

Agenda Item No. 4(a)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

19 January 2016

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PETITION – REQUEST FOR SAFETY MEASURES ON OXCROFT LANE,
STANFREE, BOLSOVER**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of a petition requesting a highway safety review on Oxcroft Lane, Stanfree and, following investigation, to recommend no further action.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

Background

At the meeting on 8 September 2015, the Cabinet Member acknowledged receipt of a petition (Minute No. 110/15 refers). It contained 40 signatures requesting that the County Council carries out a safety review, with a view to implementing remedial measures on Oxcroft Lane, Stanfree. The petition is dated August 2012 and unfortunately, was held by Bolsover District Council before being passed to the County Council in August 2015 for attention.

Officer Comment

Oxcroft Lane provides a link between the villages of Stanfree, Oxcroft and Bolsover (see Appendix 1). The speed limit for Oxcroft Lane is, for its majority of length, 30mph with a change to the National Speed Limit at Sutherland Farm (see Appendix 2). The narrowness of the road and the restricted forward visibility tend to naturally restrict the speed of traffic along the route. The change in the speed limit is highlighted with signs on grey backing boards and with a supplementary message of “please drive carefully”.

In addition to six road humps within the 30mph section, the road has a number of warning signs, and street lighting to improve visibility. Yellow lines around the junction with Mill Lane address any potential parking problems close to the Cemetery and the residential development.

From a safety perspective, the road has a good safety record, with only one personal injury collision reported in the last three years. This involved a cyclist

entering the road from the footway and coming into direct contact with a passing motor vehicle.

The Council faces reducing resources to address highway issues and it is necessary to prioritise road safety and traffic management schemes. It is therefore becoming increasingly important that the limited resources available are targeted where the need is greatest and/or the maximum benefit can be derived. Therefore, priority has to be given to those roads or locations with the most persistent injury collision problems.

Bearing this in mind, it is recommended that no further measures be introduced on Oxcroft Lane, Stanfree at this time.

Local Member Comment

No comment has been received.

(3) **Financial Considerations** There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(4) **Key Decision** No.

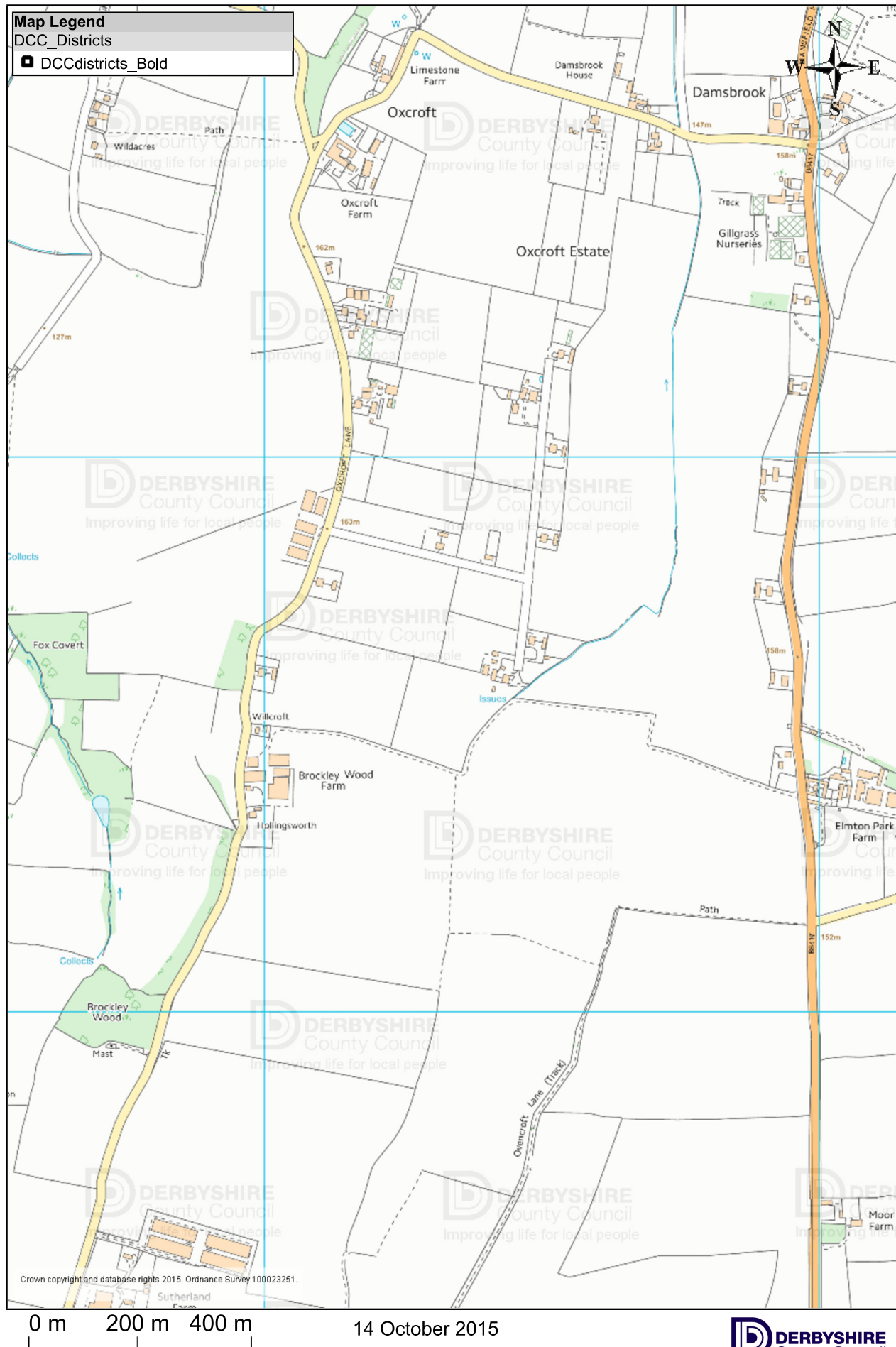
(5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Richard Handbury, extension 38569.

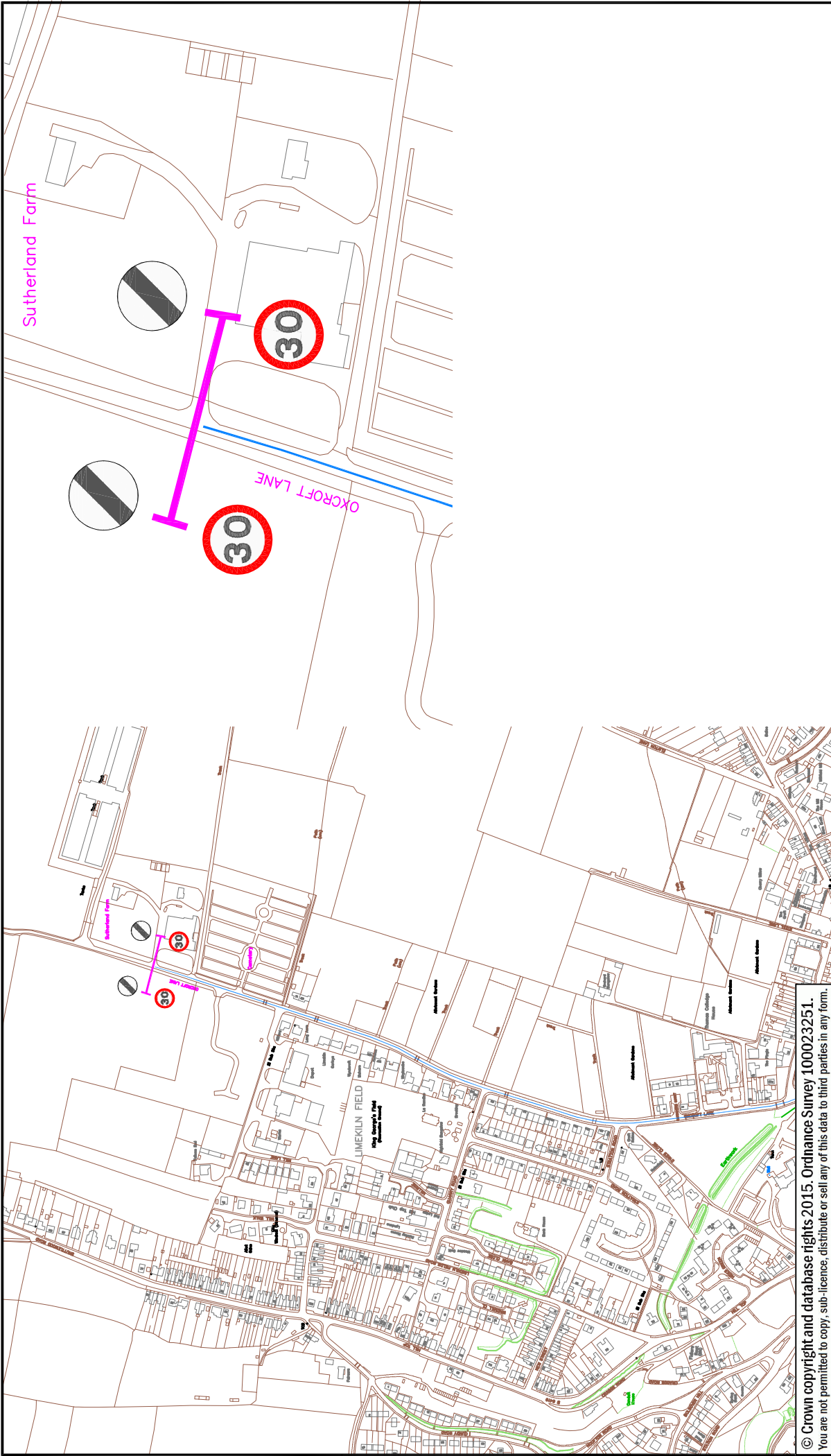
(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the local Member and lead petitioner be informed that no further road safety measures be introduced on Oxcroft Lane, Stanfree, at this time.

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Appendix 1 - Location Plan



Scale 1 : 10000



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