

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**20 October 2015**

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PETITION - SPEEDING VEHICLES OUTSIDE LANGWITH BASSETT  
PRIMARY SCHOOL, BASSETT HILL**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of investigations undertaken following a petition regarding the speed of vehicles outside Langwith Bassett Primary School, Bassett Hill.

(2) **Information and Analysis** At the meeting on 8 September 2015, the Cabinet Member acknowledged receipt of a petition (Minute No. 110/15 refers), containing 168 signatures requesting that a 20mph speed limit be introduced outside Langwith Bassett Primary School. For location details See Appendix 1.

**Officer Comments**

Bassett Hill, outside the School, is subject to a 30mph speed limit, typical of a built up environment. The School has 'school safety zone' signs, flashing amber warning lights in place, and an advisory 20mph speed limit. A recent analysis of the personal injury collision record has shown that there has been no injury collisions recorded over the last three years on Bassett Hill, outside the School.

The County Council is currently undertaking a review of 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones. The purpose of this review is to gather evidence about the influence such measures have on road casualties, road users and local communities. It will look at how decisions about 20mph limits and zones are currently determined in Derbyshire and establish whether this approach is applied consistently across the County and in accordance with the relevant Government guidance.

The approach traditionally adopted by the County Council is that 20mph speed limits and zones should be used 'sparingly', as recommended in "The Effectiveness of 20mph Speed Limits and 20mph Zones" report to Cabinet on 13 December 2011 (Minute No. 364/11 refers). The report also expressed the view that, whilst 20mph limits and zones can be effective as a casualty

reduction measure, they are most appropriate where there is an existing casualty record.

The review will explore the potential wider community benefits, such as health and wellbeing gains, through the introduction of 20mph limits. The review is due to be completed by November 2015. Aside from a pilot scheme in the Padfield area of Glossop, the Council is not currently considering any further requests until this has been completed and a decision made on Derbyshire's future approach to the implementation of 20mph speed limits and zones.

Derbyshire Constabulary is in charge of policing speed limits and officers understand that the School has been in liaison with the Local Police unit. However, officers have also passed a copy of the petition and this report to the Traffic Management Officer at Derbyshire Constabulary for his information.

It is therefore recommended that no further action is taken until the review is completed.

#### **Local Member Comment**

Councillor Dixon has been informed and supports the proposal.

(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.

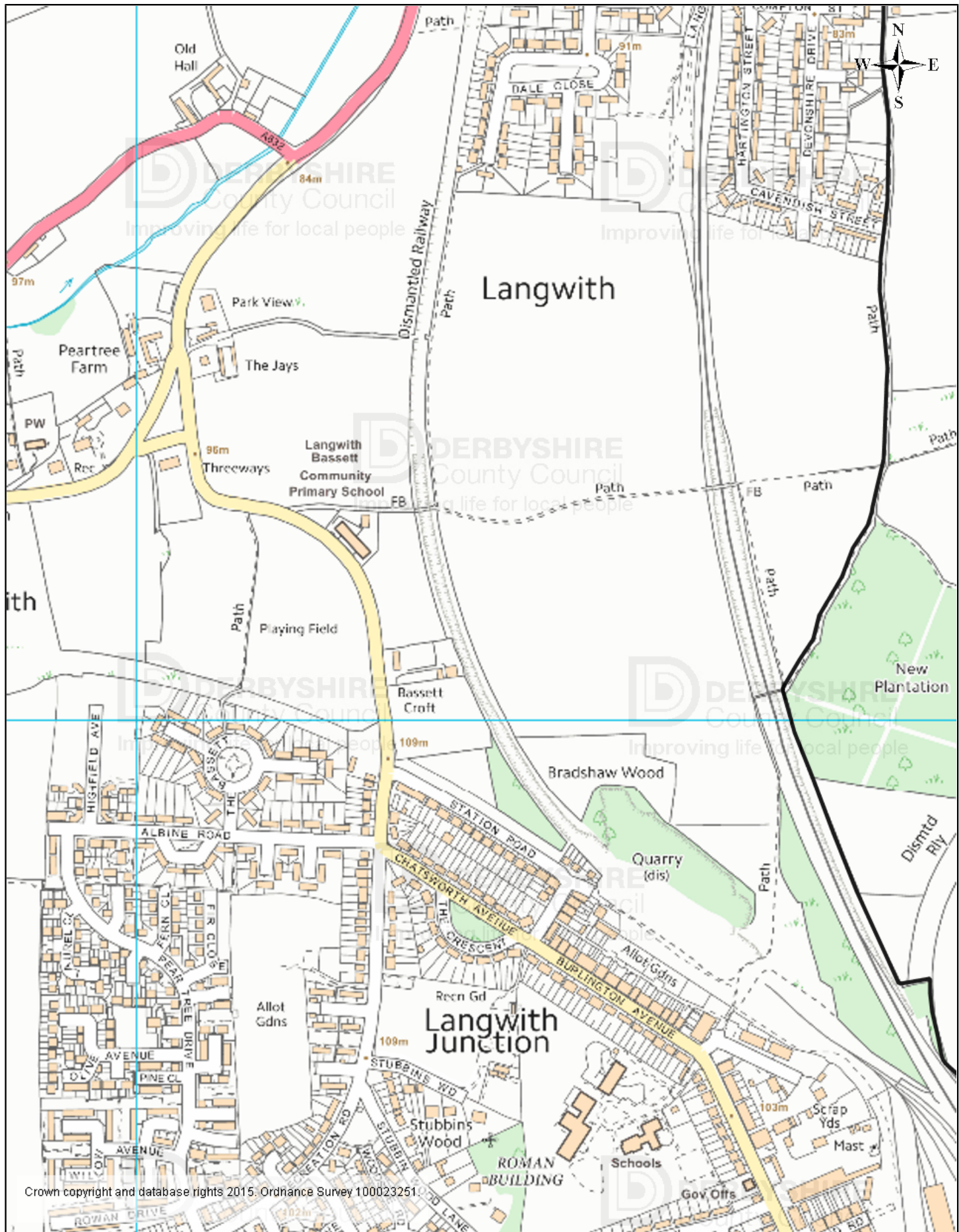
(5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Lee Wright, extension 38674.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member takes no further action with the request for a 20mph speed limit outside Langwith Bassett Primary School, Bassett Hill, until a decision is made on the future approach to the implementation of 20mph speed limits and zones.

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# Langwith Bassett Community School - Location Plan



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