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Allerdale Speed Limit Review 2018/19

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Proposal No.15 Curthwaite Road, Thursby

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ALLERDALE SPEED LIMIT REVIEW: THURSBY / WEST CURTHWAITE

Site description:

West Curthwaite is a small village, very close to the larger village of Thursby and interconnected by a rural, sparsely-populated road known as “Curthwaite Road”. The road is currently subject to a 30mph speed limit (effectively meaning Thursby and West Curthwaite make up one large area of 30mph limit); however there are frequent complaints in relation to speeding along this sparsely-populated section.

Additionally to the southwest of West Curthwaite, it has been noted that the 30mph limit extends for a considerable distance beyond the populated area of the village.

Existing traffic conditions:

Average speeds are reportedly higher than the posted 30mph limit. Collision statistics are favourable and there are no overriding concerns in relation to highway safety.

Proposed changes to the speed limit:

To replace the 30mph speed limit on the sparsely-populated section of Curthwaite Road with a 40mph limit. N.B. this supersedes original proposals that involved reinstating the default National Speed Limit.

To the south-west of West Curthwaite, repositioning the 30mph limit extents so that they are closer to the village and therefore more relevant and more likely to be observed.

Summary of reasons for proposed change:

The 30mph limit between West Curthwaite and Thursby suffers from poor compliance, as the prevailing highway conditions do not typify those of a normal 30mph road. Implementing a section of 40mph speed limit would be more relevant and in-keeping with the sparsely populated section. This would ensure that the remaining 30mph limits in the populated areas are more prominent and relevant – therefore assisting in enforcement where required.