

**Name of meeting: Cabinet Committee - Local Issues**

**Date: 24 January 2018**

**Title of report: Objection to (Speed Limit) (No 103) Order 2017, Proposed Speed Limit changes in the Sovereign/Birdsedge and Kirkburton Area**

**Purpose of report:**

To consider objections and make a decision on Kirklees (Speed Limit) (No 103) Order 2017, received following formal advertisement for the introduction of Speed Limit changes on: B6116 Huddersfield Road, A629 Abbey Road North, A629 Lane Head Road (Kirkburton) and A629 Penistone Road, Birdsedge

<b>Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Key Decision - Is it in the <a href="#">Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</a></b>	<b>No</b>
<b>The Decision - Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Date signed off by Strategic Director</b>	<b>Naz Parkar - 11.01.2018</b>
<b>Is it also signed off Service Director - Finance, IT and Transactional Services</b>	<b>Debbie Hogg - 09.01.2018</b>
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director- Legal Governance and Commissioning?</b>	<b>Julie Muscroft - 10.01.2018</b>
<b>Cabinet member portfolio–</b>	Corporate (Place, Environment and Customer Contact Services) Cllr Musarrat Khan & Cllr Graham Turner

**Electoral wards affected: Denby Dale and Kirkburton**

**Ward councillors consulted: Yes**

**Public or private: Public**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 In June 2016 Kirklees Council introduced a 30mph limit on the A629 Lane Head Road and A629 Penistone Road, Shepley, as part of a larger scale casualty reduction scheme along this length of road.
- 1.2 Since the changes, local concerns have been raised regarding the lower limit and the level of adherence to the limit by drivers using this road.
- 1.3 With this in mind the Kirkburton Ward Councillors asked Kirklees to investigate the possibility of increasing a small section of Lane Head Lane to 40mph. (Appendix 1 Page 3)

Kirkburton Ward Councillors felt that because:

- this section of Lane Head Rd includes a crawler lane, intended for passing of slow moving HGV's on the uphill stretch away from Shepley village,
- and, because the speed limit was now the same all the way from Cumberworth Lane, the 'gateway' feature previously in place, created by the 30mph speed limit change on the downhill approach into Shepley village, has been lost, the 30mph limit wasn't fit for purpose.

- 1.4 The Kirkburton Councillors have also taken the opportunity to propose a reduction in the speed limit at on B6116 Huddersfield Road, Kirkburton (Appendix 1 Page 1), and Abbey Road North (Appendix 1 Page 2) to address residents' concerns of speeding traffic in this area.
- 1.5 The Denby Dale Councillors were consulted and have taken the opportunity to introduce a further 30mph section on Penistone Road, Birdsedge, adjacent to Birdsedge First school, to address on-going historic concerns raised by residents - (Appendix 1 Page 3).
- 1.6 Both Wards secured District Committee monies to joint fund the proposed speed limit order and associated engineering works that are required.

## **2. Information required to take a decision**

- 2.1 The proposed speed limit changes were advertised 07 – 28 August 2017 and 9 objections were received. However due to a legal challenge it was necessary to re-advertise the proposals. All 9 objectors were responded to regarding their concerns, and advised that, should they wish for their objection to remain, they would need to submit their objection again when the scheme was re-advertised.
- 2.2 The order was re-advertisement 7 Nov - 08 December 2017. 14 objections were received, of which 2 were a re-submission objections to the original advertisement. (Appendix 2)  
1 letter of support to the proposals was received - (Appendix 3)
- 2.3 All the objections are to the proposal to increase the speed limit from 30mph to 40mph on the A629 Lane Head Road, none referred to the proposals for B6116 Huddersfield Rd, Abbey Rd North, or A629 Penistone Rd
- 2.4 All objectors have been contacted by officers, the content of their objections discussed, and some issued clarified, and as a result 3 objections have been formally withdrawn.  
Objections to be concerned have been received from:
- Ms H Stephens on behalf of Mr A K Stephens, Shepley resident
  - Mr E Sorfleet, A629 Shepley resident
  - Mr H Taylor, Lane Head Rd, Shepley resident
  - Mr and Mrs Willard, Lane Head Rd, Shepley resident
  - D Ellis, Lane Head Rd, Shepley resident
  - Mr and Mrs Flocks
  - Bridge House Clinic, local business, Shepley Village
  - R Hewitt, Lane Head Rd, Shepley resident
  - Dr P Lloyd, Lane Head Rd, Shepley resident
  - Ms Lloyd, Lane Head Rd, Shepley resident
  - A Scott, Chair, Friends of Shepley

2.5 The objections have similar concerns which, in summary, are:

I. Visibility of side roads and crossing the road further into the village.  
**In response** : This is outside of the remit for the current speed limit order, however, officers will investigate the feasibility of and funding opportunities to make the identified junctions more visible to drivers, and for additional signing that be appropriate to highlight that school children / pedestrians may be crossing in this area.

II. No pavement near Cliffe House:  
**In response** : This is outside of the remit for the current speed limit order, but officers will look to establish any pedestrian desire lines that may warrant the introduction of a footway, and if appropriate, look at the feasibility of such a scheme, and funding opportunities that may be available.

III. Traffic already exceeds the speed limit, and those speeds will increase if the limit is raised to 40mph  
**In response** : Speed counts undertaken, before and after the change in speed limit from 50mph to 30mph which showed a minor reduction in the 85%ile (the speed at which 85% of all vehicles travel at or below) and the average speed.

- Speed limit at 50mph – 85%ile – 49mph, average speed of 42.1mph.
- Speed limit at 30mph - 85%ile – 48.6mph, average speed of 41mph.

This supports the view that 40mph is a more appropriate speed for this section of the A629 Lane Head Lane.

Appendix 4 - Plan showing the before and after speeds.

Based on these results Officers will be working closely in the future, with the local Neighbourhood Policing team, on local enforcement, to encourage greater compliance with speed limits in this area, regardless of the outcome of this report.

The introduction of the 40mph limit here allows for the re-introduction of “Gateway” features to remind drivers of the need to adhere to the 30mph limit, when approaching Shepley village downhill and Cross Lane / Carr Lane junction uphill.

IV. Objectors would like to see speed cameras introduced as an alternative to changing the speed limit.

**In response** : Kirklees Council is member of the West Yorkshire Casualty Reduction Partnership. The partnership manages the network of cameras, both fixed & mobile throughout West Yorkshire. The criterion for identifying new camera sites is based on injury accidents, route lengths and speed. Whilst the partnership manages the sites, Kirklees Highway Safety is responsible for the identification of any new sites in Kirklees. Lane Head Road has been assessed against the criteria (which can be found here <http://www.safetycameraswestyorkshire.co.uk/faq-detail.htm?catID=7>) and it didn't meet for Speed Cameras whether fixed or mobile.

V. The accidents since the 30mph was introduced have reduced  
**In response**: There has been no change in the number of collisions occurring, along the length of road the objectors are concerned about, since the reduction in the speed limit to 30mph.

VI. The section of 40mph is too short.

**In response:** Whilst it appears to be short in length, it is in line with the recommendations laid out in DfT – Setting Local Speed Limits (2013).

VII. The position of the 30mph signs will obstruct the footway and cause visibility issues when exiting an access.

**In response:** The 30mph sign will be positioned behind the existing wall near the entrance to the houses and not in the pavement, thus having no adverse impact to pedestrians or the drivers exiting the houses. There will also be a further 30mph sign on the opposite side of the road and a gateway feature which will be visible for drivers as they pass the signs approaching the sovereign

VIII. The proposed limit is now further into the village than before

**In response:** To locate the 30mph limit change at the previous location would, based on DfT- Setting Local Speed Limits (2013), require the 30mph gateway at the other end, to move closer to the Cross Lane/ Carr Lane junction. As the speed limit change on approach to and through this junction has resulted in both lower speeds and a reduction in personal injury collisions, this is something officers would not recommend.

### **3. Implications for the Council:**

#### **3.1 Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)**

None

#### **3.2 Economic Resilience (ER)**

None

#### **3.3 Improving Outcomes for Children**

None

#### **3.4 Reducing demand of Services**

3.4.1 If the objections to this element of Speed Limit Order are upheld demand for Officers and Ward Cllrs time will remain, as concerns will continue to be raised with them, by local residents, about the suitability of the speed limit on A629 Lane Head Rd.

3.4.2 If the objections to this element of the Speed Limit Order are over-ruled it will allow the speed limit to be changed and the re-introduction of the 30mph gateway signs for the downhill approach to Shepley Village and the uphill approach to Cross Lane/Carr Lane junction, thus encouraging greater compliance.

#### **3.5 Legal/Financial or Human Resources**

3.5.1 If the objections to this element of the Speed Limit Order are upheld a proportion of the secured district committee funding intended for the signing and lining of this proportion of the scheme will be returned.

#### **4. Consultees and their opinions**

- 4.1 Ward members were instrumental in the development of these schemes, and were consulted on the proposals, prior to the formal advertising of this order. They were fully supportive of the scheme.
- 4.2 Consultation was undertaken with our Statutory Consultees, prior to the formal advertising of this order, and no objections were received.
- 4.3 Kirkburton and Denby Dale Ward Councillors have been consulted on this report and their comments are as follows;

Cllr Richard Smith

"I have read the report and have exactly the same view as I had before.

This stretch of the road under discussion is totally unsuited to a 30 mph limit

As the report states accident rates are unchanged and I actually think trying to enforce the lower limit if it were to remain would lead to aggressive driving as it is very difficult to maintain such a slow speed either up or down this stretch of road

Additionally as we proved at the public meeting  
The increase to 40 mph is widely supported by the vast majority of villagers

I cannot emphasise in any stronger terms that this needs to happen"

Cllr John Taylor

"I remain supportive of the proposals, there has been a concerted campaign against the changes by a handful of local residents who I maintain a good relationship with but it is perhaps a truer indication of support for these proposals that only a small number of objections were actually received. The proposed changes will, as you say, introduce new speed limits signs at key gateway points both at Cliffe House but also importantly below Lane Head Farm which is the point above which we have the most accidents.

This will be further improved by the proposed re-instatement of the Sovereign Quarry at the junction of Carr Lane & Lane Head Rd which will improve the visibility here and so hopefully help address some of the accidents at this point.

I think it is probably worth also mentioning that a public meeting was held in Shepley on these proposals and that the majority attending were supportive of the changes and that it has also been the subject of a number of discussions at the Village Association across the last two years."

Cllr Bill Armer

"Whilst I am aware of some limited opposition to the changes, it is my very clear impression that these proposals have majority support. I am in favour of the proposals."

Cllr Jim Dodds

“Thank you for your email and report together with the objections. As a Denby Dale Councillor, I am happy with the reduced speed limit in Birds Edge. I have no comment to make regarding the issues in the Kirkburton ward as these should be left to Kirkburton ward councillors.”

Cllr Michael Watson

“From Denby Dale perspective I am quite happy to support this scheme and I wouldn't presume to interfere with the business of the Kirkburton Councillors.”

**5. Next steps**

If the objections to this Speed Limit Order are over-ruled, as soon as the order is legally sealed, the engineering works required to affect the speed limit changes will be programmed for implementation on site

If the objections are upheld, the element of the advertised order referring to Lane Head Rd will be abandoned. The changes to the remaining lengths of road, as advertised, will be programmed of implementation.

Officers will investigate the feasibility of additional signage and footpath concerns raised by objectors, as a separate request to the speed limit changes.

**6. Officer recommendations and reasons**

**Officer recommendation:** the objections to the proposed Speed Limit Order are overruled and the scheme implemented as advertised.

**Reason:** without the introduction of this element of the Speed Limit Order, Officer, and local Councillors will continue to receive concerns that the 30mph limit isn't fit for purpose and that the level of adherence to the limit is minimal.

Neither will there be any opportunity to add additional signage to encourage compliance with the 30mph speed limit through Shepley Village and approaching Cross Lane / Carr lane junction.

**7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation**

Portfolio Holders have been consulted and are in support of the officer's recommendations to implement the Speed Limit Order as advertised.

**8. Contact officer & relevant papers**

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Principal Engineer, Streetscene  
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Email: [Phillip.waddington@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Phillip.waddington@kirklees.gov.uk)

Appendix 1 – plans of proposed speed limits

Appendix 2 – Emails from 11 objectors

Appendix 3 – 1 email of support to the proposals

Appendix 4 – Plan showing before and after speeds

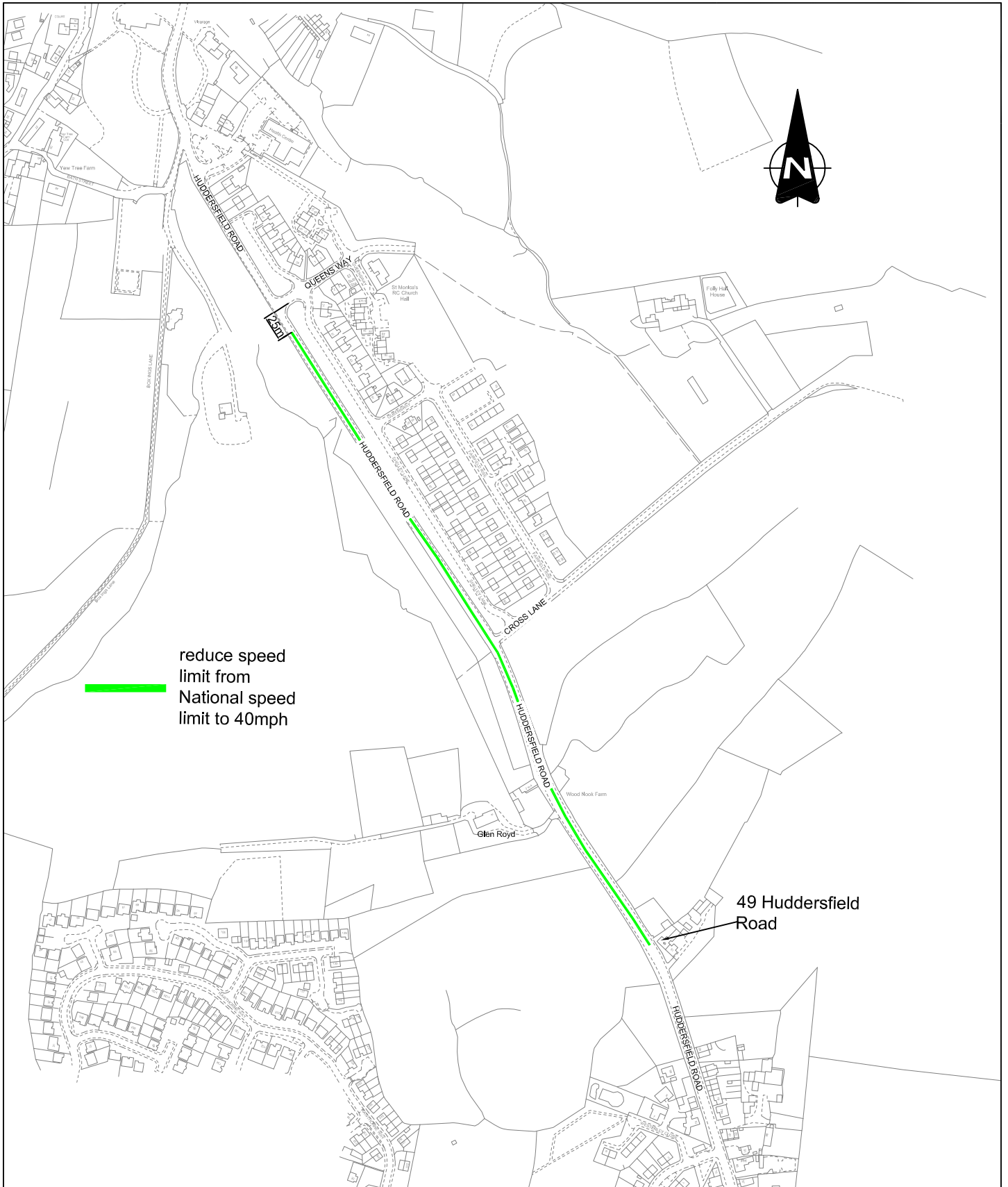
**9. Service Director responsible**

Joanne Bartholomew

Service Director - Commercial, Regulatory and Operational Services

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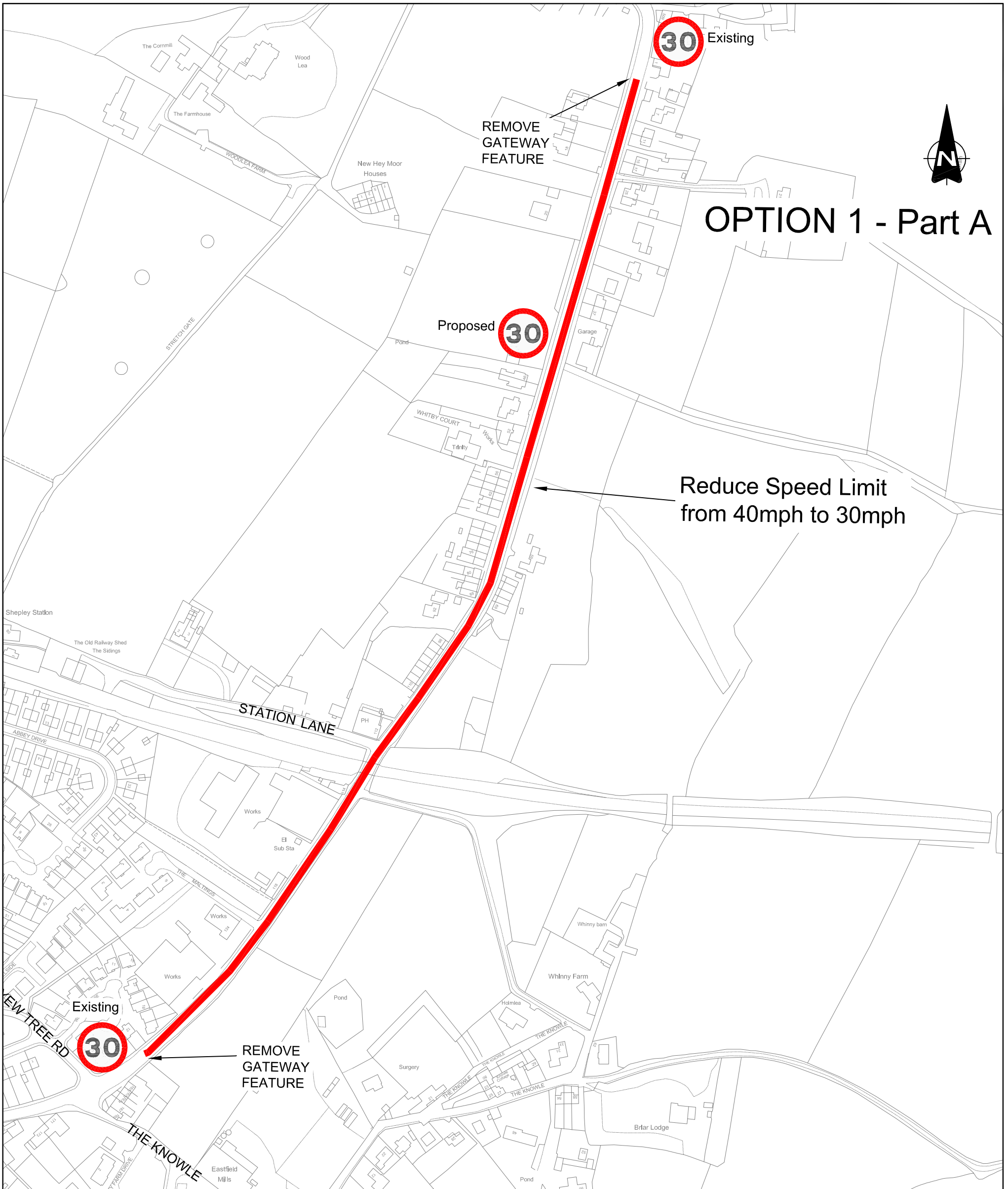
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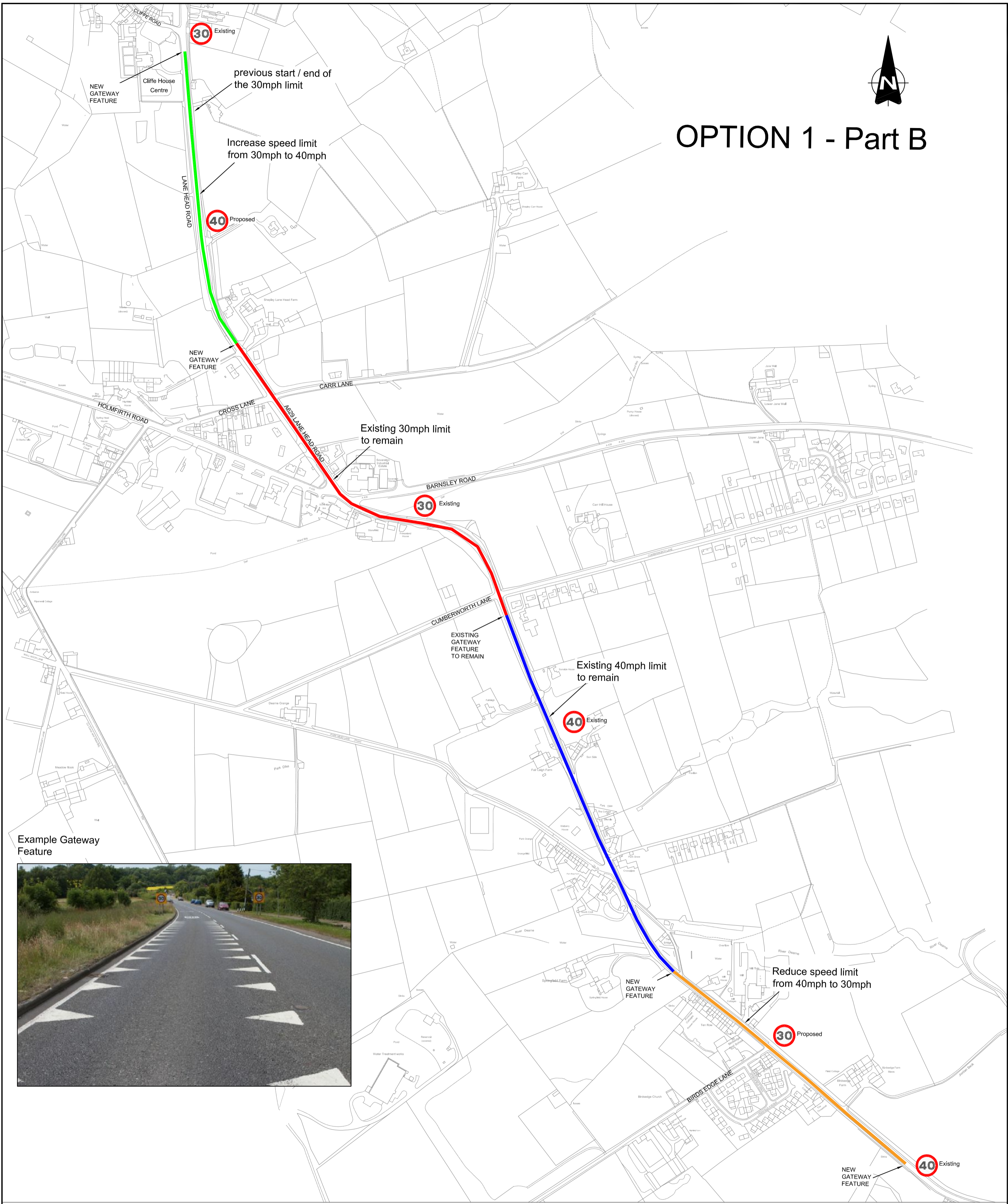
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Proposed Speed Limit changes

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**Phillip Waddington**

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**From:** Helen Coldwell on behalf of Julie Muscroft  
**Sent:** 05 December 2017 09:06  
**To:** Hilary  
**Cc:** John Taylor; Jayne Ewing  
**Subject:** RE: objection to proposed speed limit change DEV/JE/D118-17-103

Dear Ms Stephens

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 5 December 2017 addressed to Julie Muscroft.

I have copied into this email the officer who has conduct of this matter.

Yours sincerely

Helen Coldwell  
Secretary to Julie Muscroft  
Service Director  
Legal, Governance & Commissioning (Monitoring Officer) Executive Suite 1st Floor Civic Centre III Huddersfield HD1 2EY

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Hilary [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 December 2017 02:12  
**To:** Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** John Taylor [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** objection to proposed speed limit change DEV/JE/D118-17-103

Dr Ms Muscroft,

I would like to object to the proposal to increase the speed limit on the A629 in shepley between Carr Lane and Cliffe Road junctions, on behalf of my mother Mrs AK Stephens, of 5 Church Lane, Shepley.

1. My mother is 91. She crosses the road regularly to get to the Methodist Church. It is already difficult for her, with the current 30 mph speed limit, and she often has to wait 5 minutes on a Sunday morning, to cross safely. Visibility is not very good, and the intended crossing point, just above Cliffe Road, leaves her stranded with no pavement to continue down Cliffe Road, and no visibility to traffic turning off the main road. She therefore prefers to cross to the other side of Cliffe Road, where she has to cross both carriageways together. I am concerned for her safety.

2. The Methodist Church hosts a number of activities for both children and elderly people through the week. An increase in traffic speed poses a risk for these groups as well.

3. Traffic already exceeds the speed limit through Shepley, and speed cameras would be helpful.
4. I can see no advantage to increasing the speed for approximately 1/4 mile. Drivers will increase their speed, expecting this to continue, and will not be prepared to slow down again a short time later.

I look forward to your reply,

Hllary Stephens

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## Phillip Waddington

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**From:** Helen Coldwell on behalf of Julie Muscroft  
**Sent:** 04 December 2017 09:40  
**To:** Sorfleet, Edward  
**Cc:** Jayne Ewing  
**Subject:** RE: DEV/JE/D118-17-103

Dear Mr Sorfleet

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4 December 2017 addressed to Julie Muscroft.

I have copied into this email the officer in Legal Services who has conduct of this matter.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** Sorfleet, Edward [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 December 2017 09:29  
**To:** Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** DEV/JE/D118-17-103

Hello

As a resident on the A629 in Shepley I would like to object to the increase of speed limit on Lane Head Road to 40mph. Cars already travel much faster than the 30mph limit and are very dangerous to pedestrians (especially children) as it stands. This increase in speed limit will only serve to increase the speed of vehicles once they enter the village boundary and is a very high risk that accidents will increase at this point. Surely we should be looking to reduce the speed limit, **not** increase it. Please can you review this and change the plan to either keep the 30mph limit or look to reduce to 20mph.

Many thanks

Edward Sorfleet

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## Phillip Waddington

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**From:** Helen Coldwell on behalf of Julie Muscroft  
**Sent:** 04 December 2017 09:34  
**To:** Wendy & Hugh Taylor  
**Cc:** Jayne Ewing  
**Subject:** RE: Ref. DEV/JE/D118-17-103 - Proposed changes to speed limit on Lane Head Road, Shepley

Dear Mr and Mrs Taylor

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3 December 2017 addressed to Julie Muscroft.

I have copied into this email the officer in Legal Services who has conduct of this matter.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** Wendy & Hugh Taylor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 December 2017 20:28  
**To:** Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Ref. DEV/JE/D118-17-103 - Proposed changes to speed limit on Lane Head Road, Shepley

Dear Ms Muscroft

I refer to the above set of proposals regarding speed limits on the A629. I am specifically writing to object to the proposal to create a short stretch of 40mph zone on Lane Head Road, for the following reasons:-

1. My primary objection is that the A629 is a very busy road carrying a lot of heavy traffic. In the two years since Kirklees lowered the speed limit, the road has become much safer, with noticeably fewer accidents at the notorious Cross Lane crossroads (in recent years I am aware of at least 3 occasions when the air ambulance has had to attend accidents at this spot). Therefore anything that we can do to keep speeds down should be welcomed. Most people by now realise that it is a 30mph zone and typically travel at 35-40mph. Although this is above the limit it is reasonable. If the limit is raised to 40, most people will do 45-50mph, which greatly increases reaction and stopping distances. This increases the likelihood and severity of accidents. As you may know, this is a steep section of road and it is very difficult for HGVs coming down the hill to stop quickly, especially in the wet.

2. The stretch of road proposed to be increased to 40 is too short for this to be sensible. It lies in the middle of a long stretch of 30mph starting at Shelley Park and ending at Birdsedge. It will encourage people to use this short stretch as a "race track" - somewhere where they can 'put their foot down'. It will encourage dangerous overtaking and higher speeds, which will be carried through into the main part of Shepley village northbound, and around a blind left-hand bend with concealed entrances at the southern end.

3. The northern limit of the 40 zone is being proposed to be 50m further into Shepley village than was the case in the past (previously the 30 limit started above Cliffe House). This means traffic travelling faster past Cliffe House (which is a Kirklees children's centre), past Cliffe Road junction and past the Methodist Church. These are all places with regular high volumes of emerging traffic. Plus it is an area where parents and children cross the A629 to get to the nearby Shepley first school.

4. The proposed southern limit is positioned so that the start of the 30 zone will be hidden round the blind left hand bend, where it will be difficult for people to see. The sign for this will be positioned in the middle of a narrow piece of pavement, potentially forcing pushchairs etc. perilously close to the edge of the road. And the post for this sign will obstruct the view of approaching traffic for cars pulling out of the concealed entrance, which leads to number of houses. This is already a dangerous manoeuvre and the new sign will only make it worse.

All in all, I am convinced (speaking as a former highways engineer who currently works for the Health & Safety Executive) that these proposals, whilst well-intentioned, will make Lane Head Road more dangerous. I do think that there is a lot more that could be done to emphasise the current 30mph limit e.g. programme the two vehicle-activated signs to flash "30" instead of just "Slow down", or to erect 30mph repeater signs such as the ones recently put up by Kirklees in New Mill. I cannot understand why these simple steps (which I have suggested to Highways and local councillors) have not been taken, and instead we are resorting to raising the limit in the vain hope that this will make the road safer.

Many thanks

Regards, Hugh Taylor

Hugh Taylor

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**From:** Helen Coldwell on behalf of Julie Muscroft  
**Sent:** 04 December 2017 09:34  
**To:** DAVE.MARGARET  
**Cc:** Jayne Ewing  
**Subject:** RE: Shepley speed limit change

Dear Mr and Mrs Willard

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3 December 2017 addressed to Julie Muscroft.

I have copied into this email the officer in Legal Services who has conduct of this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary to Julie Muscroft  
Service Director  
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To: Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>  
Cc: [maggiedave8789@gmail.com](mailto:maggiedave8789@gmail.com)  
Subject: Shepley speed limit change

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3/12/17

Dear Ms Muscroft,

SPEED LIMIT CHANGE ON LANE HEAD ROAD SHEPLEY REF NO; DEV/JE/D118-17-103

We are writing to express grave concern of the council's intention to increase the speed limit on the A629 Lane Head Road between Carr Lane and Cliffe Road, Shepley.

As residents of Lane Head Road for the past 36 years we are fully aware of the dangers of this particular stretch of road. We live on the bend between the turnings to Lea Head and Firth

Street.

Over the years we have witnessed innumerable accidents due to drivers approaching the village downhill from the Sovereign at excessive speed and losing control on the bend. Many of these accidents have been serious; we ourselves have witnessed two fatalities here. This is a residential area near to the primary school. Frequently vehicles end up on the pavement.

A few years ago traffic calming measures were introduced and a traffic island installed above the bend. These had some effect in reducing the frequency, though not the incidence, of accidents.

We were further pleased when two years ago the speed limit above the bend was decreased from 50 mph to 30 mph. However, road signs are not clear on the approach to the village and as it is an open downhill stretch and not built up drivers continue to break the speed limit. Only a few months ago a speeding driver lost control on the bend, spun across the road, over the pavement and demolished the end of our wall. Had there been pedestrians on the pavement (quite likely as this was 11 am) they would not have stood a chance. Over the years there have been many many similar incidents.

Reducing the speed limit from 50 mph to 30 has slowed traffic, probably to around 35- 40, though some drivers seem completely unaware or disregarding of the current limit. A restriction of 40 is likely to result in traffic travelling at 50 mph. We are very aware of how fast some vehicles travel down the hill into the village when we are slowing down preparing to turn right into our drive.

Lights which flash the approaching vehicle's speed in green (or red if in excess) have been installed further along the A629 on the stretch to Shelley. These would be highly appropriate near the Cliffe road junction.

We also understand that the lower end of the speed limit is 50m closer to the village than previously. This will also discourage drivers from slowing down before reaching the bend.

In conclusion, the council's proposal to increase the speed limit on this stretch of road seems highly inadvisable and we beg them to reconsider.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret and David Willard

## Phillip Waddington

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**From:** Helen Coldwell on behalf of Julie Muscroft  
**Sent:** 04 December 2017 09:33  
**To:** Jayne Ewing  
**Subject:** FW: Lane Head Rd, Shepley. Ref:DEV/JKS/D118-17-103

Hi Jayne

I have acknowledged this email but forgot to copy you into that response.

Helen

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Anne Ellis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 December 2017 12:01  
**To:** Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Lane Head Rd, Shepley. Ref:DEV/JKS/D118-17-103

Dear Julie Muscroft

I am resubmitting my initial objection as the previous consultation was abandoned. Please see below.

Yours sincerely

D.Ellis

Sent from my iPad

> On 23 Aug 2017, at 08:25, Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)> wrote:

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> Dear Ms Ellis

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> I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 22 August 2017. I have copied into this email the officer who has conduct of this matter and will respond to you directly.

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> Yours sincerely

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> Julie Muscroft

> Service Director - Legal, Governance & Commissioning

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> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** Anne Ellis [REDACTED]  
> **Sent:** 22 August 2017 20:51

> **To:** Julie Muscroft

> **Subject:** Lane Head Rd, Shepley. Ref:DEV/JKS/D118-17-103

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> I am writing to protest against the proposal to increase the speed limit from 30 to 40 mph between Cross Lane and Cliffe Road.

> I live at 163 Lane Head Road accessing the A629 from the Lane Head Farm Lane. This is just above a blind bend on the main road and where speeding cars and bikes coming up the hill (in the direction of Sheffield) present a hazard to me as a driver trying to enter the main road. The 30 mph limit has been successful in limiting speeding but I fear the removal of that limit will encourage drivers to exceed the new 40 mph limit.

> Some 15 years or so ago there was a serious accident where my (then) neighbours car was hit as it turned right from our Lane by a motorcycle that was estimated to be doing over 60 mph as it came around the blind bend.

> I am also concerned that the new signage indicating 30 mph limit will be situated between the Lane Head Farm entrance and the bend further limiting our visibility.

> Yours sincerely

> D Ellis

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> Sent from my iPad

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## Phillip Waddington

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**From:** Helen Coldwell on behalf of Julie Muscroft  
**Sent:** 04 December 2017 09:25  
**To:** Peter  
**Cc:** Jayne Ewing  
**Subject:** RE: DEV/JE/D118-17-103

Dear Peter

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3 December 2017 addressed to Julie Muscroft.

I have copied into this email the officer in Legal Services who has conduct of this matter.

Yours sincerely

Helen Coldwell  
Secretary to Julie Muscroft  
Service Director  
Legal, Governance & Commissioning (Monitoring Officer) Executive Suite 1st Floor Civic Centre III Huddersfield HD1 2EY

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Telephone: 01484 221000 (Please ask for "Helen Coldwell")

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter [REDACTED]  
Sent: 03 December 2017 03:09  
To: Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>  
Subject: DEV/JE/D118-17-103

Hi Ms Muscroft

We would like to protest about the proposed road speed changes to Lane Head Road , Shepley. Traffic speeds are already too great and there are already too many accidents on this stretch of road

Kind regards Susan and Peter Flooks

Sent from my iPhone



## Phillip Waddington

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**Subject:** FW: Objection re: DEV/JE/D118-17-103

**From:** Jayne Ewing  
**Sent:** 06 December 2017 16:25  
**To:** Gail Bentley  
**Subject:** FW: Objection re: DEV/JE/D118-17-103

Hi Gail

I have received another objection for the above order. Please can you add this to the ones sent earlier today.

Thanks

Jayne

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**From:** Helen Coldwell **On Behalf Of** Julie Muscroft  
**Sent:** 06 December 2017 15:34  
**To:** Bridge House Clinic  
**Cc:** Jayne Ewing  
**Subject:** RE: Objection re: DEV/JE/D118-17-103

Dear Ms Bowler

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 6 December 2017 addressed to Julie Muscroft.

I have copied into this email the officer who has conduct of this matter.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** Bridge House Clinic [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 December 2017 15:31  
**To:** Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection re: DEV/JE/D118-17-103

We would like to register our objection to the proposed increase of the speed limit from 30 to 40mph on Lane Head Road in Shepley.

As a local business based in the centre of Shepley village we witness traffic travelling at speed up and down Lane Head Road and are concerned that the increase in the speed limit will have a detrimental effect on users of the road. We would be very happy to see better signage and some enforcement of the speed limit as seen on the approach to New Mill.

Kind regards,

Alison Bowler  
Bridge House Clinic



## Phillip Waddington

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**From:** Highways TRO  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 13:56  
**To:** Phillip Waddington  
**Subject:** FW: Ref dev/je/D118-17-103 lane head road

**Categories:** Sovereign

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**From:** Jayne Ewing  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 10:01  
**To:** Gail Bentley; Highways TRO  
**Subject:** FW: Ref dev/je/D118-17-103 lane head road

Hi Gail

A further comment from Mr Hewitt.

Regards

Jayne

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**From:** Helen Coldwell **On Behalf Of** Julie Muscroft  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 09:57  
**To:** Jayne Ewing  
**Subject:** FW: Ref dev/je/D118-17-103 lane head road

FYI

Helen

**From:** Rick H [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 09:51  
**To:** Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Ref dev/je/D118-17-103 lane head road

Hi Julie

Thanks I have significant concerns about the safety of the road if we reverted back to a higher limit.

Thanks

Rick

On 8 Dec 2017 09:13, "Julie Muscroft" <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mr Hewitt

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7 December 2017 addressed to Julie Muscroft.

I have copied into this email the officer who has conduct of this matter.

Yours sincerely

Helen Coldwell

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**From:** Rick H [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 December 2017 18:55  
**To:** Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Ref dev/je/[D118-17-103 lane head road](#)

Hi Julie

Further to the news of possibly reviewing the speed limits may I please state since we had the 50 mph removed we have had a far safer stretch of road.

Please please keep the speed limit to 30 mph !

Regards

Rick Hewitt

176a Lane Head Road.



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## Phillip Waddington

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**From:** Highways TRO  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 13:56  
**To:** Phillip Waddington  
**Subject:** FW: DEV/JE/D118-17-103 Lane Head Road

**Categories:** Sovereign

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jayne Ewing  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 11:33  
**To:** Gail Bentley; Highways TRO  
**Subject:** FW: DEV/JE/D118-17-103 Lane Head Road

Hi Gail

Please find a further objection to the above TRO.

Regards

Jayne

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Helen Coldwell On Behalf Of Julie Muscroft  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 11:05  
**To:** Paul Lloyd  
**Cc:** Jayne Ewing  
**Subject:** RE: DEV/JE/D118-17-103 Lane Head Road

Dear Dr Lloyd

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8 December 2017 addressed to Julie Muscroft.

I have copied into this email the officer who has conduct of this matter.

Yours sincerely

Helen Coldwell  
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Service Director  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Lloyd [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 December 2017 10:40

To: Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>

Subject: DEV/JE/D118-17-103 Lane Head Road

Dear Ms Muscroft,

I am writing to object strongly to the proposed increase in speed limits in parts of Shepley village, along Lane Head Road.

I live in the centre of the village on the main road, the A629(Lane Head Road), and have done so for thirteen years. Within a few months of moving in there was a fatal accident due to speeding right outside my house, and over the years there have been several near misses, particularly with elderly residents of the village, and some of them on the nearby zebra crossing. Having recently had a knee operation myself, I have become acutely aware of the danger of crossing at the zebra crossing due to the speed of approaching cars and vans/lorries coming down the hill. Since the thirty mile an hour restriction at the Sovereign has been in place, the traffic speeds have been generally safer, although some still ignore the restrictions. I feel that any upward changes to the speed limit, in any part of this section, is merely an encouragement to speeding, and will return the centre of the village to very dangerous driving. Since there is a school in the centre of the village, I am surprised that a twenty mile an hour limit is not being considered, as it is in other areas near schools. The childrens' safety is only protected on the crossing by a very hard working and conscientious lollipop lady.

I am very concerned that the wishes of the Shepley residents are not being taken seriously in this matter and would like to request that the current speed limits are left in place, and the local authority even consider a speed camera on the A 629 further up the hill. This would help keep the village safe, and generate significant income.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Paul Lloyd,

89 Lane Head Road.

## Phillip Waddington

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**From:** Highways TRO  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 13:56  
**To:** Phillip Waddington  
**Subject:** FW: Ref. No. DEV/JE/D118-17-103

**Categories:** Sovereign

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**From:** Jayne Ewing  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 09:29  
**To:** Gail Bentley; Highways TRO  
**Subject:** FW: Ref. No. DEV/JE/D118-17-103

Hi Gail

Please find attached a further objection for the above TRO. I have placed a copy on my file.

Regards

Jayne

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**From:** Helen Coldwell **On Behalf Of** Julie Muscroft  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 09:16  
**To:** Margaret Ost  
**Cc:** Jayne Ewing  
**Subject:** RE: Ref. No. DEV/JE/D118-17-103

Dear Ms Lloyd

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7 December 2017 addressed to Julie Muscroft.

I have copied into this email the officer who has conduct of this matter.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** Margaret Ost [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 December 2017 21:42  
**To:** Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Ref. No. DEV/JE/D118-17-103

I am emailing to strongly object to the proposed increase in the speed limit along LANE HEAD ROAD, in SHEPLEY.

I live at number 89-91 Lane Head Road, and was horrified when a few months after we moved into the house, (in July 2004,) in the December our neighbour was killed right outside our house by a hit and run driver. Who was speeding down the hill from the Sovereign.

We have also helped clean up the road after another crash out side the house a few years later.

Since the speed was reduced to a sensible 30mph around the Sovereign/Cross Lane area and down to the village, the majority of the traffic passes our house at a more sensible speed, although many still exceed the limit.

Instead of increasing the speed limit it would be much more appropriate to install a speed camera on the hill near the Sovereign Petrol station, and leaving the present 30mph limit in place.

I would hate to see more fatalities happen in the village due to the excessive speed of thoughtless drivers.

I hope my views as a Kirklees resident will be taken into account when this important decision is made.

Yours sincerely

Margaret E. Lloyd.



## Phillip Waddington

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**From:** Highways TRO  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 13:56  
**To:** Phillip Waddington  
**Subject:** FW: Ref. no. DEV/JE/D118-17-103 Lane Head Road, Shepley proposed changes  
  
**Categories:** Sovereign

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**From:** Jayne Ewing  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 11:47  
**To:** Gail Bentley; Highways TRO  
**Subject:** FW: Ref. no. DEV/JE/D118-17-103 Lane Head Road, Shepley proposed changes

Hi Gail

Further objection to the above.

Jayne

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**From:** Helen Coldwell **On Behalf Of** Julie Muscroft  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 11:41  
**To:** andrew scott  
**Cc:** Jayne Ewing  
**Subject:** RE: Ref. no. DEV/JE/D118-17-103 Lane Head Road, Shepley proposed changes

Dear Mr Scott

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8 December 2017 addressed to Julie Muscroft.

I have copied into this email the officer who has conduct of this matter.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** andrew scott [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 11:28  
**To:** Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Ref. no. DEV/JE/D118-17-103 Lane Head Road, Shepley proposed changes

Ref. no. **DEV/JE/D118-17-103**

I would like to state my objection to the proposed changes to Lane Head Road, Shepley as well as the objections of residents and our community group, Friends of Shepley.

Although we don't believe increasing the speed from 30mph to 40mph will make a huge difference to the general speed of some motorists using this road as it has not seen any enforcement, we do believe that moving the speed boundary further into the village and past existing housing and an entrance to Cliffe House and of course a popular crossing area for school children will create a very dangerous situation for our local children.

I have already enquired into turning the third (overtaking) lane into additional village parking for school, church and Cliffe House to resolve some of the parking problems of Shepley and would feel this is a better avenue for our money.

As a resident of Shepley and Lane Head Road, I would prefer to see the speed limit remain at 30mph as it has proven to have a positive effect on traffic and reduced the number of traffic accidents.

I am aware that 80 to 90% traffic accidents are not listed in official figures (particularly this road) but from personal experience I have not seen an accident outside my property in the last 2 years since the speed reduction but witnessed numerous in the 2 years before that.

I would like to see, and have requested on numerous occasions, better signage and enforcement via inclusion on the speed camera van schedule if not a permanent speed camera sited in this area to resolve the ridiculous and dangerous speeds of many vehicles passing through our village rather than encourage further dangerous driving.

Regards

Andy Scott

Chair Friends of Shepley

**Phillip Waddington**

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**From:** Helen Coldwell on behalf of Julie Muscroft  
**Sent:** 04 December 2017 09:32  
**To:** Richard Knight  
**Cc:** Jayne Ewing  
**Subject:** RE: DEV/JE/D118-17-103

Dear Mr Knight

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3 December 2017 addressed to Julie Muscroft.

I have copied into this email the officer in Legal Services who has conduct of this matter.

Yours sincerely

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From: Richard Knight [REDACTED]  
Sent: 03 December 2017 14:31  
To: Julie Muscroft <[Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Muscroft@kirklees.gov.uk)>  
Subject: DEV/JE/D118-17-103

Julie,

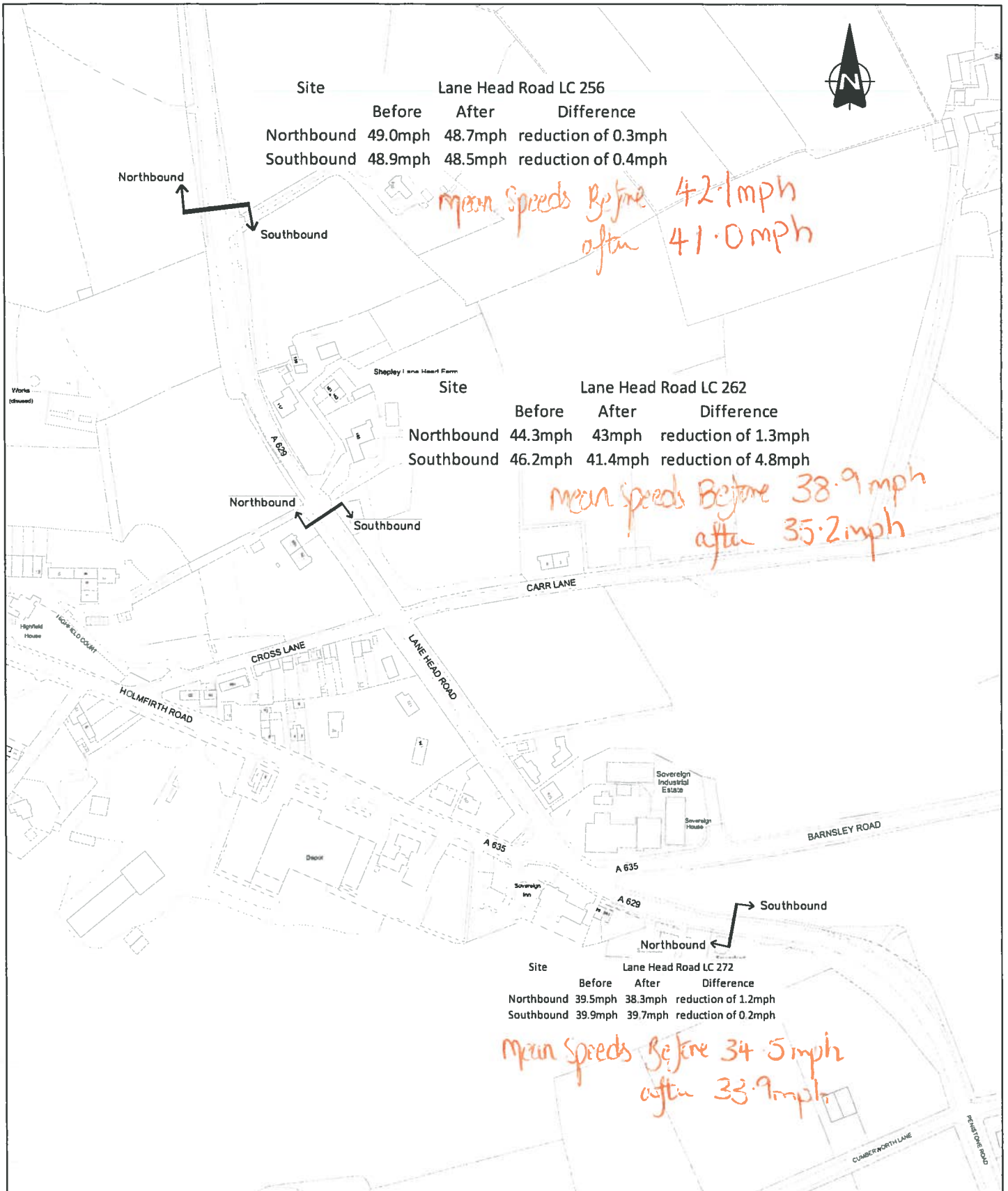
I have heard that there are plans to increase the speed limit on Lane Head Road in Shelley to 40mph. I have also received lots of notices ( with your email address on ) from foolish residents saying that we all need to complain about the proposed change, hence I would like to counter some of these foolish arguments because I think the speed limit should be 50 in this area as it was 2 years ago rather than 40. The people objecting to higher limits seem to argue that people will not respect the 40mph limit, but on the other hand they argue that people will respect a 30 limit. I would urge you to disregard any illogical claims made by any local residents if their arguments do not stack up. People generally use experience and judgement while driving in any area and don't need other people to tell them how fast or slow they should be driving. Higher maximum limit allows for this fact. If people feel that they need to be told how fast they should be driving they likely aren't fit to be on the road themselves. The 30mph limit is not appropriate for this area and never has been. Further more, if people don't respect the limits, they won't respect either a 30 or 40mph limit, so any such argument is complete rubbish.

I live in Lea Head by the way, just off Lane Head Road.

Good luck with all the complaints☹

Regards,

Richard



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