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## **SPEED LIMIT REVIEW 2016**

**Report by Chief Officer, Roads**

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### **EILDON AREA FORUM**

**8 December 2016**

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#### **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report proposes to extend the 30mph speed limit on Haughhead Road, Earlston.**
- 1.2 The road was previously assessed and did not meet the criteria set out by Scottish Government, although further discussions with Police Scotland and concerns by the public have increased support.

#### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 I recommend that the Eildon Area Forum approves the amendment to The Scottish Borders Council Restricted Roads Order 1985 to include the section of road shown in Appendix A and described 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 2015, to consider the representations which had been made (generally seeking lower speeds) or on sites which officers had identified as warranting investigation.
- 3.3 Haughhead Road, Earlston was assessed and did not meet the criteria.
- 3.4 Further concerns were received from members of the public and it was agreed to reengage with Police Scotland and recommend the extension of the 30mph speed limit.
- 3.5 The extent of the proposed speed limit is shown in Appendix A and described in Appendix B.
- 3.6 As with all 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 or object.
- 3.7 Statutory Consultation on the proposals was carried out from 19 September 2016 to 17 October 2016. No comments or objections were received during this period.
- 3.8 The proposals were advertised to the public from 27 October 2016 to 25 November 2016. No comments or objections were received during this period.

### **4 IMPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1 Financial**

The financial implications associated with the recommendations relates to the advertising costs and the provision of new signs. Approximate costs are as follows:-

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| Advertising | £1,500 |
| Signs       | £1,000 |

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

#### **4.2 Risk and Mitigations**

- (a) The 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) The risk of proceeding with the introduction of the speed limit at this site is that an errant vehicle may strike a sign post holding the signs necessary to indicate the restriction. This risk will be mitigated by design of appropriate sign pole.

#### 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 Rural Proofing

It is anticipated there will be no adverse impact on the rural area from the proposals contained in this report.

#### 4.7 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 Monitoring Officer, Chief Legal Officer, Chief Officer Audit and Risk, Chief Officer Human Resources and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.

#### Approved by

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**Chief Officer Roads**

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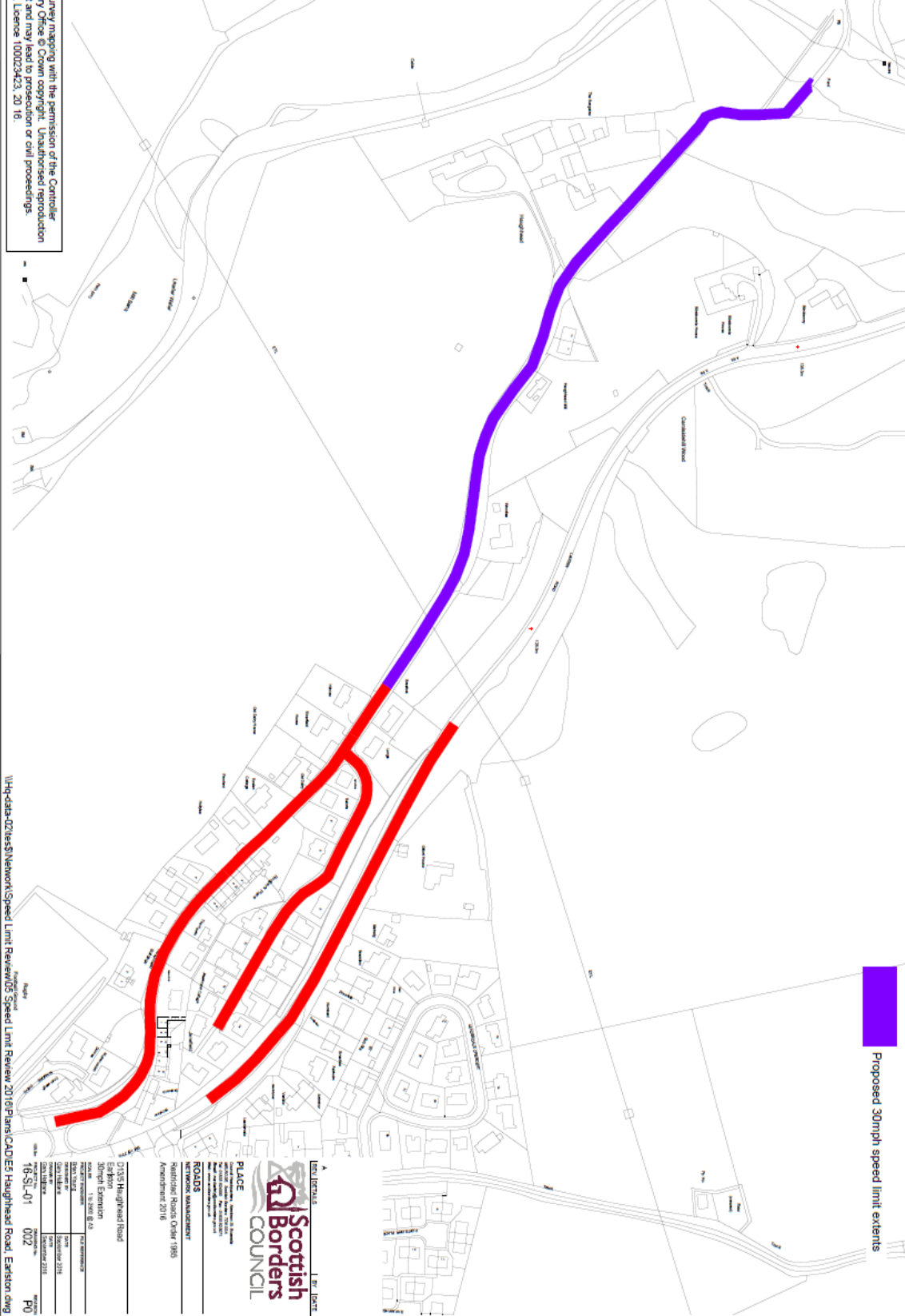
**Background Papers:** None

**Previous Minute Reference:** N/A

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**Appendix A**



**Appendix B**

Restricted Roads Order 1985 Amendment 2016

Add as follows

**D13/5 Haughhead Road, Earlston**

That length of road from its junction with the D12/5 Mill Road first in a westerly direction then north westerly by Haughhead to boundary with Area 4 at ford over Leader Water