

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR ALLERDALE

Meeting date: 9th November 2020

From: Executive Director – Economy & Infrastructure
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A595 BOTHEL, GREAT BROUGHTON AND SEATON - SPEED LIMITS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the background and detail of the proposed introduction of a 50mph speed limit on the A595 at Bothel, as well as the extension of the existing 30mph restrictions at both Broughton Moor and Seaton, following statutory consultation and advertisement.*
- 1.2 *A copy of the Notice, which summarised the proposed restrictions in the order, is attached as Appendix 1.*
- 1.3 *A copy of the Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Order, is attached as Appendix 2.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 *The proposed alterations to speed restrictions are designed to improve traffic flow and traffic management within the area addressed, while also providing a safe and effective transport network.*
- 2.2 *The restrictions proposed, comply with Cumbria County Council's forward plan of creating a safe and secure community, whilst providing a high-quality environment for all.*
- 2.3 *There are no Equality implications.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 *That, having taken into consideration the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of this report, Local Committee*

agree that The County of Cumbria (C2007 Great Broughton, C2016 Seaton, and A591 and A595 Bothel) (Speed Limits) Order 20>< (“the Order”) be brought into operation as advertised.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Scheme development began on the strategic improvement of the A595 within the vicinity of Bothel in 2016. During consultation of the scheme development (November 2018), the local community expressed their desire to see a reduction in the speed limit near the village of Bothel, with 40mph initially being suggested.
- 4.2 Following this request, Cumbria County Council officers investigated the possibility of a reduction in the speed limit, with consideration being given to existing traffic speeds and volumes, previous collision history, the geometry of the road and any hazards present along the route. Traffic surveys were undertaken during the summer of 2018 at 2 locations on the A595 near Bothel to determine current vehicle speeds, while a comprehensive report on previous road traffic collisions was also produced. The surveys determined mean speeds of 45 mph and 46 mph, with 85th percentile speeds of 52 mph and 54 mph respectively. The collision report showed little history of collisions being caused as a direct result of excessive speed.
- 4.3 Taking into account the above factors and site observations, it was determined that the evidence was not supportive of a 40mph speed limit, as the vast majority of drivers travel at a speed in excess of 40mph, while the road layout and geometry are not conducive with what would be expected of a 40mph restriction. However, given that the mean speeds are below 50mph and the 85th percentile figures only marginally above; a 50mph was established as the most appropriate limit for the location. A drawing showing the proposal is attached as Appendix 3 of this report.
- 4.4 In addition to the proposal at Bothel, 2 other alterations to speed restrictions have been considered within the same proposed Order. Both of these proposals originated as part of the planning conditions of separate private developments at Moor Road, Great Broughton, and Lowca Lane, Seaton. New access roads are required to be constructed which fall outside the existing 30 mph speed restrictions. It was identified that the existing national speed limits would be unsuitable for the new junctions to be situated. The planning conditions for both developments therefore stipulated that the 30 mph restrictions be extended to ensure road safety is maintained. The revised extents will provide a more suitable speed limit and ensure that vehicles appropriately reduce their speed prior to the built-up areas commencing. Drawings showing the proposed alterations for both Great Broughton and Seaton are attached as Appendix 4 and Appendix 5 of this report respectively.
- 4.5 Statutory consultation and advertisement on these 3 proposals began in September 2020, with a 3-week period being given for responses to be submitted. 3 replies were received, all in relation to the proposed 50mph limit at Bothel and all in support of the changes. A summary of these responses is attached as Appendix 6 of this report.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members may agree the Recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this Report.
- 5.2 Members may decide not to agree the Recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this Report.
- 5.3 Members may recommend that the Order be brought into force to an extent that differs to that recommended in paragraph 3.1 (providing that the extent of the restrictions proposed to be introduced are less onerous than that which was advertised).

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 For the proposal at Bothel, estimated costs of £15,000 are to be met from an allocation in the Engineering Safety Measures budget of the 2020/21 Capital Programme, should Members agree to the recommendation in section 3 of this report.
- 6.2 For the proposals at both Great Broughton and Seaton, estimated costs of £3,000 are to be met by developers. Therefore, there are no direct resource or value for money implications arising from these proposals, should Members agree to the recommendation in section 3 of this report.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The County Council, as Traffic Authority, must take into consideration the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the 1984 Act”) detailed below, in considering whether it is expedient to agree to the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order detailed in this Report for the reasons specified at sections 1(1)(a) and (c) as set out further in the attached Statement of Reasons which is attached as Appendix 2, namely: -
 - (a) For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads or any other roads or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
 - (c) For facilitating the passage on the roads or any other roads of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
- 7.2 Under Section 122(2), the matters which must be taken into account in exercising that duty are: -

- (a) The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
- (b) The effect on amenities of an area;
- (c) The national air quality strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995;
- (d) The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
- (e) Any other matters appearing to the authority to be relevant.

7.3 Local Committees may, pursuant to Part 2D, paragraph 5.1.2 g) of the Constitution, approve the making of traffic regulation orders in accordance with powers under Parts I, II and IV of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, **except** for the making of Traffic Regulation Orders which involve the introduction for on-street residents permits, which are delegated to the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure subject to a decision of the appropriate member body to introduce such charges.

(KB – 27.10.2020)

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 That “The County of Cumbria (C2007 Great Broughton, C2016 Seaton, and A591 and A595 Bothel) (Speed Limits) Order 20><” should be brought into operation as per the recommendation in paragraph 3.1 of this report.

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Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

October 2020

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Legal Notice

Appendix 2 – Statement of Reasons

Appendix 3 – Location Plan – A595 Bothel

Appendix 4 – Location Plan – Moor Road, Great Broughton

Appendix 5 – Location Plan – Lowca Lane, Seaton

Appendix 6 – Summary of Responses

Electoral Division(s): Bothel & Wharrels, Dearham & Broughton and Seaton.

Executive Decision	<input type="text" value="Yes*"/>
Key Decision	<input type="text" value="No*"/>
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="text" value="N/A*"/>
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="text" value="No*"/>
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?	<input type="text" value="N/A*"/>
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="text" value="No*"/>
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="text" value="N/A*"/>
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="text" value="N/A*"/>

N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

County Council Local Committee for Allerdale, Friday 17 January 2020, 10.00 am

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THE COUNTY OF CUMBRIA (C2007 GREAT BROUGHTON, C2016 SEATON, AND A591 AND A595 BOTHEL) (SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 20<>

1. The Cumbria County Council hereby give notice that it proposes to make the above Order under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
2. The effect of the proposed Order will be to: -
 - (a) Introduce (extend) the 30 mph speed limit on the C2007 Moor Road, Great Broughton, by some 115m in a north-westerly direction;
 - (b) Introduce (extend) the 30 mph speed limit on the C2016 Lowca Lane, Seaton, by some 85m in a north-westerly direction; and
 - (c) Introduce a 50 mph speed limit on the A591 and A595 in Bothel.

PLEASE REFER TO THE DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT FOR FULL DETAILS.

3. Full details of the proposed Order, together with plans showing the lengths of road concerned, a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be viewed on the Council's website using the following link: -
<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/highways/notices.asp>
and may otherwise be obtained by emailing kim.baxter@cumbria.gov.uk.
4. If you wish to object to or comment upon the proposed Order you should write to the undersigned or email kim.baxter@cumbria.gov.uk, by 8 October 2020, **marking your correspondence with reference KB/4.4.1043/15.001557**

Dated 17 September 2020

Chief Legal Officer, Cumbria House, 117 Botchergate, Carlisle, CA1 1RD.

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The County of Cumbria (C2007 Great Broughton, C2016 Seaton, and A591 and A595 Bothel) (Speed Limits) Order 20><

Statement of Reasons

Cumbria County Council propose to introduce the above Order to implement a number of new and extended speed limits, for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

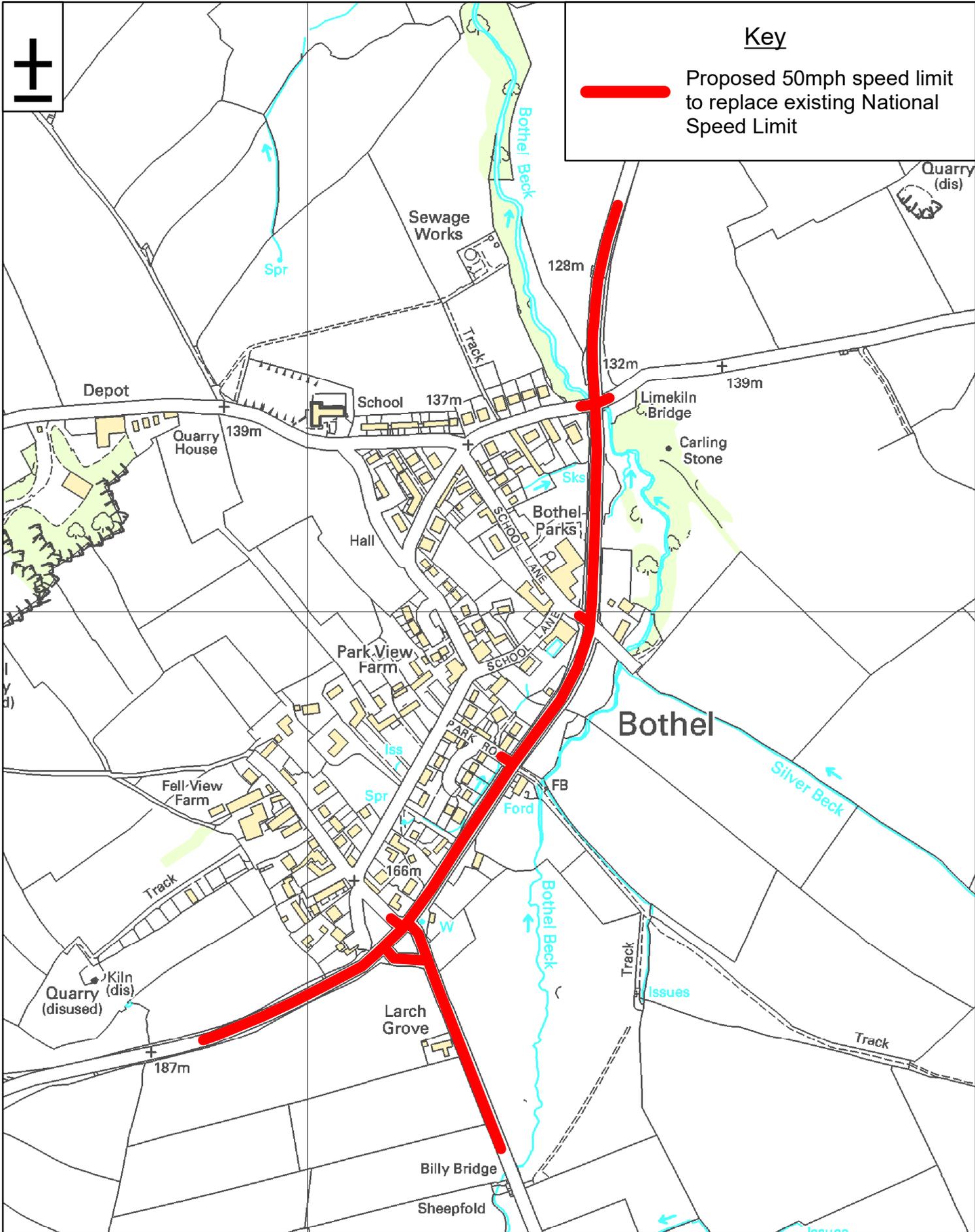
The changes which are being proposed include 2 locations, namely Moor Road, Great Broughton and Lowca Lane, Seaton, where conditions set out in the planning permission of new residential developments have identified the necessity for a reduction in speed limit.

The proposed Order also includes a review of an existing stretch of road on the A595 which has been carried out having considered data such as collision history, road geometry, existing traffic speeds, traffic volume, type and usage.

The proposed changes are intended to improve road safety and assist in maintaining efficient traffic flow in the locations under review. They will also ensure that the revised speed limits are conducive and fitting to their surroundings, and therefore effectively be “self-enforcing” as per Department for Transport policy.

The restrictions which are being proposed also comply with Cumbria County Council's forward plan of creating a safe and secure community, whilst providing a high quality environment for all.

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Grid Ref: 318321/538951

A595 Bothel

Proposed 50mph Speed Limit

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 Lillyhall Industrial Estate, Workington CA14 4JH

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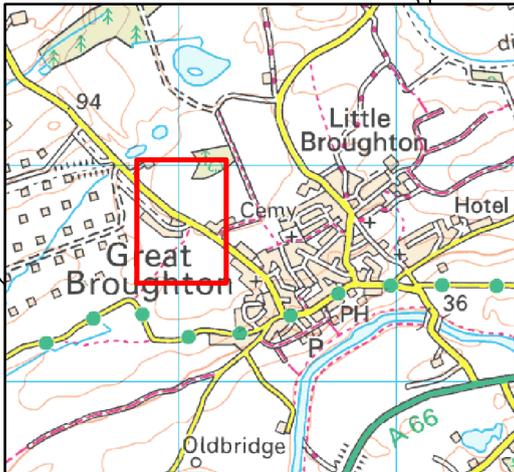
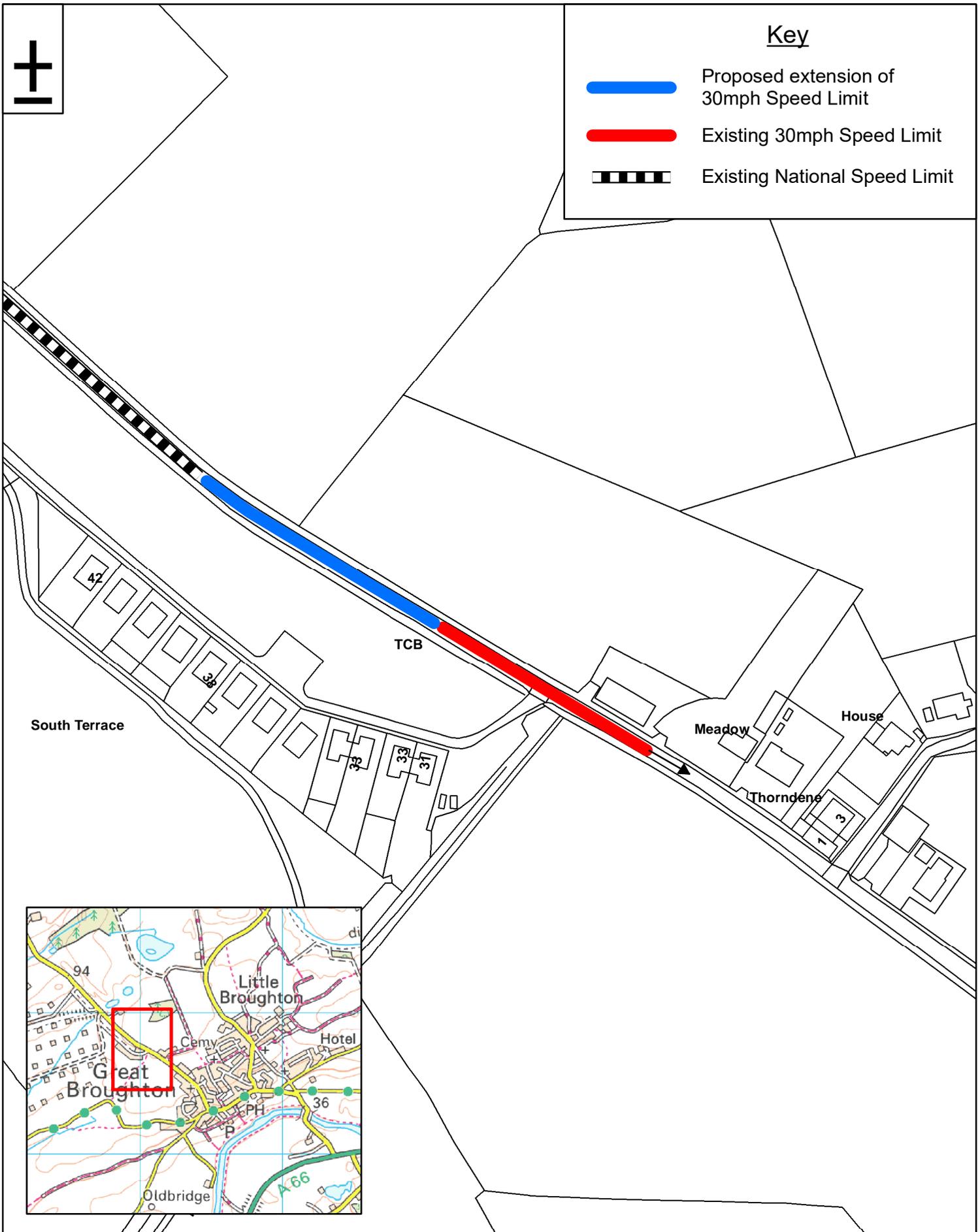
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Key

-  Proposed extension of 30mph Speed Limit
-  Existing 30mph Speed Limit
-  Existing National Speed Limit



Grid Ref: 306924/531810

Moor Road, Great Broughton

Proposed 30mph Speed Limit Extension 125



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Lillyhall Industrial Estate, Workington CA14 4JH

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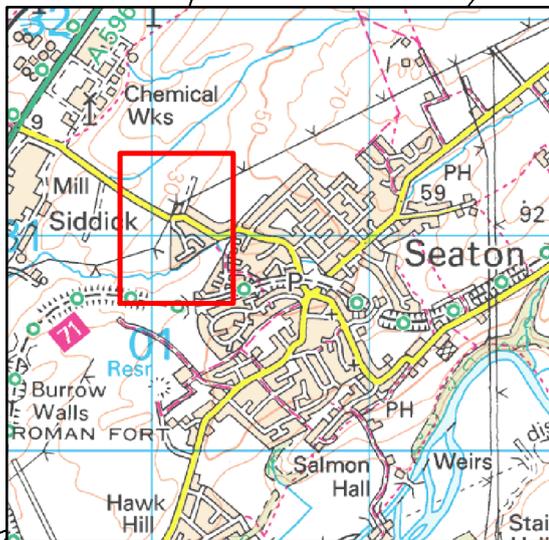
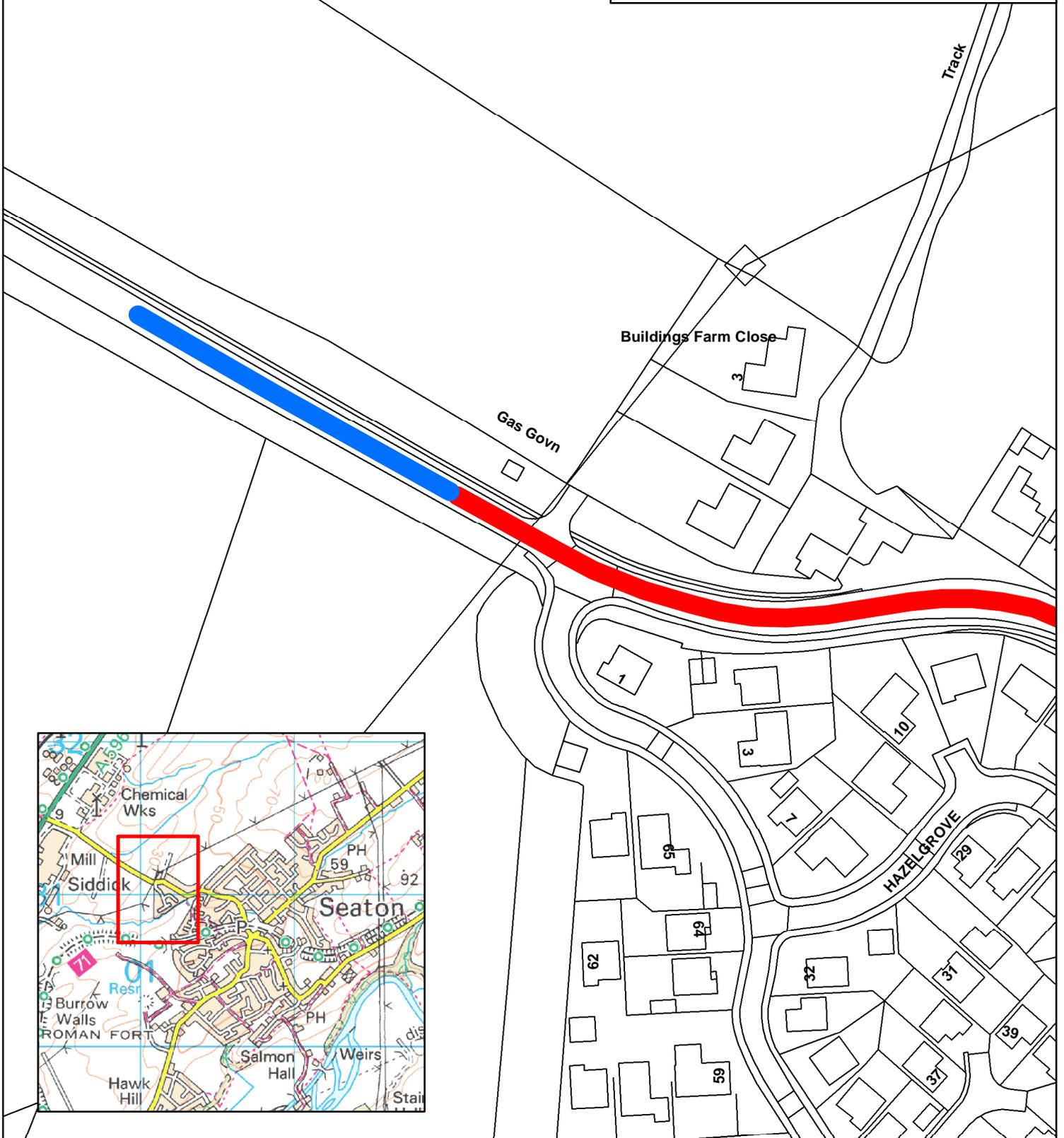
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-  Proposed extension of 30mph Speed Limit
-  Existing 30mph Speed Limit



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Lowca Lane, Seaton



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Lillyhall Industrial Estate, Workington CA14 4JH

Proposed 30mph Speed Limit Extension 127

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No.	Respondent	Proposal	Objecting/ Supporting	Response	Officer Notes
1	-	A595 Bothel	Support	Full support of scheme	Support noted
2	Bothel & Threapland Parish Council	A595 Bothel	Support	The Parish Council has no objection and fully supports the proposal for a 50mph speed limit on the A595 at Bothel.	Support of Parish Council noted
3	Member of public	A595 Bothel	Support	Fully concurs with the proposal and hopes that it can be implemented. Not just for the local residents who live very close to the road, but for motorists who have to contend with multiple junctions and hazards all within a short distance.	Support noted

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