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**Proposal No.15  
Curthwaite Road, Thursby**

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## ALLERDALE SPEED LIMIT REVIEW: THURSBY / WEST CURTHWAITE

### Site description:

West Curthwaite is a small village, very close to the larger village of Thursby and interconnected by a rural, sparsely-populated road known as “Curthwaite Road”. The road is currently subject to a 30mph speed limit (effectively meaning Thursby and West Curthwaite make up one large area of 30mph limit); however there are frequent complaints in relation to speeding along this sparsely-populated section.

Additionally to the southwest of West Curthwaite, it has been noted that the 30mph limit extends for a considerable distance beyond the populated area of the village.

### Existing traffic conditions:

Average speeds are reportedly higher than the posted 30mph limit. Collision statistics are favourable and there are no overriding concerns in relation to highway safety.

### Proposed changes to the speed limit:

To replace the 30mph speed limit on the sparsely-populated section of Curthwaite Road with a 40mph limit. N.B. this supersedes original proposals that involved reinstating the default National Speed Limit.

To the south-west of West Curthwaite, repositioning the 30mph limit extents so that they are closer to the village and therefore more relevant and more likely to be observed.

### Summary of reasons for proposed change:

The 30mph limit between West Curthwaite and Thursby suffers from poor compliance, as the prevailing highway conditions do not typify those of a normal 30mph road. Implementing a section of 40mph speed limit would be more relevant and in-keeping with the sparsely populated section. This would ensure that the remaining 30mph limits in the populated areas are more prominent and relevant – therefore assisting in enforcement where required.