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**Allerdale Speed Limit Review
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**Proposal No.10
Oulton**

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Site description and overview:

Oulton is a rural village located between Wigton and Kirkbride, with much of it situated along the C2040. A 30mph limit is in operation throughout the village, which extends north for a considerable distance beyond the main village, where it is only sparsely populated.

Existing traffic conditions:

Compliance with the 30mph limit within the village is good; however recorded average speeds along the northern fringes are typically 43mph with 85th percentile speed at 52mph. This illustrates that the 30mph speed limit is not suitable in this location, and therefore requires assessment. There is no recent recorded serious collision history throughout the whole village.

Proposed changes to the speed limit:

To relocate the 30mph speed limit extents nearer towards the village, and to implement a 40mph buffer on the northern approach. The data collected indicates that the existing 30mph speed limit is not working in the more sparsely populated area. Moving the 30mph limit nearer to the village would ensure its relevance for the main village itself, and ensure that it is effective and enforceable. The 40mph buffer would offer a more realistic and therefore enforceable limit in the more sparsely populated area north of the village, whilst still moderating speeds taking into account the few properties that exist together with the footpath leading to the cross roads.

Summary of reasons for proposed change:

Existing average speeds are considerably high in the location under review. Compliance is good through the main body of the village, therefore it is logical to move the 30mph extents towards the more populated area and implement a 40mph buffer in the less densely populated fringes of the village. This ensures both speed limits are relevant throughout the village, and that their purpose is obvious and reinforced.