

Decision level : Officer in Consultation Date : Nov 2012

Highways Agency A64 Fulford Interchange Improvements Scheme
Speed limit reduction

Decision Requested

To confirm whether or not to proceed with the advertising of an extension to the 40 mph speed limit at the A64 Fulford interchange to enable the introduction of traffic signals by Aone+ on behalf of the Highways Agency

Reason

Due to the introduction for new traffic signals at the A64 Fulford interchange a lower speed limit is being requested by Aone+ as part of the scheme they are implementing.

Background Information

Aone+ on behalf of the Highways Agency are carrying out improvements to the junction to reduce the incidents of queuing traffic from the interchange causing stationary traffic on the A64.

Aone+ undertook a speed survey on the 27 January 2012 and found that the mean speed of northbound traffic to be just below 40mph, suggesting a reduced speed limit could be considered. They found the 85th percentile speed of the same traffic flow to be approximately 45mph indicating that there are a number of drivers who currently approach the junctions at speeds which could be considered excessive. They therefore suggest that a reduced speed limit could be introduced at the start of street lighting on the approach to the interchange from the Selby direction. Plan Annex A

Issues under consideration

The 40mph speed limit will be included in the legal document "York Speed Limit Order". Any road signing on CYC highway and will pass to this authority for maintaining once the maintenance period for the scheme is over, typically 12 months from completion. However some existing illuminated terminal signs will be removed from the CYC network reducing overall maintenance liability to the authority on this stretch of highway.

Consultation Process

To take forward changes to a speed limit, formal consultation would have to be carried out in line with the Traffic Regulation Order consultation procedure. The proposals would have to be advertised for a 3 week period allowing groups or individuals opportunity to make representation. Any formal objections would be brought back to a subsequent Decision Session meeting for consideration.

North Yorkshire Police would also have to be consulted but their expectation

is that speed limits are appropriate to the prevailing road conditions and consequently have a reasonable level of driver compliance without the need for regular enforcement.

Statutory Powers

As Highway Authority, the Council is empowered under the Road Traffic Regulation Act.

Ward Member and Political Party Views

See Annex B

Financial Programme Implications

Costs to implement the scheme will be funded by Aone+

Options

The options available are:

1. Advertise the proposal to introduce a 40 mph speed limit on behalf of Aone+
2. Do not advertise the 40 mph limit.
3. Defer decision to another type of meeting.

Level of Risk

1-3 Acceptable	✓	16-20 Action Plan	
4-8 Regular Monitoring		21-25 Reg as a corporate risk	
9-15 Constant Monitoring			

Internal Consultation

City of York Council road safety team in sustainable transport have been consulted and are in agreement that not action should be taken to reduce the speed limit at this time.

Implementation Status

Work in progress/ongoing	Aone+ scheme progressing early 2013
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Recommendations

1. Advertise the proposal to introduce a 40mph speed limit.

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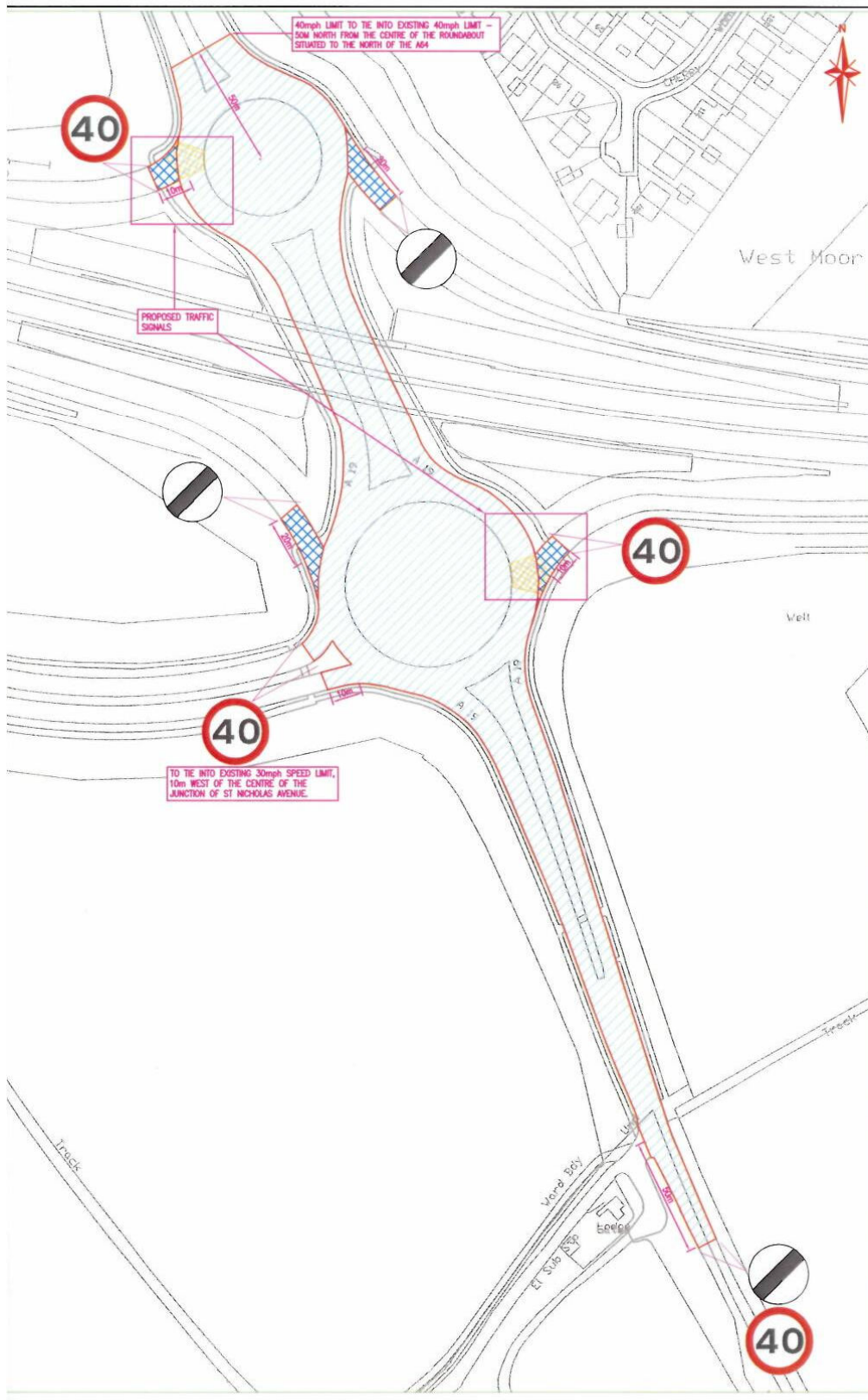
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Wards Affected:

Fulford Ward

Wheldrake Ward

For further information please contact the author of the report



Ward Member and Political Party Comments

Fulford Ward

Cllr. K. Aspden

Happy for you to advertise the proposal and support the lower speed limit in this area.

Keith

Wheldrake Ward

Cllr. G. Barton

Everyone's getting a 40mph limit except poor old Deighton !!

Happy to support this one

Cllr George Barton

Political Party Comments

Cllr. D. Merrett

Cllr. A. Reid

Happy to support the Ward Councillors. Re Cllr D'Agorne's comments I thought the the entrance road to the Designer Outlet was already 40mph.

Ann Reid. Lib Dem Transport spokesperson

Cllr. A. D'Agorne

Support the proposal – however believe the limit should apply to the length of the approach road to the Designer Outlet.

Cllr Andy D'Agorne

Cllr. J Galvin

My only comment is that it seems it seems to be quite appropriate to put the speed restrictions in place.

Regards