

Seaton Down Hill

Report of the Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste

Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the existing speed limit at the top of Seaton Down Hill is maintained.

1. Introduction

The elected member for Seaton Coastal has requested that the Committee consider restricting the speed at the top of Seaton Down Hill. This follows representation from local residents and the Seaton Coastal Traffic Group.

2. Proposal

Seaton Down Hill, B3172, currently has a speed limit of 30mph to a point north of Honey Ditches Drive. North of the 30mph limit to the junction with A3052 the national speed limit applies. This is in line with the county policy which states that between communities the National Speed Limit will apply.

40 mph speed limits are an exception to the general policy. They may be considered where there is a speed related casualty accident history.

Collision data published 28 April 2015 displaying fatal, serious and slight collision between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2014 records one slight single vehicle accident in April 2011 on the B3172 between the junction of Marl Pit/Bunts Lane and the junction with the A3052. This does not indicate a pattern of speed related incidents.

3. Options/Alternatives

The option of extending the 30mph speed limit or introducing a 40mph speed limit north of the existing 30mph speed limit to the junction with A3052 does not comply with the Devon County Council policy on local speed limits and may result in an increase in the risk of collisions due to inappropriate overtaking.

4. Sustainability Considerations

The proposals are expected to be carbon neutral.

5. Equality Considerations

There are not considered to be any equality issues in regards to this scheme.

6. Legal Considerations

The lawful implications of the proposals have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

7. Risk Management Consideration

This proposal has been assessed and all necessary safeguards or action has been taken to safeguard the Council's position.

8. Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations

There is no speed related casualty data that would justify introducing a reduced speed limit. The section of Seaton Down Hill on which the national speed limit applies is a part of the strategic highway network in a rural environment. To reduce the speed limit would not be consistent with county policy.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
None		

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