

**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

**Name of Committee**                      **Rugby Area Committee**

**Date of Committee**                      **25th January 2007**

**Report Title**                                **Bretford Road, Rugby Road and Cathiron Lane, Brinklow – Speed Limit Extensions**

**Summary**

A proposal was advertised to extend an existing 30 mph speed limit on the south side of Brinklow along the Fosse Way towards Bretford and into two side roads, Rugby Road and Cathiron Lane. The Police objected to the side road extensions. The report recommends that the speed limit extensions are introduced as advertised.

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?**

Yes/No

**Background Papers**

Objection from Warwickshire Police to the Rugby Road and Cathiron Lane proposals.

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-**                      *Details to be specified*

Other Committees                       .....

Local Member(s)                       Councillor Mrs H Timms – supports advertised proposal.  
(With brief comments, if appropriate)

Other Elected Members                       .....

Cabinet Member                       .....  
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)

Chief Executive                       .....

Legal                                         I Marriott – comments noted.

- Finance  .....
- Other Chief Officers  .....
- District Councils  Rugby Borough Council – no comments.
- Health Authority  Local Ambulance Service – no comments.
- Police  Object to proposal for side roads (not B4455).
- Other Bodies/Individuals  Brinklow Parish Council – supports proposal.  
Fire and Rescue Service - no comments.

**FINAL DECISION**                      **YES/NO**      *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :**

*Details to be specified*

- Further consideration by this Committee  .....
- To Council  .....
- To Cabinet  .....
- To an O & S Committee  .....
- To an Area Committee  .....
- Further Consultation  .....

## Rugby Area Committee - 25th January 2007

### Bretford Road, Rugby Road and Cathiron Lane, Brinklow – Speed Limit Extensions

#### Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

#### Recommendation

That the proposed extensions of the 30 mph speed limit along B4455 Bretford Road, Rugby Road and Cathiron Lane, Brinklow are implemented as advertised.

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Brinklow is a medium sized village lying between Rugby and Coventry. Two main roads pass through the village, the B4027 (Coventry to Lutterworth road) and the B4455 Fosse Way. Both roads have a 30 mph speed limit through the village.
- 1.2 On the B4455 Fosse Way entrance to Brinklow from the south there is a sharp bend at the end of a long straight section. The 30 mph speed limit starts on the village side of the bend. A request was received through the Committee for the speed limit on the Fosse Way to be extended southwards beyond the bend to reduce vehicle speeds on the approach to the village.
- 1.3 The Police were consulted about this suggestion. Their response was that a long extension of the 30 mph limit along the Fosse Way towards Bretford would not be supported. However, taking the 30 mph speed limit just round the bend would be supported as the bend acts as a natural slowing feature.

#### 2. The Suggested Speed Limit Extensions

- 2.1 Consultations were carried out on the suggested speed limit extensions shown on the plan in **Appendix A**. Brinklow Parish Council supported the suggestion. The Police supported the extension of the 30 mph limit along the Fosse Way but objected to the extensions of the speed limit into Rugby Road and Cathiron Lane.

### **3. The Objection.**

#### **3.1 The Police objection stated:-**

We cannot support the implementation of the 30mph speed limit along Cathiron Lane or Rugby Road. These are essentially narrow rural lanes and have none of the features readily recognised by drivers as a 30mph limit. Signs alone would not produce the required reduction in speed and the length and nature of these sections would preclude any enforcement. Their introduction would lead to an expectation of enforcement by the three adjacent properties which could not be satisfied. According to our data there have been no recorded injury collisions in these sections of Cathiron Lane and Rugby Road within the last three years and Warwickshire Police would object to the extension of the 30mph limit along these two lanes'

### **4. Comments on the Objection**

4.1 Rugby Road leads off the Fosse Way on the apex of the bend. 55 metres along the road there is a sharp left-hand bend where the road turns towards north, leading towards Easenhall. On the latter bend, Rugby Road has a junction with Cathiron Lane (the minor road) which leads to Harborough Magna.

4.2 The total length Rugby Road proposed for the speed limit from the Fosse Way junction is 76 metres; for Cathiron Lane the length is 89 metres.

4.3 The nature, alignment and lengths of Rugby Road and Cathiron Lane concerned are such that high speeds are unlikely. It is considered improbable that the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit as shown on the plan would give rise to problems with non-observance or lead to pressure on the Police for enforcement.

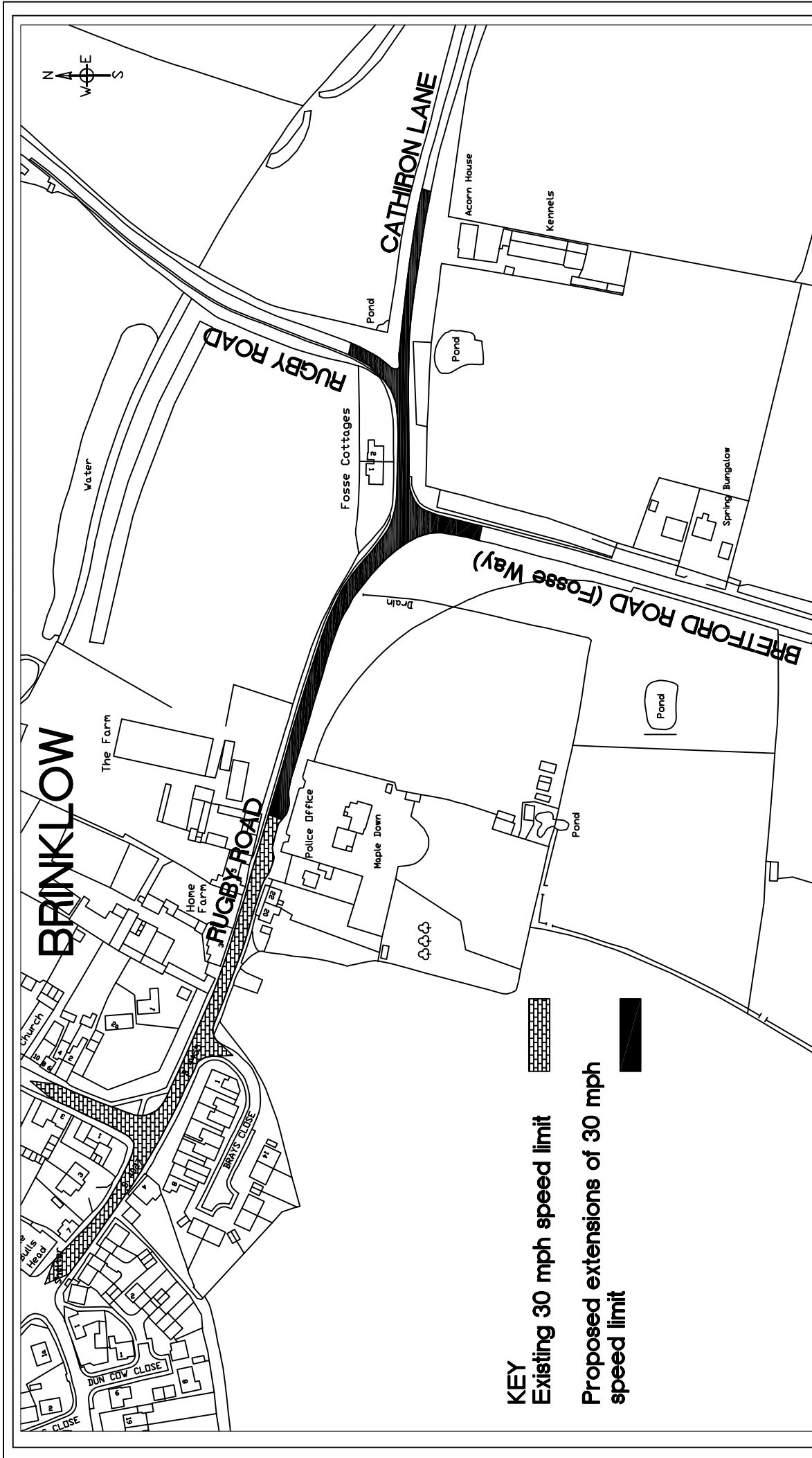
### **5. Conclusion**

5.1 The Police and Parish Council support the extension of the 30 mph speed limit along the Fosse Way at Brinklow round the bend towards Bretford. Extending the 30 mph limit along Rugby Road and Cathiron Lane would bring the side roads into line with the main road approach to the village from the south. The layout of the Fosse Way, Rugby Road and Cathiron Lane at these sites are such that a 30 mph limit will be largely self-enforcing.

5.2 It is, therefore, recommended that the speed limit extensions are implemented as advertised.

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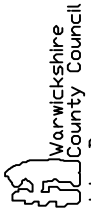
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Bretford Road, Rugby Road and Cathiron Lane



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