just the same as the Ponden end of the lane which is to be 30MPH.</p> <p>I request for the above stated reasons that you change the speed limit to the Pickles Hill end of the lane to 30MPH.</p> <p>Further to my e mail of 9th March there is one additional point I wish to add.</p> <p>I strongly object to the rest of the lane in the direction of Pickles Hill being 40mph, for the reasons in my e mail with the addition of the following point. The lane is frequently used by large agricultural machinery which travels at very slow speed.</p> <p>I request for the above stated reason and the reasons set out in my e mail of 9th March that you change the speed limit to the Pickles Hill end of the lane to 30mph.</p>	<p>The reasoning behind making this section of Oldfield Road 40mph is to tie-in to the changes along Hob Cote Lane, which will also be 40mph.</p> <p>The section of Oldfield Lane mentioned, whilst having numerous bends, does not have the same lack of visibility/acuteness that the lower section to Scar Top has. Whilst the vehicles using the road are the same the road can be navigated at higher speeds due to the road layout.</p> <p>Also, the recommended minimum length for a section of speed limit is 600m. This explains why the section of straight road from the 20mph at Oldfield to the bends near Scar Top is also a 30mph speed limit and not 40mph. Care should also be taken to ensure speed limits do not fluctuate up and down over short lengths.</p>