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## **SPEED LIMIT REVIEW 2015**

**Report by Service Director Commercial Services**

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### **TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM**

**16 February 2016**

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

- 1.1 **This report proposes to amend the existing speed limit in Hawick to take account of a recent region-wide Speed Limit Review.**
- 1.2 In 2015 a Speed Limit Review was carried out throughout the Scottish Borders region by officers from the Council and the Police. The review was carried out in accordance with Government guidance and the resulting recommendations reduce speeds on parts of the network currently covered by the National Speed Limit.
- 1.3 A total of 11 lengths of road were agreed to be recommended to be subject to adjusted statutory speed limit. One of these sites is in the Teviot & Liddesdale area, at Wilton Park Road, Hawick. The section of road in question is currently subject to the National Speed Limit.

#### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum approves the amendment to The Scottish Borders Council (The Borders Regional Council) (Restricted Roads) Order 1985 to allow:**
  - (a) **An extension of the existing 30mph speed limit on the DH183/3 Wilton Park Road in Hawick;**

**The affected length of road is detailed in the plan in Appendix A and the extract from the relevant Draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 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 have been made (generally seeking lower speeds) or on sites which officers had identified as warranting investigation. Following careful consideration, one site within the Teviot & Liddesdale Area was identified as justifying an amendment. This was Wilton Park Road, Hawick. Details of the recommendation are outlined in the following paragraph.
- 3.3 The Speed Limit Review concluded in the following recommendation:-
- (a) Hawick - The extension of the existing 30mph speed limit on the DH183/3 Wilton Park Road from its current extent at Walled Garden Cottage southwest to include the Wilton Lodge Walled Garden, the sports pavilion and its associated parking area.
- As per the drawing in Appendix A.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 Statutory Consultation on the proposal was carried out from 24/11/2015 to 21/12/2015. No comments or objections were received during this period.
- 3.6 The proposal was advertised to the public from 14/1/2016 to 5/2/2016. As at 25/1/2016 no comments/objections had been received. Any comments/objections subsequently received will be tabled at the meeting.

### **4 IMPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1 Financial**

The financial implications associated with the recommendations relates to the relocation of existing signage. Approximate costs are as follows:-

- a) Hawick                      £200                      4 signs relocated.

There are also costs associated with advertising and making of the Traffic Regulation Order:

Advertising region-wide TRO                      £1,650

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

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

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.

#### 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, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated into the final report.

#### **Approved by**

**Andrew Drummond-Hunt**  
**Service Director Commercial Services**

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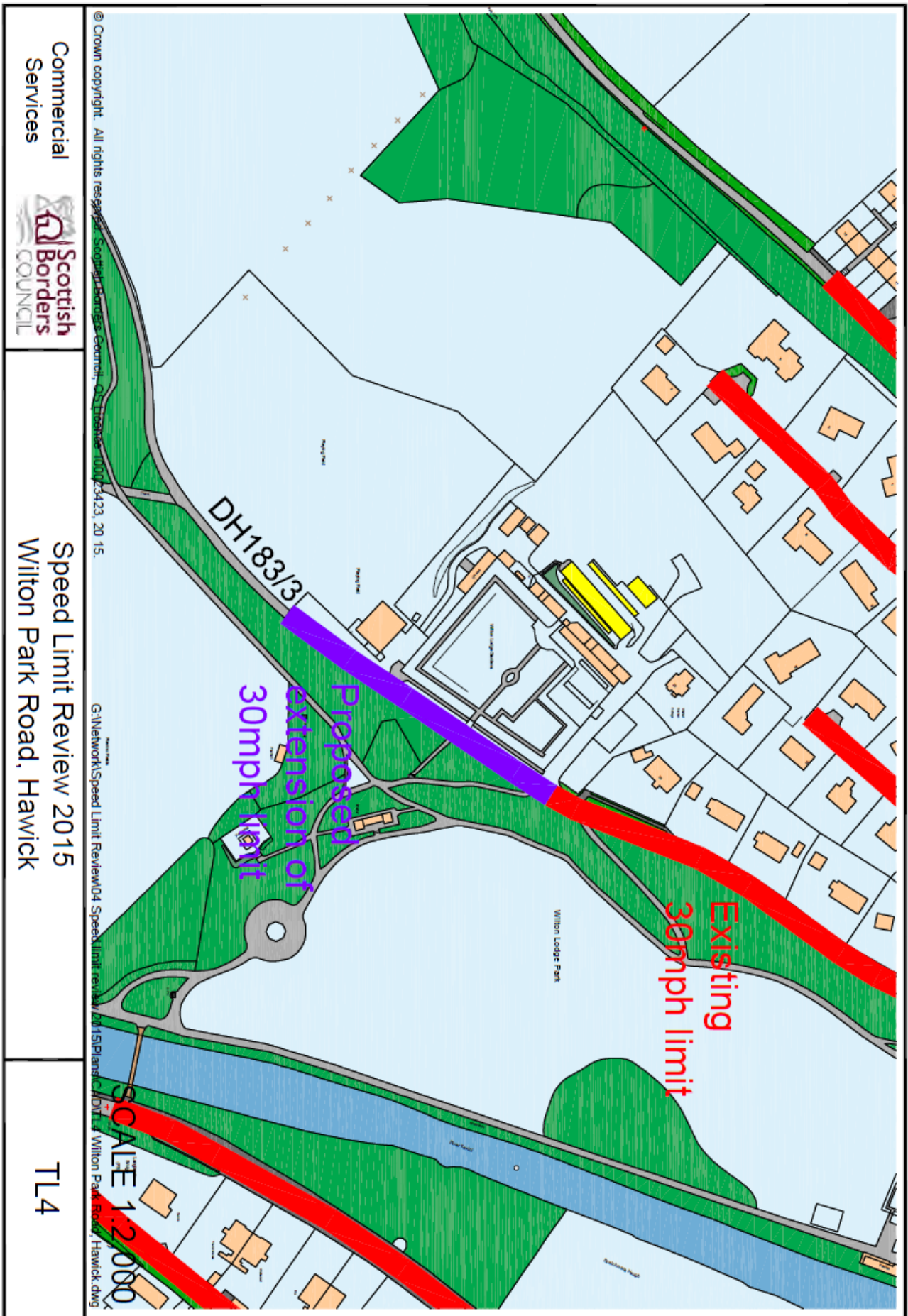
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**Background Papers:** None

**Previous Minute Reference:** N/A

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Appendix B

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**THE SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**  
**(THE BORDERS REGIONAL COUNCIL (RESTRICTED ROADS) ORDER 1985)**  
**(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016**

**HAWICK**

- (e) That length of the DH193/3 Wilton Park Road from its junction with the DH140/4 Roadhead to a point 415 metres or thereby south-west of its junction with the DH219/3 Park View