

Review of Suffolk County Council (Parish of Thurston) (various roads) (20 mph zone and revocation) order 202-

Background

In July 2026, the Parish Council responded to Suffolk County Council's consultation on a proposed 20mph zone covering parts of Thurston, including areas around Thurston Community College, Thurston Library and Thurston Church of England Primary Academy. The Council supported the principle of the scheme but requested changes to its extent.

Findings

Cul-de-sacs

The Parish Council requested that the residential cul-de-sacs along Norton Road be excluded from the scheme as their layout and design already result in naturally low vehicle speeds.

Officers are of the understanding that as these cul-de-sacs are branch roads within the proposed 20mph zone, then they are automatically included in the advertised 20mph zone.

Station Hill

The Parish Council requested that the 20mph limit be extended to include the zebra crossing. The published Order proposes a 20mph limit from the Norton Road/Ixworth Road junction southwards for approximately 45 metres, with no identified extension to the zebra crossing. The Parish Council's recommendation has not been incorporated.

Sandpit Lane

The Parish Council requested that the 20mph limit be extended to a point level with the cul-de-sac serving Tolcarne.

The Order continues to propose a 20mph limit from Norton Road to a point 12 metres south of the junction, with no identified extension; the Parish Council's recommendation has not been incorporated.

Comparison with original consultation drawings

The roads listed in the Draft Order appear to match those shown on the original consultation drawings. No additional roads have been identified as having been added since consultation.

The roads listed in the Draft Order appear to match those shown on the original consultation drawings; the advertised scheme is therefore substantially unchanged.

Recommendation

Councillors are requested to:

- Note the contents of this report
- Consider whether the Parish Council wishes to submit a formal representation during the statutory consultation period