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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Present: Councillor Graham Turner (Chair)
Councillor Moses Crook
Councillor Paul Davies

In attendance: Karen North, Principal technical Officer - Highways and Streetscene.
Jonathan Walsh, Principal Engineer
Phillip Waddington, Group Engineer

Apologies:

1. Membership of the Committee

The Committee noted that Councillor Moses Crook had been appointed to the committee.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Committee considered the Minutes of the meetings held on 20th October 2023.

RESOLVED –

1. The consideration of the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th October be deferred to the next meeting.

4 Interests

No interests were declared.

5 Admission of the Public

It was noted that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

6 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were submitted.

7 Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

8 Member Question Time

No Member questions were asked.

9 Objection to the proposed extension of the 30mph speed limit on A644 Huddersfield Road, Mirfield.

The Committee gave consideration to a report which advised of Objection to the proposed extension of the 30mph speed limit on A644 Huddersfield Road, Mirfield which was presented by Jonathan Walsh, Principal Engineer.

The report set out that the current speed limit on Huddersfield Road was 40mph from its junction with A62 Leeds Road at Cooper Bridge to a point 91 metres west of Doctor Lane prior to Mirfield Town Centre. The speed limit change proposed would extend the 30mph from its current location by 210 metres in a westerly direction (away from Mirfield Town Centre) to encompass the proposed new right turn lane, development access and pedestrian refuges.

The speed limit change proposals, as shown on Appendix 1 were formally advertised between 31 August 2023 and 30 September 2023. During this period two objections were received from local ward councillors who were not objecting to the speed limit change, but because they did not agree the speed limit change went far enough.

In response the committee were advised that the proposed change to the 30mph was to allow the location and design of the new development access and its proposed pedestrian refuges to fall within an appropriate speed limit with a suitable distance, including a buffer zone, beyond the start of the 30mph. The existing length of Huddersfield Road had been independently assessed as being suitable for this type of road and there were no proposed environmental changes that would alter that assessment, and as a result it was appropriate that it remained as 40mph.

The Committee considered all the information presented to it both verbally and in writing and concluded that;

RESOLVED: that the objections to the amendments to the existing speed limit on A644 Mirfield be overruled, and that the proposals be implemented as advertised.