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ALLERDALE SPEED LIMIT REVIEW 2018: FLIMBY BROW

Site description and overview:

Flimby Brow is a road leading from the eastern-most section of the village of Flimby, and heads towards Broughton Moor. Flimby is subject to a 30mph limit, however along Flimby Brow it extends for a considerable distance beyond the built-up area. Concerns have been raised in relation to speed limit compliance in the built-up area — it is possible that because the 30mph speed limit extends too far beyond where it is relevant; it may be leading to the limit being disregarded in general.

Existing traffic conditions:

Recorded average speeds along the populated section of Flimby Brow are 31mph with an 85th percentile speed of 37mph; meaning that the limit is, on occasions, being ignored. Conversely, average and 85th percentile speeds at the speed limit signs are lower, at 27 and 32 mph respectively. This further backs up the theory (and observations) that speeds are creeping up further down the hill. It is noted that the existing speed limit extends beyond a bend at the top of the hill — however this is not the correct application of a speed limit, and there are sufficient warning signs highlighting the bend already in place.

Proposed changes to the speed limit:

To move the 30mph speed limit extents nearer towards the built-up area.

Summary of reasons for proposed change:

The existing speed limit signs in their current position are situated too far away from the built-up area for them to be of relevance. Moving them nearer to the built-up area will mean that the 30mph limit is relevant and enforceable.

