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## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES

**Wednesday 24th January 2018**

Present:

Councillor Naheed Mather  
Councillor Musarrat Khan

In attendance:

Councillor Bill Armer  
Councillor Richard Smith  
Councillor John Taylor

Apologies:

Councillor Peter McBride

- 10 Membership of the Committee**  
Apologies from Cllr Peter McBride.
- 11 Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
That the minutes of the meeting held on the 20 September 2017 were agreed as a correct record.
- 12 Interests**  
No interests were declared.
- 13 Admission of the Public**  
All agenda items were considered in public session.
- 14 Deputations/Petitions**  
Cabinet Committee Local Issues received a deputation from Andy Scott Chair of Friends of Shepley, objecting to the proposed speed limit order.
- 15 Public Question Time**  
No questions were asked.
- 16 Member Question Time**  
No questions were asked.
- 17 Objection to (Speed Limit) (No 103) Order 2017, Proposed Speed Limit changes in the Sovereign/Birdsedge and Kirkburton Area**  
The Committee considered representations made in respect of proposed speed limit changes in the Sovereign/Birdsedge and Kirkburton Area.

Phillip Waddington, Principal Engineer attended the meeting to present a report to Committee on the proposed changes to the speed limit in the Sovereign/Birdsedge and Kirkburton Area. The Committee was advised that in June 2015, Kirklees

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Council introduced a 30mph limit on the A629 Lane Head Road and A629 Penistone Road Shepley and since the change local residents had raised concerns regarding the lower speed limit.

Local ward councillors had asked the council to investigate the possibility of making a small increase to 40mph.

Committee Members were advised that the speed limit changes were advertised between the 07 and 28 August 2017 and nine objections were received. It was re-advertised on the 07 November and 08 December 2017 and fourteen objections were received. All objections were in respect of the proposed increase to the speed limit from 30mph to 40mph.

Andy Scott local resident – Friends of Shepley attended the meeting to make representations against the proposals. He informed the committee that he had spoken to local residents and most opposed the proposals to change the speed limit on Lane Head Road and that people who lived on that road were not aware of any accidents since the reduction.

Also in attendance at the meeting were Cllrs Richard Smith, John Taylor and Bill Armer, the three local ward councillors who made representations in support of the increase to the limit. They advised the committee that there was a full public consultation which was well attended and there was an overwhelming majority in favour of increasing the limit.

**RESOLVED** - That the proposed Speed Limit Order be implemented in line with officer recommendations