

CARLISLE HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP
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Meeting date: 4 December 2018

From: Executive Director – Economy & Infrastructure

A595 THURSBY TO PETER LANE PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 50MPH UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report advises the Highways Working Group (The Group) of the developments in the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 50mph from Thursby roundabout to Peter Lane roundabout.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *In considering any implications, members must consider if the proposals impact on the Council Plan, including supporting delivery of Community Strategy and Council Plan priorities, specifically*

- *To enable communities to live safely and shape services locally*
- *To protect and enhance Cumbria's world class environment*
- *To provide safe and well maintained roads and an effective transport network*
- *To promote sustainable economic growth, and create jobs*

2.2 No significant equality implications have been identified at this stage, and the statutory processes have provided the mechanisms for any Equality Issues to be raised and aired.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 *That the Group recommend to Carlisle Local Committee TO NOT proceed with the statutory advertisement and consultation on the proposed reduction of the speed limit to 50mph between Nealhouse and Peter Lane roundabout, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 1, following the resolution of Allerdale Local Committee not to proceed with the statutory advertisement and consultation of the proposed reduction of the speed limit to 50 mph between Nealhouse and Thursby Roundabout.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Following campaigns from local members of Thursby and the Dalston and Burgh divisions, an informal consultation was undertaken during July / August 2018 into the proposal to reduce the speed limit on the A595 between Thursby roundabout and Peter Lane roundabout from national speed limit to 50mph.
- 4.2 At its meeting on the 13th November Carlisle Local Committee agreed the recommendation of the HTWG
- (1) to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement to introduce a 50mph speed limit on the A595 between the District Boundary at Nealhouse and Peter Lane Roundabout, a distance of approximately 2.50 miles (as shown on the plan attached as appendix 1), with the caveat that the speed limit of 50 mph be not introduced unless the Allerdale Local Committee agreed to introduce a 50mph speed limit on the A595 between Nealhouse and Thursby Roundabout.
- 4.3 At its meeting on 6 November 2018 Allerdale Local Committee **resolved as follows:** -
- “the Local Committee DO NOT agree to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement to introduce a 50mph speed limit on the A595 between the District Boundary at Nealhouse and Thursby Roundabout; a distance of approximately 1.4 miles”.
- 4.4 The extract from the Allerdale Local Committee minutes is attached as Appendix 3.
- 4.5 If the Group chose not to agree the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 and instead recommend to the Local Committee to proceed with the reduction of the speed limit but only within the Carlisle District, the speed limit would commence at Nealhouse which is not considered to be a suitable starting point for a speed limit. The full extent from Thursby roundabout to Peter Lane roundabout would be required for a successful limit. The Group are therefore recommended to agree the Recommendation to Local Committee at paragraph 3.1

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 HTWG agree the recommendation to Carlisle Local Committee to not proceed with the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 50mph.
- 5.2 HTWG recommend to Carlisle Local Committee to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of the proposed reduction in the speed limit to 50mph from Nealhouse to Peter Lane.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The budget provision in the Engineering Safety Measures budget of the 2018/19 Capital Programme of £45,000 is not required for this scheme.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The County Council must take into consideration the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the 1984 Act”) detailed below at paragraph 7.2, in considering whether it is expedient to agree to the implementation of the speed limit referred to in this Report, for the reason specified at section 1(1)(a) of the 1984 Act, namely for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- 7.2 Under Section 122(2), the matters which must be taken into account in exercising that duty are: -
- (a) The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
 - (b) the effect on amenities of an area;
 - (c) the national air quality strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995;
 - (d) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
 - (e) any other matters appearing to the authority to be relevant.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 Part of the length of A595 subject to the proposed reduction in speed limit to 50mph lies within the area Allerdale district, namely from Nealhouse to Thursby roundabout. Allerdale Local Committee have resolved to not to proceed with the formal consultation for the speed limit within their area.
- 8.2 The recommendation to the last Carlisle Local Committee had the caveat that HWTG only recommended proceeding with the reduction of the speed limit from Nealhouse to Peter Lane if Allerdale Local Committee agreed to proceed with the section within their area from Nealhouse to Thursby roundabout.
- 8.3 Therefore it is recommended to not proceed with the speed limit reduction from Nealhouse to Peter Lane.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 - Plan of A595 Peter Lane to Carlisle Boundary Proposed speed limit***
- Appendix 2 - ‘A595 Peter Lane to Thursby Roundabout – Existing National Speed Limit: Proposal to Reduce to 50 mph Speed Limit’ Highways and Transport Working group report 11 October 2018***

Appendix 3 - Extract of Minutes of the meeting of Allerdale Local Committee held on 6 November 2018.

Electoral Divisions: Dalston & Burgh, Thursby

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

***Carlisle Local Committee 13 November 2018 Minute 55 3(b)
Carlisle Highways and Transport Working Group 11 October 2018***

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

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