

**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

**At a Meeting of the Highways Committee** held at County Hall, Durham on **Friday 12 February 2010 at 10.00 a.m.**

**Present:**

**Councillor D MORGAN** in the Chair

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors Arthur, Bainbridge, Burn, Hugill, J Robinson, Shiell, Stradling, T Taylor, L Thomson, Todd and R Young.

**Other Members:**

Councillors Cox, Blakey, O'Donnell and Wilkes

**Officers:**

D Wafer (Business Manager, Regeneration & Economic Development), C Simmonds (Legal Adviser), D Roberts (Democratic Services) and M Ogden (Administrative Assistant, Neighbourhoods)

**Apologies:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hancock, Maslin, Naylor, Tomlinson and Woods.

**A1 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**A2 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**A3 C45 Bolam: Proposed 30mph Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Order**

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development advising of an objection to the proposed introduction of a 30mph speed limit on the C45 at Bolam.

The report summarised the background to the proposal and it was noted that the Council had been contacted on a number of occasions by Bolam Residents Association and Bolam Parish Meeting requesting the introduction of a 30mph speed restriction through the village. Following agreement being reached with Durham Constabulary over the extent of the proposed speed limit, and ensuring that it complied with the Durham & Darlington Speed Management Strategy 2006 – 2011, a consultation exercise was undertaken which resulted in one objection being received on the grounds that the speed limit should be extended further out of the village to the east. The report outlined the Council's response to this objection and confirmed that local members did not object to the proposal.

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Members requested further clarification as to the rationale for the extent of the proposed speed limit; Dave Wafer confirmed that the proposal complied with national guidelines and that it had been demonstrated that signs located in what could be considered open countryside (before the start of a village/built up area) were less effective.

**RESOLVED:**

That the objection be set aside and that the Traffic Regulation Order be implemented.

The meeting closed at 10.20am

**CHAIR**