

**CONSIDER OBJECTIONS RECEIVED IN RELATION TO A PROPOSED 30MPH
SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION IN LINTON ROAD, GREAT ABINGTON**

To: Delegated Decision of Traffic Manager and the Local Member representing the electoral division below.

Meeting Date: 28th May 2020

From: Executive Director: Place & Economy

Electoral division(s): Linton

Forward Plan ref: n/a **Key decision:** No

Outcome: To determine objections received to the proposed 30mph speed limit extension in Linton Road, Great Abington.

Recommendation:

- a) Introduce the new 30mph Speed Limit Extension in Linton Road, Great Abington, as published.
- b) Inform the objectors of the decision after the meeting.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** The proposed 30mph speed limit extension is associated with a new residential development on the north side of Linton Road. The new vehicular access is located very close to the existing 30mph speed limit signs and it is a requirement of the planning consent that the signs be re-located slightly further south-east, so that they do not interfere with the access.
- 1.2** This necessitates a change to the legal speed limit Order and the Council is required to publish and consult on the revised speed limit. The required changes to the legal order and works are being funded by the developer.
- 1.3** More information, including copies of the public notice and scheme drawing, can be found in Appendices 1 and 2.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1** The introduction of a new speed limit or changes to an existing one requires the County Council to publish a notice to inform statutory bodies, members of the public and other interested parties of the proposal.
- 2.2** The proposal was advertised in the Cambridge News on 8th April 2020 and the statutory consultation period ran until 30th April 2020. Statutory bodies, such as the emergency services, and relevant County and District Councillors were consulted. In addition, a consultation letter was sent to households in the immediate vicinity to explain the proposal and give them an opportunity to comment.
- 2.3** The statutory publication and consultation generated a total of six representations, including two objections, one of which was from Great Abington Parish Council. These are not objections to the published proposals per se; they all request that the 30mph speed limit be extended significantly further south-eastwards. The written representations submitted are included in Appendix 4 and officer responses are also given in the table.
- 2.4** We must seek the police's view on any new speed limit proposals and Cambridgeshire Police do not object to this proposal.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Report authors should evaluate the proposal(s) in light of their alignment with the following four Corporate Priorities.

- 3.1 A good quality of life for everyone**
There are no significant implications for this priority.
- 3.2 Thriving places for people to live**
There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.4 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

All costs will be met by the developer of the residential development that has necessitated the requirement for this speed limit amendment.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

The required statutory process for this proposal has been followed. The design and implementation, if approved, would complete with all relevant regulations, standards and other accepted practises.

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

The statutory consultees have been engaged, including County and District Councillors, the Police and the Emergency Services. Notices were placed in the local press. The documents associated with the proposal were available to view online.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

County Councillor Henry Batchelor, the relevant the District Council Members and Great Abington Parish Council were consulted.

4.7 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

Appendix 1 – Public Notice



PUBLIC NOTICE

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL **(LINTON ROAD, GREAT ABINGTON) (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2020**

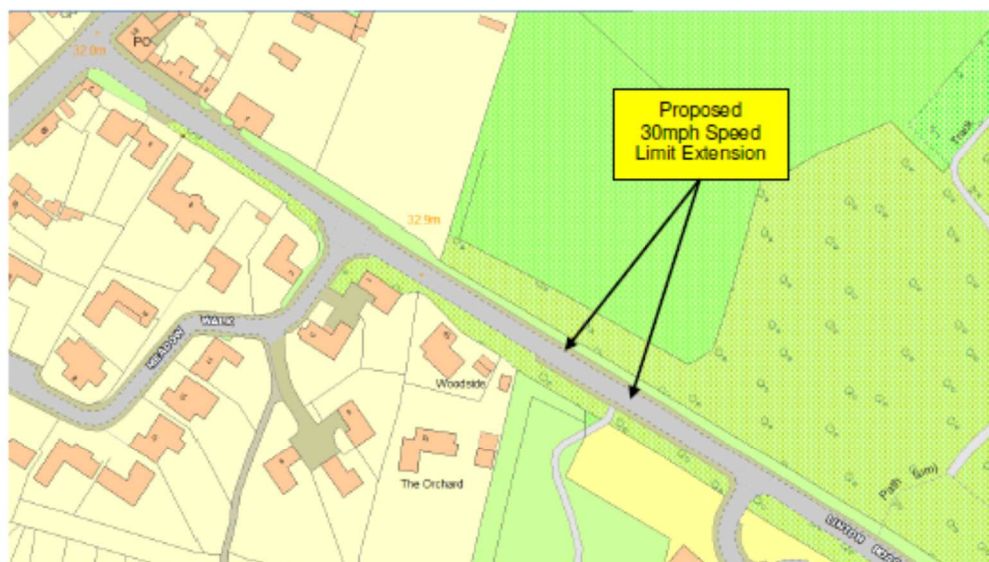
Cambridgeshire County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 84(1) and 84(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act the effect of which will be to extend the 30mph Speed Limit on Linton Road in a south-easterly direction for 30m.

Further details of the above proposals, including a plan, may be examined at Reception, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP during normal office hours or go to <http://bit.ly/cambridgeshiretro>

Objections to the proposal, together with the grounds on which they are made or any additional comments, must be sent in writing to the undersigned or by email to policyandregulation@cambridgeshire.gov.uk by 30th April 2020 quoting reference PR0630. Comments received will be used as part of our consultation process and may be published, but will be anonymised, in any reports.

Steve Cox, Executive Director, Place and Economy, c/o Policy and Regulation, Vantage House, Washingley Road, Huntingdon PE29 6SR

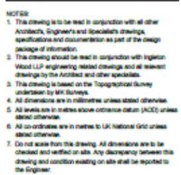
8th April 2020



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Title
S278 Layout Plan

Drawing Number:
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State	Purpose of Issue	Revision
S2	For Comment	P2

Appendix 3 – Linton Road Features



Appendix 4 – Representations and Comments

No.	Written Objections/ Representations	Officer's Comments
1	<p>Great Abington Parish Council has been consulted about the proposed 30 mph speed limit extension on Linton Road.</p> <p>In the explanatory note it states that “The proposed 30 mph speed limit extension would cover the new vehicular access that is to be constructed on the North-East side of Linton Road.” The Parish Council believes that the speed limit on Linton Road should be extended but strongly objects to the present proposal as it is totally without logic because the proposal under consideration disregards the recently constructed vehicular access to the Larkfield development of 45 dwellings which would not be covered by the extension. The Parish Council strongly believes that the 30 mph speed limit must be extended considerably further to include the entrance to Larkfield. We are aware extending the limit this far would bring it within close proximity to the bend in the road, so perhaps the optimal extension would be as far the Linton Road/A1307 junction. Installing the speed limit sign at the start of the Linton Road, soon after leaving the A1307, will have the additional benefit of prohibiting drivers from speeding up after making the turn into Linton Road. This extension would also make vehicular movements in and out of West Lodge Boarding kennels much safer.</p> <p>The Parish Council therefore strongly objects to the proposed order and unanimously requests that it be reconsidered as indicated above.</p>	<p>The proposed speed limit extension is directly linked with the residential development on the north side of Linton Road and is simply required to enable the signs to be re-located away from the new vehicular access. It was never intended to bring about a significant speed limit change in Linton Road.</p> <p>To give some context to the Parish Council's comments, Appendix 3 shows the new vehicular access in relation to Larkfield, the boarding kennels and the A1307/Linton Road junction.</p> <p>Government guidance on setting speed limits suggests that 30mph speed limits will normally be suitable where there is development on both sides of the road. The length of Linton Road outside of the existing 30mph limit is sparsely developed with open fields in some places. On roads of this nature, drivers will often fail to understand the need for a lower speed limit and compliance is likely to be poor. As a result, it is expected that the Police would object to a 30mph limit on that part of Linton Road as it would place a heavy enforcement burden on them.</p> <p>The Larkfield junction is located approximately 70 metres east of the new vehicular access, but the residential properties are generally set well back from Linton Road, so are not directly exposed to moving traffic. The Council's Development Management team considered the highway implications of the planning application for Larkfield and their view was that the visibility splays provided for the access were deemed acceptable to the Local Highway Authority on the 1st July 2017. Therefore as the vehicle inter visibility splays could be achieved no discussion with regards to</p>

		<p>relocating the existing speed limit was required.</p> <p>A possible compromise would be to investigate the possibility of a 40mph or 50mph speed limit covering that length of Linton Road from the new 30mph speed limit position to an appropriate location to the south-east. This might need traffic speed measurements being taken to establish what might be suitable. It is suggested that this could be considered as part of a future Local Highway Improvement (LHI) scheme.</p>
2	<p>Little Abington Parish Council discussed the consultation to extend the 30mph speed limit on Linton Rd, Great Abington at its meeting on 27 April 2020.</p> <p>The Parish Council did not support the proposal in its current form for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The 30mph should extend from the junction in the village centre along the entire length of Linton Road from the village centre to beyond the kennels. b) Linton Road is a busy road during rush hour and at school opening and closing times. c) There are hazards on the road - allotments entrance, kennels entrance, new housing development already occupied and another planned on the other side of the road. In due course there will be buildings on both sides of the road. It makes sense to extend the speed limit now rather than returning to do it later when the next housing development is completed. d) Linton Road is used by pedestrians to reach the public footpath to Hildersham, by cyclists, including school children, to access the cycle route to Linton and the Linton Village College. e) Cars park up to Linton road at school opening at and closing time with 	See officer comments on 1 above.

	consequent increase the number of children and families walking there.	
3	<p>I would like to object to the proposed change to the 30mph speed limit on Linton Road, Great Abington. The documentation on the council website refers to moving the limit by 30m on one document and 116m on another document.</p> <p>I request a review of the current change and would propose extending the 30mph limit further than the current proposal to beyond the entrance to Larkfield.</p> <p>There are 45 houses in the Larkfield development. Residents of Larkfield use Linton road frequently on foot and by cycle to get into the village to use the local facilities, including the Primary School, shop, post office, pub, bus service to Cambridge & Haverhill and the village institute. To improve the safety of walking and/or cycling into the village the 30mph limit should be extended beyond the Larkfield entrance.</p> <p>The rationale for extending the limit to the current proposal for the new entrance on the north of Linton road may well justify extension beyond the Larkfield entrance.</p> <p>If reconsidering the proposal I believe consideration should also be given to extending 30mph limit to the Linton road A1307 junction.</p>	<p>See officer comments on 1 above.</p> <p>It is proposed to extend the 30mph speed limit by 30 metres. The 116 metre quoted in the draft order is to reference the length from the Meadow Walk junction.</p>
4	<p>I am writing to comment on the proposal to extend the 30mph speed limit on Linton Road in Great Abington.</p> <p>I fully support the extension to the speed limit to cover the new vehicular access that is to be constructed on the north-east side of Linton Road, I do however question why the speed limit should not be extended to cover the vehicular access to the new development on the south side of Linton Road.</p>	<p>See officer comments on 1 above.</p>

	<p>Cars frequently travel along Linton Road in excess of the current 30mph speed limit and with the two new developments that are in place/due to be delivered there is and will continue to be a greater pedestrian and vehicular presence along the road. I would recommend that the speed limit should be extended further than the current proposals to the end of Larkfield for the safety of the residents within both of the new developments.</p>	
5	<p>In relation to the attached I would like to add my voice to calls to have the whole of Linton Road reduced to 30mph. There does not seem much point in increasing the current 30nph zone by a small amount, especially considering that with the new development further down, which has many families with young children who regularly use Linton Road to get to the village high street.</p> <p>I myself live in the new development and have a young daughter and have often had cars whizz by at 50mph which is frightfully fast for a village road.</p>	See officer comments on 1 above.
6	<p>I am writing regarding the extension of the 30mph on Linton road. I would like to request that it be extended further to cover the new development (Larkfield St). As you will see there is a council owned play area (the orchards) just off that road where it is currently 50mph and there are countless toddlers soon to be primary school children who will be walking to school along that road.</p> <p>In addition, Children cross from Larkfield to access the public footpath that runs through the pet hotel opposite.</p>	See officer comments on 1 above.