



## **PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT**

**24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 9.30 a.m.**

### **Present**

Councillor S Swinburn (in the Chair)

### **Officers in Attendance:**

- Simon Jones (Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer)
- Sophie Pickerden (Committee Support Officer)
- Anthony Snell (Transport and Traffic Manager)
- Holly Hall (Highway Asset Team Manager)
- Darren Braithwaite (Highway Asset Engineer)

### **Others in Attendance:**

- Councillor Pettigrew (Waltham Ward Councillor)

There was one member of the public and no members of the press in attendance at the meeting.

### **PH.HIT.16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

### **PH.HIT.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from the Portfolio Holder in respect of any items on the agenda for this meeting.

**PH.HIT.18     PETITION – REDUCE SPEED LIMIT AND ADD  
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON GRIMSBY ROAD,  
WALTHAM.**

The Portfolio Holder received a petition requesting a reduction in the speed limit and for a pedestrian crossing to be added on Grimsby Road in Waltham.

Mr Parkin spoke as the lead petitioner. He said that he lived on the Woodland Way development for several years and it had always been difficult to exit Woodland Way onto Grimsby Road due to the poor visibility. He said that the site line was obstructed by the hedge line, and the road had been built too narrow and therefore a vehicle couldn't enter if a vehicle was exiting. Mr Parkin said that he had started his petition following a serious accident at the Fairway junction involving four cars and a bus. He said that he had targeted the residents of Woodland Way and Grimsby Road along the 40mph section. Mr Parkin said that those residents were very supportive of a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph and they stressed how difficult it was for them to access their properties due to the speed of the traffic. He said that he understood officers needed to look at statistics and had concluded from that to not support the petition, but statistics didn't always provide the right answer, and we shouldn't wait for people to be hurt before taking action. Mr Parkin stated that the 40mph zone in the residential area was not safe. He said that he would like to propose a compromise to the petition, which was to extend the 30mph limit on Grimsby Road to the village boundary which would also keep a separation between Waltham and Scartho. Mr Parkin said that there were six access roads into Waltham Village apart from Grimsby Road and they all had 30mph speed limits at the village boundaries. He said that there should be consistency with regard to where there was a 30mph speed limit. Mr Parkin said that the costs to the council to reduce the speed limit would be minimal and would involve relocating signs and the removal of the 40mph signs. He said that whilst a pedestrian crossing would be nice to have in the area, he did understand that it would require more work to establish the footfall requirement. Mr Parkin said that a reduction to the speed limit near the bus stop would make the uncontrolled crossing safer. He asked the Portfolio Holder to consider a speed reduction to the village boundary.

Councillor Pettigrew spoke as the Ward Councillor for the Waltham Ward. He thanked Mr Parkin for his efforts in organising the petition. Councillor Pettigrew said that other areas were affected, not just Grimsby Road, by the speeds on roads. He said that the 40mph speed limit was unusual in Waltham as all the other approach roads had a 30mph speed limit. Councillor Pettigrew said that it would be very easy to monitor the speed limit if there was a consistent speed

limit. He said that he was present to support residents, and he hoped the issue would be considered and something would be put in place to make the road safer for all residents.

The Portfolio Holder said that he would like a report brought back to a future meeting considering the issues raised in the petition.

RESOLVED –

1. That the petition be received.
2. That a report responding to the petition be submitted to a future meeting of this portfolio holder.

### **PH.HIT.19 HIGHWAY WINTER SERVICE REVIEW 2025-26**

The Portfolio Holder considered a report that requested approval of the highway winter service policy and operational plan 2025-26.

RESOLVED – That the highway winter service policy and operational plan (2025/26) be approved.

There being no further business, the Portfolio Holder closed the meeting at 9.45am.