



Meeting Title:	Speed Limit Review Panel		
Meeting Date:	7 th February 2017 & 16 th March 2017	Location:	Salthouse Road, Northampton
Review Number:	234		

Attendees		
Name	Job Title	Organisation
John Spencer	Team Leader – Road Safety and Sustainability	Northamptonshire Highways
Simon Mills	Principal Highways Engineering Officer	Northamptonshire Highways
Matt O’Connell	Safer Roads Team – Team Leader	Northamptonshire Police
Matt Barratt	Senior Engineer (1 st meeting only)	Northamptonshire Highways
Steve Barber	Collision Investigation Officer	Northamptonshire Highways
Sarah Barnwell	Community Liaison Officer – North	Northamptonshire Highways
Ian Boyes	Asst. Community Liaison Officer – Daventry & Kettering	Northamptonshire Highways
Phil Donaldson	Asst. Community Liaison Officer – Corby & East	Northamptonshire Highways
Helen Howard	Community Liaison Officer – South	Northamptonshire Highways
Phil Scordellis	Parish / Residents Representative (1 st meeting only)	Holcot
Stuart Hoskins	Safety Engineering Manager (2 nd meeting only)	Northamptonshire Highways

Date of Request:	10 th January 2017	Requestor:	Ian Boyes on behalf of Parish Council
Location:	Holcot	Description:	Centre of village and all approaches
Current PSL:	Various	Request:	Village centre to 20mph; approaches to 30mph with 40mph buffer

Speed Data:	16-27 February 2017	16-27 February 2017	16-27 February 2017	March 2017	March 2017
Posted Speed Limit:	30mph	30mph	40mph	30mph	60mph
Location:	Sywell Road <small>(facing uphill towards terminals)</small>	Moulton Road <small>(facing terminals)</small>	Brixworth Road <small>(facing into village)</small>	Moulton Road <small>(in village centre)</small>	Sywell Road <small>(on bend warning sign)</small>
Vehicles:	61844	37646	60985	67496	52729
85thile speed:	41mph	31mph	52mph	28mph	59mph
Collision History:	1 st January 2014 to 31 st December 2016				
Collisions:	No reported / recorded injury collisions / casualties in the above time frame or within full cover of the extent of the proposed speed limit changes.				
Casualties:					

Decision:	DECLINED
Actions:	IB / SBw to write to Parish Council to inform of decision



<p>Additional Comments / Notes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge number (14) of speed limit changes across a relatively small area if approval had been granted which would inevitably lead to driver confusion, complaints and poor compliance. • Implementation of all speed limits and requested additional measures would require a huge increase in signage, infrastructure and associated line / regulatory markings. This would contravene Northamptonshire County Council policy and programme to de-clutter the highway. • Major consideration in terms of array of required signage, leading to significant changes regarding aesthetic appearance of attractive village environment. • Implementation of speed terminal signs will not, in isolation, reduce approach / entry speeds. • Traffic in centre of village, where buildings and community movements are most prevalent, is already travelling at compliant speeds. • Implementation of speed terminal signs will not, in isolation, reduce approach / entry speeds near to isolated outlying properties. Drivers would fail to understand why the speed limit has been reduced at this point and this is likely to lead to significant non-compliance. Expectations therefore may then be raised in terms of further physical traffic calming measures or speed enforcement. • Evidence from recent Manchester City Council report for 20mph speed limits in urban areas revealed only a marginal change (less than 1 mile an hour) in average speeds, with some streets showing an overall increase. • Evidence from recent Manchester City Council report for 20mph speed limits in urban areas revealed that road casualties did not reduce as much as levels within other higher speed limits. • Northamptonshire County Council position with regards to 20mph speed limits is to await Department for Transport report in the effectiveness of 20mph restrictions – anticipated towards the end of 2017. • Sarah Barnwell to engage with Parish Council and to advise of outcome of speed limit review and arrange to consider alternative measures to gain speed limit compliance. Additional funding may be available through Northamptonshire Highways if village decides on calming at village entrances and cost exceeds their budget.
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