
SPEED LIMIT REVIEW 2012

Report by Director of Environment and Infrastructure

CHEVIOT AREA FORUM

14 August 2013

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report proposes to amend the existing speed limit orders in Kelso and Maxton to take account of the findings of a recent region-wide Speed Limit Review.**
- 1.2 In 2012 a Speed Limit Review was carried out throughout the region by officers from the Council and the Police. The review was carried out in accordance with Government guidance and the resulting recommendations seek to reinforce speeds on parts of the network currently covered by the national speed limit or a speed limit higher than that deemed appropriate.
- 1.3 A total of 12 lengths of road were agreed to be recommended to be subject to adjusted statutory speed limit. Two of these sites are in the Cheviot area, at Ednam Road, Kelso and Maxton. These sections of road in question are currently subject to the National Speed Limit and 40mph speed limit respectively.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Cheviot Area Forum approves that The Borders Regional Council (A699 – Maxton) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 1994 be revoked, and approves the amendments to the Scottish Borders Council (The Borders Regional Council)(Restricted Roads) Order 1985 and The Scottish Borders Council (Various Roads) (40 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2004 to allow:**
 - (a) **The reduction of the existing 40mph to a 30mph speed limit in Maxton; and**
 - (b) **The extension of the existing 40mph limit on Ednam Road in Kelso.**

These are detailed in the plans in Appendix A and the Draft Traffic Regulation Orders in Appendix B.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In accordance with Government guidance, speed limits should seek to reinforce people's assessment of what is a safe speed to travel. Scottish Borders Council has a statutory duty to set local speed limits in situations where local needs and considerations deem it necessary for drivers to adopt a speed which is different from the national speed limit.
- 3.2 A Scottish Borders wide Speed Limit Review was carried out in 2012, to consider representations which had been made (generally seeking lower speeds) or on sites which officers had identified as warranting investigation. Following careful consideration, two sites within the Cheviot Area were identified as justifying an amendment. These were at Maxton and Kelso. The recommendations are outlined in the following paragraph.
- 3.3 The Speed Limit Review concluded the following recommendations:-
- (a) Maxton - replace existing 40mph speed limit with a 30mph speed limit; and
 - (b) Kelso - Extension of the existing 40mph speed limit on Ednam Road to a point beyond the new cemetery access.
- 3.4 As with all Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs), the Council has to undertake a two stage consultation process. Firstly there is a statutory consultation with bodies that have a direct interest such as emergency services, freight and public transport representatives and community councils. Following that process, the proposal requires to be advertised locally (local press and on-street notices) to allow others the opportunity to comment.
- 3.5 Statutory Consultation was carried out from 14/1/2013 to 11/2/2013 and from 23/5/13 to 20/6/13 for Maxton and Ednam Road, Kelso respectively. No comments or objections were received.
- 3.6 The proposals were advertised to the public from 28/3/2013 to 19/4/2013 for Maxton and 11/7/2013 to 1/8/2013 for Ednam Road, Kelso. No comments or objections have been received, to date, for either proposal.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The financial implications associated with the recommendations relate solely to the provision of new, or the relocation of existing signage.

- a) Maxton £2,000 6 signs;
- b) Kelso £1,500 2 signs relocated.

The cost would be borne by the Aids to Movement budget.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

- (a) This risk of not proceeding with the recommendations is that drivers progress along the section of road at speeds inappropriate to the conditions increasing risk of injury should an accident occur.
- (b) There is no additional risk of proceeding with the lowering of the existing speed limit at Maxton as the sign posts will remain the same.
- (c) There is no additional risk of proceeding with the extension of the existing speed limit at Ednam Road as the sign post will simply be

relocated.

4.3 **Equalities**

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on this proposal and it is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

4.4 **Acting Sustainably**

There are no significant impacts on the economy, community or environment arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.5 **Carbon Management**

There are no significant effects on carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.6 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Head of Corporate Governance, the Head of Strategic Policy, the Head of Audit and Risk, the HR Manager and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the report.

Approved by

Director of Environment & Infrastructure Signature

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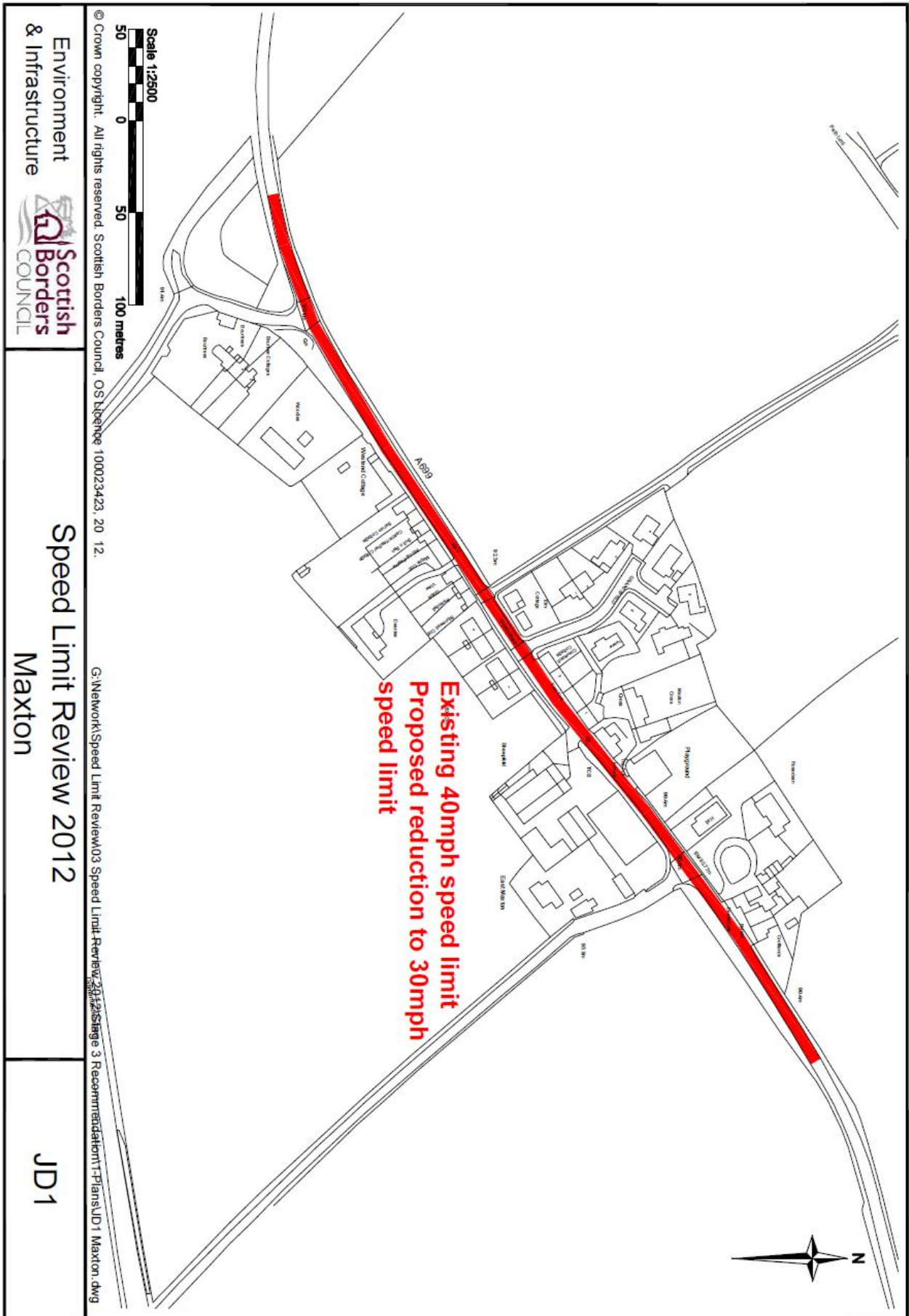
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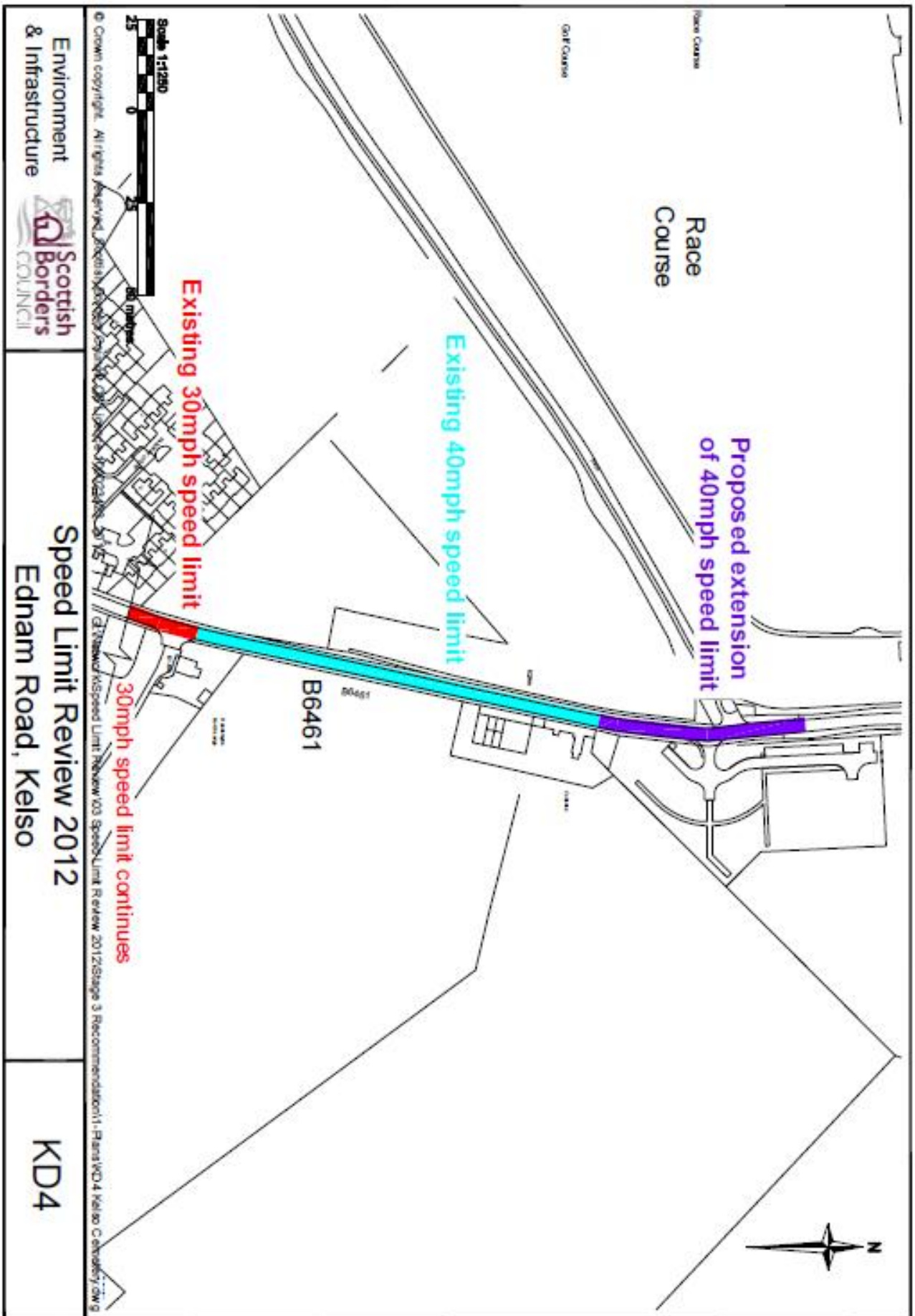
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Appendix B

BORDERS REGIONAL COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

(A699 – MAXTON) (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 1994

REMOVE

SCHEDULE

That length of A699 from a point 54 metres (59 yards) or thereby west of its junction with the unclassified road to Muirhouselaw, a distance of 510 metres (558 yards) or thereby.

ADD

THE SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
(THE BORDERS REGIONAL COUNCIL)(RESTRICTED ROADS ORDER 1985) ORDER 2004

MAXTON

That length of A699 from a point 126 metres or thereby east of its junction with the C67 to Muirhouselaw westward to a point 68 metres, or thereby, west of its junction with the C52 to Longnewton.

THE SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS)(40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2004

KELSO

Remove description and replace therefore

That length of the B6461 from a point 232 metres or thereby north of its junction with Hendersyde Park northwards to a point 120 metres or thereby south of its junction with the southern kerbline of the unclassified road D82/4 to Ferniehill at Ferniehill Toll.