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**Allerdale Speed Limit Review
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ALLERDALE SPEED LIMIT REVIEW: THIRLMERE A591

Site description and overview:

This review is to assess the speed limit on the east side of Thirlmere, along the A591. Historically this has been set at the default National Speed Limit; however in the wake of the 2015 floods, a temporary 40mph limit was implemented in response to the initial flood event and resultant damage to the highway. This 40mph limit has remained in place due to continued concerns with rock-fall, possible subsidence of the carriageway surface, and the continued risk of flooding and standing water caused by flash flooding and run-off from the land nearby.

Existing traffic conditions:

Compliance with the existing temporary 40mph limit is good; with average speeds being recorded at 42mph and 85th percentile speeds at 47mph.

Proposed changes to the speed limit:

To implement the temporary 40mph speed limit as a permanent 40mph limit. The statistics illustrate that 40mph is a reasonable limit in this location, with good compliance.

Summary of reasons for proposed change:

Concerns continue in relation to rock-fall, flood events and surface water run-off. Whilst typically a National Speed Limit would be the default limit on such a road; these continued concerns combined with the high volume of traffic that it handles, validate the reasons for implementing the 40mph limit permanently.