

# REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

## MANCHESTER ROAD SPEED LIMIT



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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

The Town Council has previously discussed the speed limit on Manchester Road and has been supportive of a reduction in the limit at both the 60mph zone and 40mph zone. In June, Nether ward councillors were contacted by a resident seeking their support in securing a reduction of the 40mph stretch to 30mph.

In 2019, Esther McVey met with Cheshire East Council leadership following which she received written confirmation the speed limit on the stretch of road outside Cottons Hotel would be reduced; it was stated that this would follow the development of the housing/employment sites on this road.

Cheshire East Council's Speed Management Strategy (2016) outlines that a national speed limit should apply "on most high-quality strategic A and B roads with few bends, junctions or accesses", that a 50mph limit should be considered for "lower quality A and B roads that may have a relatively high number of bends, junctions or accesses". It further says that 30mph limits should apply where there are "numerous facilities generating pedestrian/cycle activity, almost continuous frontage development exceeding 600m in length, significant development in depth or significant pedestrian activity throughout the day with provision of footways and crossings."

To avoid excessive changes in limits, government guidance is that zones should be at least 600m in length; the 40mph zone on Manchester Road is approximately 600m in length.

### 2.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

Council should consider the previously stated position of Cheshire East Council that speed limits would be reviewed as the development comes forward and consider if this is acceptable.

Council should consider lobbying Cheshire East Council for the implementation of an Order to reduce the speed limit on Manchester Road and to Cheshire Police to ensure they support such an Order.