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## ALLERDALE SPEED LIMIT REVIEW: KIRKBRIDE

### Site description and overview:

Kirkbride is a sizeable village located approximately 12 miles west of Carlisle. Its facilities include a school, public house, post office and garage. The B5307 is the main road that runs into Kirkbride from the Carlisle direction; which continues in a westerly trajectory towards Newton Arlosh, Abbeystown and beyond. On entry to Kirkbride from Carlisle, the B5307 is wide, straight and of high quality construction, as well as being more sparsely populated; and for these reasons speeds creep up in excess of the prevailing 30mph limit. On this basis, a short section of 40mph limit is being proposed, which will actually extend eastwards further than the existing 30mph limit, in order to cover the two outermost properties.

### Existing traffic conditions:

Recorded average speeds along the section in question are in excess of 30mph. The carriageway is wide with good visibility, therefore a 40mph limit is more conducive and appropriate for this section – it will also emphasise the importance of the 30mph limit further into Kirkbride, where lower speeds are more critical (around the school, playground etc.)

### Proposed changes to the speed limit:

To relocate the 30mph speed limit extents nearer towards the centre of the village, and to implement a 40mph “buffer” eastwards for a distance of approximately 220m (extending further than the original 30mph limit).

### Summary of reasons for proposed change:

Existing average speeds are above 30mph in this location, which confirms that the speed limit is set too low. A 40mph limit is a workable solution, which will ensure the limit is realistic and enforceable, and that compliance will improve.