

# Motion to Midlothian Council

Midlothian Council  
Tuesday 17 February 2015  
Item No 7 (a)

## Bringing Ford's speed limit into line with other villages

### Council notes:

- (a) The serious concern from residents in Ford that the speed limit through their village is inappropriately high at 40mph.
- (b) That upon entering the village of Ford, drivers are greeted with signage reading “*Welcome to Ford. 40MPH*”, which is a relatively unusual sight when entering a village in Midlothian.
- (c) That the national guidelines for speed limits on this category of road state that 30mph (not 40mph) “*should be the norm in villages where appropriate*”, but that Ford has not been categorised as a village for speed-limit purposes.
- (d) The importance of maintaining a consistent set of speed limits across the road network.

### Council believes:

- (a) That within national guidelines, there will inevitably be some situations that are not adequately covered.
- (b) That Council should make its view clear when national guidelines do not adequately deal with local circumstances.
- (c) That Ford is clearly a small village, and that its residents and road users deserve to have a speed-limit appropriate for a village.
- (d) That designating the stretch of road through Ford as a 30mph limit would not have an adverse effect on the consistency of speed-limits across the road network, as the reasonable driver would recognise Ford as a village and would see the 30mph limit as appropriate.

### Council resolves to:

- (a) Agree, in principle, to the introduction of a 30mph speed limit through the village of Ford; and
- (b) Authorise the Director Resources to initiate the necessary statutory process to make an appropriate order under the relevant roads legislation.

*Moved:*

*Cllr Kenny Young*

*Seconded:*

*Cllr Derek Milligan*