



Environment & Transport Business Unit

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Dear Mr Denton

30mph SPEED LIMIT

I refer to your petition received on the 19th December 2019 requesting the introduction of a 30mph speed limit on Staincross Common and Windhill Lane.

Officers from BMBC's Traffic Team do not support the proposal requested by the petitioners. The 40mph section is predominantly agricultural land to its northern side with properties set back from the road on the southern side, with the 30mph transition coming in where the building density increases. The existing 40mph speed limit was designed in accordance with the guidance set out in Department for Transport Circular 01/2006 'Setting Local Speed Limits'. To lower it would do little for road safety but would potentially present an additional (and avoidable) burden in terms of trying to secure compliance. Also to be considered is the loss of the existing 30mph signs on the entry to the side roads. Historically we have had a backlash in such situations from residents on side roads who see this as impacting on the safety on their roads. The views of those residents would need to be sought and considered before making changes.

We have also discussed this proposal with South Yorkshire Police's Principal Traffic Management Officer, who stated that "from a policing perspective we cannot support a lowering of a speed limit which would abstract our officers to the task of enforcing an artificially low or ill-conceived restriction, or leave us managing the expectations of local residents who may see little impact on traffic passing their homes".

Periodic mobile speed enforcement is conducted on Windhill Lane and we will send a request South Yorkshire Police's Safety Camera Manager to ask that that speed enforcement is undertaken more frequently.

The last speed survey was undertaken in late 2017. This was conducted after the fixed speed camera had been bagged for a number of weeks, so those using the road regularly knew that it was not in use.

Average speed: 34.8mph

85th%ile: 39.8mph

I trust the above has fully explained the situation and regret I am unable to progress your request at the present time.

Yours sincerely

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