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RE: ***Application description***

Proposal: Construction of 6no. dwellings with associated garages, amenity space and shared surface access road
Location: Land South East of 26 New Road Warboys

Following a review of the documents provided to the Highway Authority as part of the above planning application it was noted that the applicant has submitted Drawing SK03A Proposed Footway Layout Eastern Option which proposed to install a new Puffin Crossing at the northern end of the site to enable pedestrians to cross to a new footway on the eastern side of New Road and then cross back to the western side utilising the splitter island at the roundabout.

The Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) CD 143 Para E/4.4 states that "Stand-alone signal controlled crossings for pedestrians and cyclists shall not be provided where the 85th percentile speed exceeds 50mph."

Drawing SK03A indicates that the applicant is proposing to introduce a 40mph buffer speed limit to cover the crossing. However, this would be subject to a consultation process and would require the support of Cambridgeshire Constabulary. Our Policy and Regulation team should be contacted for advice Traffic Regulation Orders | Cambridgeshire County Council The 40mph speed limit will need to be in place prior to the application being determined.

The proposed crossing would also be subject to a Road Safety Audit which the applicant would need to obtain. The applicant should note that, in 2020, there was a proposal which would have resulted in the increase of the pedestrian usage of the route from between the village and the allotments on the north side of Fenton Road, utilising the splitter island on the south side of the roundabout.

This was reviewed by our Road Safety Engineering team who advised that it was not recommended that pedestrian crossing movements are increased across the splitter island for the following reasons:

- poor intervisibility.
- masking at the two lane entry.
- pedestrians crossing from east to west have to look behind them for vehicles exiting Fenton Road.
- drivers exiting Fenton Road will be looking to the right and may pull out without looking to the left for pedestrians.

It is therefore likely that a Road Safety Audit will highlight issues which cannot be resolved.

The LHA therefore request that the application is not determined until a 40mph buffer speed limit has been implemented and Stage 1 and 2 Road Safety Audits carried out and agreed.

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