

Results of the Golden River Data Strip on Main Street Buckton.

Further to your enquiry in which you raised concerns about speeding on Main Street, Buckton. The data from the speed survey has been assessed under the Council's Speed Management Procedure and the details of which are explained below.

The Council and the Police have entered into an agreement called the Speed Management Procedure (SMP) to co-ordinate and assess speeding concerns received by both the Council and the Police and this started in October 2012. The assessment includes criteria such as a small scale speed survey up to a full 7 day traffic count and speed survey if necessary at the location so that a picture of the speeding profile of drivers on the road can be considered. The survey will identify the number of vehicles travelling at a speed exceeding the speed limit and by how much. The speed at or below which 85% of vehicles are travelling at (usually referred to as the 85th percentile speed) is an important factor in the assessments.

A scoring system is used which determines what level of enforcement is required for a location. If the assessment finds large numbers of vehicles travelling at excessive speeds with a consequently high score (15+points), the Police are requested to carry out speed enforcement on the road. When an assessment at any location has been carried out, further reviews on the same street will not usually be considered within the following 5 years.

The survey was undertaken for a full 7 day period between 10 and 16 May 2017. During this period the total number of vehicles recorded was 16,860 which equates to 2409 per day. The total number of potential offenders per day exceeding the Police's threshold for enforcement (30mph + 10% + 2mph) was 284 per day which equates to 11.8% of the total traffic. The mean speed was recorded as 28.3mph and the 85th percentile speed was 33.6mph. As part of the assessment we also look at the number of recorded injury collisions in the previous 3 year period and in the case of Main Street, Buckton there have not been any injury collisions which demonstrates an excellent road safety record.

The SMP has awarded Main Street, Buckton 2 points which means it does not meet the criteria for Police Enforcement or intervention from the Road Safety Team (0-11 points no further action, 12-15 points Road Safety Team and 16+ Police Enforcement). The reason for the low priority rating is due to what is considered a low proportion of offenders and having a good road safety record.

The Council is satisfied that there are appropriate and clear signs and lines to remind drivers of the posted speed limit. As this is a 30mph speed limit by virtue of street lighting we are not permitted by law to erect further signs such as repeaters as the lighting columns take the place of these.

In view of traffic calming, Main Street does not meet the criteria due to having a good road safety record.

I understand this is disappointing but both the Council and the Police have very limited resources and we must target those sites where there is a history of collisions and where we can ultimately reduce the number of casualties on our roads.

However, the Council's Road Safety Team do offer the opportunity for Parish/Town Councils to rent temporary Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) and shall write to the Town Council with the results of the survey and details on how they can rent SIDs should they wish to do so.

On behalf of the Council I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for raising your concerns.