

PROPOSED CHANGES TO SPEED LIMITS BYLAW 2014

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

Introduction

1. Council would like to hear your views on the proposed amendments to the Speed Limits Bylaw 2014.
2. The Speed Limits Bylaw 2014 came into effect on 7 August 2014 and provides the speed limits for all roads (other than State Highways) in the Marlborough District.
3. The proposal is to amend the 2014 Bylaw to reduce the speed limits on selected roads in the Marlborough District.
4. The roads for proposed speed limit changes are based on those identified by Waka Kotahi as being in the Top 10% for high benefit speed management as at June 2020. Others were identified through the submissions process in September 2019 or where there has been a change of land use and an expansion of land development. The speed limit changes take into account the Safe and Appropriate Speeds (SaAS) as set out by Waka Kotahi, the local speed environment and community aspirations.
5. The speed limit changes aim to: -
 - reduce injury on our roads by lowering speed limits,
 - ensure there is a consistent approach to manage speed limits, so they are appropriate for road function, design safety and the surrounding environments,
 - Implement speed limits that are accepted by the community.
6. The New Zealand Transport Agency's Speed Management Guide sets out how road controlling authorities approach speed management so that speed limits are safe and appropriate for the road function, design, usage and roadside environment. Safe and Appropriate Speeds (SaAS) consider a suite of factors that impact safety risk such as alignment, roadside hazards, adjacent land use and traffic volumes.
7. Marlborough Roads has taken on board the public feedback received in recent years on all of the region's local road speed limits. The Government announced new legislation, due to become live next year that will consider speed limits for all roads in each local authority under a district-wide speed plan. Rather than delay Marlborough's local road speed limits bylaw review and wait for this legislation to become law, Councillors have decided to progress the review of Marlborough's local roads, where a speed limit change is considered most urgent. The remaining roads included in the 2019 public engagement will be reviewed later, under the district-wide plan.

Proposal

The roads where speed limits are being lowered are as follows:

- Alabama Road east (including School Road & a section of Dry Hills Lane)
- Old Renwick Road (including the Rose Manor subdivision, Rene Street, Blicks Lane & a section of Thomsons Ford Road)
- Tuamarina- a section of Hunter Road and Blind Creek Road, and all of Campbells Road and Cotterill Street
- A section of Battys Road and all of David Street
- Beaver Road
- Selected roads in the Picton & Blenheim CBD's

You can find the road comparison maps where there are speed limit changes along with the reasons supporting the change on the website.