

**PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGES - LEIGH**

**OBJECTION BY PARISH COUNCIL TO PROPOSAL**

The proposal is shown on the plan at **Appendix 1(A)**.

The Parish Council supports the proposal to introduce the restriction on the unclassified road by the school but requests that the limit be extended along the complete length of the lane. The Council also requests that the proposed 40 mph between the proposed 30 mph by the school and the B4040 should also be set at 30 mph. The whole of the B4040 in the area should be reduced from 50 mph to 40 mph.

As can be seen from the plan, the frontage development on the section between the proposed 30 mph and the B4040 is limited and does not meet the guidance criteria for a 30 mph restriction. The 40/30 combination will enable 30 mph signs to be erected on the approach to the section with the school and greater frontage development, and thus impact more on driver behaviour.

The section of the lane west of the proposed 30 mph restriction is undeveloped and a 30 mph restriction is not appropriate west of the proposal and is unlikely to be respected by motorists.

It is proposed, in conjunction with the above 30 mph proposal, to lower the current 50 mph restriction on the B4040 to 40 mph over the length which has more frontage development. If it were to be lowered over a longer length, it is considered the 40 mph restriction would not gain the respect of motorists and would be less effective.

**It is recommended** that the proposal be pursued as originally suggested.