A14 HUNTINGDON TO CAMBRIDGE – PROPOSED 60MPH SPEED LIMIT (Report by Director of Operational Services)

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To consider the proposal by the Highways Agency to introduce a permanent 60mph speed limit on the A14 between and Huntingdon and Cambridge.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Council has received a letter from the Highways Agency dated 10 May 2005 asking for the Council's comments on a proposed 60mph speed limit from the north-west of the Spittals Interchange (A141) to east of the Histon roundabout (B1049).
- 2.2 The Highways Agency is also developing separate proposals for the introduction of a permanent 40mph speed limit at the A14/A141 Spittals Interchange in conjunction with the installation of traffic signals. The proposed 60mph limit has been designed to compliment the 40mph speed limit.
- 2.3 Comments are required regarding the proposed 60mph limit by 8 June 2005. If comments have not been received by that date the assumption is that the Council has no objection.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 The proposed speed limit is in recognition of the continued problems there are on the A14 regarding accidents and congestion. The long-term solutions to the problems related to the A14 lie with the implementation of the proposed upgrade of the A14 which is being currently consulted on.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 That Cabinet's views are sought on the proposed 60mph speed limit.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

 Letter from Carillion-URS on behalf of the Highways Agency dated 10 May 2005.

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