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5.23 TRAFFIC REGULATION MEASURES
(SPEED LIMITS) PLANS (REV2) Submission Deadline 7. 11/05/2023
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It is noted the proposals for detrunking the present A66 include a reduction of the speed limit from the current 40mph to 30mph. This is supported.

However, it is noted from the document mentioned above that the area of restriction is to be reduced with the new limit being from just east of Piper Lane junction to just east of the Filling Station. The reasons for this are unclear and, as a resident living within the current restricted area, it is felt unjustified.

Moving the commencement/termination of the restricted area to just west of Piper Lane, is questionable particularly as the well-used Piper Lane junction and two properties will be outside the restricted area. Within the proposed extended 60mph limit, there will be slow moving farm vehicles manoeuvring in and out of Street House Farm, Glenfield where there are 5 children and Piper Lane junction where vehicles entering the minor road must reduce their speed to a minimum to negotiate the corner. All creating a higher road safety risk.

With the reduction in length of restricted area (100 to 150m at both eastern and western end), the existing average speed limit cameras will become obsolete. Removal of the cameras would have a deterrent impact on vehicle speeds, road, and pedestrian safety. Surely, maintaining the current area of restriction would allow retention of the speed cameras updated to deal with the new speed limit. Transfer of ownership of the cameras from National Highways to the local authority would surely be possible.

One further item, it is noted that it is proposed to impose a 30mph speed limit along single carriageway Sleastonhow Lane. This proposal is not replicated for the new section of Priest Lane from Station Road. Our understanding is that this new section of road is to be wider than the existing Priest Lane so there is the expectation that vehicle speeds will be higher than on the narrow Sleastonhow Lane. Surely there is a need for the new wider Priest Lane to be restricted to 30mph too on the grounds of safety of walkers, cyclists, and horse riders.

Similarly, if speed limits in the village are being addressed as part of this project, perhaps it is opportune to include a 30mph restriction on Piper Lane.

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