Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

Non-confidential

Request to Submit a Proposed Speed Limit Reduction for Westbank to Lincolnshire County Council

Report to: Planning and Development Committee

Meeting Date: 18 November 2026

Report by: Clerk

Power/duty which decision falls under:
N/A – LCC Highways Authority (Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 84)

Which council objective(s) it falls under:

- Protect and enhance our green spaces and street scene
- Preserve and enhance heritage assets, environmental assets and wildlife
- Retain and encourage employment and tourism opportunities
- Improve the well-being of residents
- To foster public participation and engagement
- To recognise the climate and biodiversity emergency and it should be considered as the basis of all decision and policy making

Report:

At September Planning and Development meeting committee considered a resident request for the speed limit to be reduced on West Bank[1]. The decision was:

"P26/157 13. To record that the concern raised is noted and committee will listen to any other residents from West Bank if they come forward."

Following this, eleven further residents have been in touch with the council to request committee considers supporting the request for the speed limit to be reduced on West Bank. Appendix 1 includes the anonymised resident emails.

Recommendations

Contact Cllr Brockway and LCC to request a reduction of the speed limit (potentially 30mph) for the length of West Bank.

[1] https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/1935/speed-limit-policy

Appendix 1: Residents Emails

Email 1:

I am a resident of West Bank Saxilby and have been speaking with [name supplied] and other fellow residents about the safety concerns of the speeding traffic down West Bank.
I would like to highlight that I believe the majority of these drivers are associated with the new kennels at the end. There is a pattern with dogs being dropped off and then collected at the end of the day "rush hour", with the road being a dead end each dog being dropped off involves 4 journeys, with the majority of dogs being dropped off in the morning and then again in the evening this results in a very busy road during collection times, with no footpath and also no passing places it is a safety risk for pedestrians.

Email 2:

As a resident of West Bank, I would like to add my support of the original complaint put in by [name supplied] regarding the speed, mainly of merchant vehicles, going down West Bank. The concern is that this could potentially cause a serious accident as it is a narrow road and they do not adhere to the 30mph speed limit. The second concern is the to potential of further deterioration to the already weakened bank which is in the process of repair.

We (the residents) appreciate your support in this matter.

Email 3:

I am writing to express my strong support for the motion recently passed by the parish council to reduce the speed limit on West Bank.

As a single-track road, lowering the speed limit will significantly improve safety for all users. There are currently no signs warning drivers of the lack of footpaths, yet West Bank is a popular route for dog walkers from across the wider village. Furthermore, traffic has risen due to several factors (couriers, construction and other businesses), and stepping off the narrow road to clear incoming vehicles is particularly hazardous given the steep bank and uneven verges.

Thank you and the council for taking action on this crucial safety issue.

Email 4:

Thank you for agreeing to review actions necessary for managing the increased risk posed by increased traffic and speed on our lane.

We live at [no. supplied] West Bank and have done so for 20 years ([name supplied] for 60+ years). In this time we have seen a steady increase in the number of vehicles using the lane. More recently with the establishment of a new business at the end of the lane, tanker traffic to and from the sewerage works and the large development at 33 West Bank the volume of traffic has increased 10 fold. This increase in traffic has also brought with it people who do not live on the lane and who are perhaps not familiar with the environment or worse have disregard for it. The speed at which they travel frequently exceeds safe limits.

We do not have pedestrian pathways and there are many stretches where the width of the road can only accommodate one car at time, The verges are often overgrown and the bank along the canal is unstable, so often finding a safe refuge

from oncoming traffic can be tricky, particular when that traffic is coming at speed.

We have a number of older residents on our lane as well as it being a popular route for dog walkers, fast oncoming traffic poses an increased risk of injury for us. In addition after 33 West Bank, we do not have street lights and I have on two occasions had to move out of the way very quickly when a car travelled down West Bank way too fast at night and although I had a torch and was wearing hi vis clothing, they did not slow down and passed me at speed and very close. An older person might not have been able to have moved as quickly and an accident could have occurred.

In addition to the obvious risk of injury the increased traffic with speed has also increased noise pollution and emissions both which, reduce our quality of life. Hopefully with a reduced speed limit along the length of the lane, we can head off any serious incident occurring in the future and restore our enjoyment of our lane.

Many thanks for reviewing our concerns and we look forward to hearing further on the matter.

Email 5:

We are contacting you in regards to the proposed change of the maximum speed on West Bank. As you will be aware West Bank is a narrow road and due to the housing types has numerous cars parked on it, it also has no footpath which means pedestrians have to manoeuvre around parked cars meaning walking in the middle of the road. West Bank is also popular as a Dog Walking route.
We also get a lot of large vehicles from the camp site, faming and the Sewerage Treatment plant. So I would fully support having the speed limit to 20 miles per hour.

Email 6:

I have been approached by a couple of residents to forward my experience recently with the traffic along West Bank whilst walking my dog.

I have walked this route several times a day and have noticed in the last 12-18 months, some inappropriate driving from people along the canal side.

I usually walk between 7.30 to 8am and 4-4.30pm.

I believe majority of cars at this time are people dropping and picking their dogs off at the kennels and therefore pass me twice. We know the locals and farmers who are considerate when driving along this road.

As you will be aware there is no pathway and the only option is to step onto the canal bank or into hedging or driveways. As this is a daily walk, I am always mindful to look for cars and step out of the way to let them pass, I feel it should also be the drivers responsibility to be considerate of us. It is getting difficult to navigate when cars approach at speed and are quieter now, especially if they are electric. They do not give you chance to move, overtaking on the road without considering I have seen them. Now the weather is wetter the puddles also become an issue, unless I step right back into the field, I come home wet being splashed by the fast cars.

I have recently requested the kennels advise the clients to be mindful of walkers and residents, I have not really noticed a change in behaviour of the small number that drive badly.

I think a slower speed limit and signage to remind drivers to be cautious would help moving forward I also think some sort of notification to the clients using the kennels to advise them of the narrow road and no pathway being an issue to those living and walking on this road.

Appendix 1:
Planning and Finance Committee September 2026 Report.

SUMMARY:

A request has been received from a resident for a reduction in the speed limit on West Bank, Saxilby, to 20 mph. The road currently has a 30mph and a 60mph section. Concerns have been raised regarding the narrow, single-track nature of the road, the absence of a footway, the riverbank alongside the road, and increased activity from businesses at the bottom of West Bank.

The Council is asked to consider supporting the request and making representations to Lincolnshire County Council, as the relevant traffic authority, to assess the proposal and consider introducing an appropriate Traffic Regulation Order. Officer understanding is that it is not current LCC policy for 20mph speed limits, therefore the request would be limited to requesting a reduction in the speed limit of the 60mph section.

The relevant Lincolnshire County Councillor has been contacted regarding support for the request. If progressed, the matter would be subject to Lincolnshire County Council's assessment and the statutory Traffic Regulation Order process, including public consultation. Previous experience indicates that implementation may take a extended period of time.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Planning and Development Committee:

a) Agree for initial consultation to be carried out with residents and businesses along West Bank to for their views on requesting a reduction in the speed limit on West Bank, Saxilby to 30 mph;

b) If consensus is agreement for the reduction to request the support of the relevant Lincolnshire County Councillor for the proposal; and

c) Subject to county councillor support, requests that Lincolnshire County Council considers the proposal.

Public Sector Equality Duty:

Consider how policies/decisions affect those protected under the Equality Act)
The proposal is intended to improve road safety for all road users. No adverse impact on individuals with protected characteristics has been identified. A reduction in vehicle speeds may provide additional reassurance and safety for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.

Duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity:
The proposal relates to a change in the speed limit only and is not expected to have any direct impact on biodiversity.

Consideration on carbon reduction:
No significant direct carbon impact is anticipated. A lower speed limit may contribute marginally to reduced vehicle speeds and emissions, although the primary purpose of the proposal is road safety.

Impact on staff:
There is no direct impact on Parish Council staff with the work being part of their usual duties. The request and any subsequent Traffic Regulation Order process would be managed by Lincolnshire County Council.

Does the report consider any new activity? If 'Yes', has a risk assessment, including risk management proposals, been included for consideration and adoption by the council? *(Financial Regulation 17b)*
No

REPORT

1. Purpose of Report

To consider a request from a resident for a reduction in the speed limit on West Bank, Saxilby, and whether the Parish Council wishes to support the request and ask Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) to consider introducing a 20mph speed limit.

2. Background

The Parish Council has received a request from a resident concerned about road safety on West Bank, Saxilby.

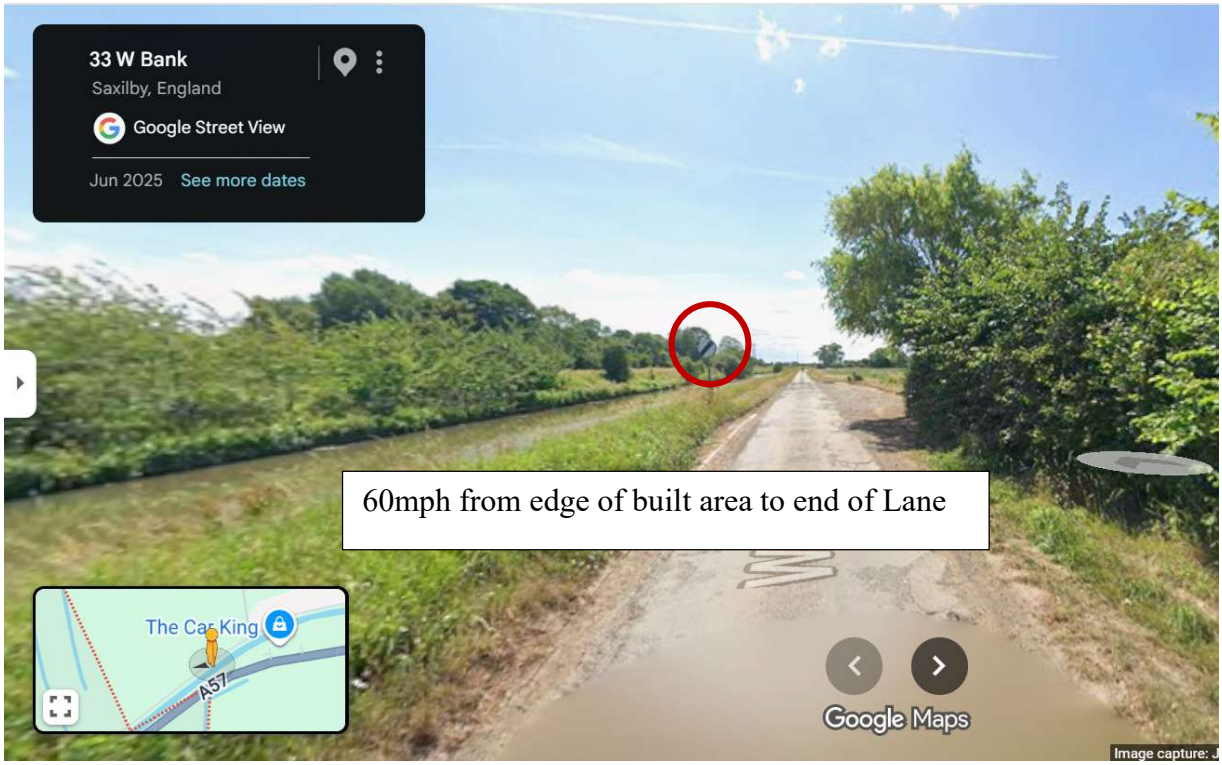
The resident has highlighted that West Bank is a narrow, single-track road with the riverbank on one side and no footway. The road is also reportedly experiencing increased traffic following the opening of businesses at the bottom of West Bank.

The resident considers that the current speed limit is inappropriate for the nature of the road and has suggested that a 20mph speed limit would improve safety for road users and those accessing properties and businesses in the area.

The concern has been forwarded to the Parish Council for consideration.

Officer understanding is that the County Council does not have a policy in place that permits 20mph roads currently. As a result, it is suggested the council request a 30mph limit is put in place for the length of the road.





3. Proposed Process

The introduction or alteration of a speed limit would require a **Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)** through Lincolnshire County Council, as the highway authority.

The Parish Council has been advised that the process would require:

1. Support from the relevant Lincolnshire County Councillor;
2. Submission of the request to Lincolnshire County Council for consideration;

3. Assessment by Lincolnshire County Council to determine whether the proposed change is appropriate;
4. If supported, progression through the statutory TRO process, including public consultation; and
5. Subject to the outcome of the process, implementation of the revised speed limit.

The Parish Clerk has contacted Cllr Brockway, the relevant county councillor, to ascertain her position in relation to the request.

The Parish Council has previously supported successful speed-limit reduction requests for Ingleby and Skellingthorpe Road to 40mph.

4. Financial Implications

There is no immediate financial implication for the Parish Council in submitting a request to Lincolnshire County Council.

Any costs associated with the assessment, consultation, TRO process or implementation would need to be borne by Lincolnshire County Council the Highways Authority.

5. Risk and Implications

The primary consideration is road safety, particularly given the narrow nature of West Bank, the absence of a footway and the reported increase in activity at the bottom of the road.

The process may also take a considerable period of time. Previous experience indicates that there can be a significant waiting period for TROs, and similar requests have previously taken approximately two years from initial request to implementation.