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Kia ora Alan,

Your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – (case number CAS-799022-W6D8R4)

I refer to your official information request dated 5 October 2023 for information on speed limit changes on Woodcocks Road, Warkworth for the period of 1 January 2021 to 31 August 2023.

I have uploaded the relevant documents relating to Woodcocks Road for the requested time period to SharePoint. The files can be access with the following link: [CAS-799022-W6D8R4 documents](#)

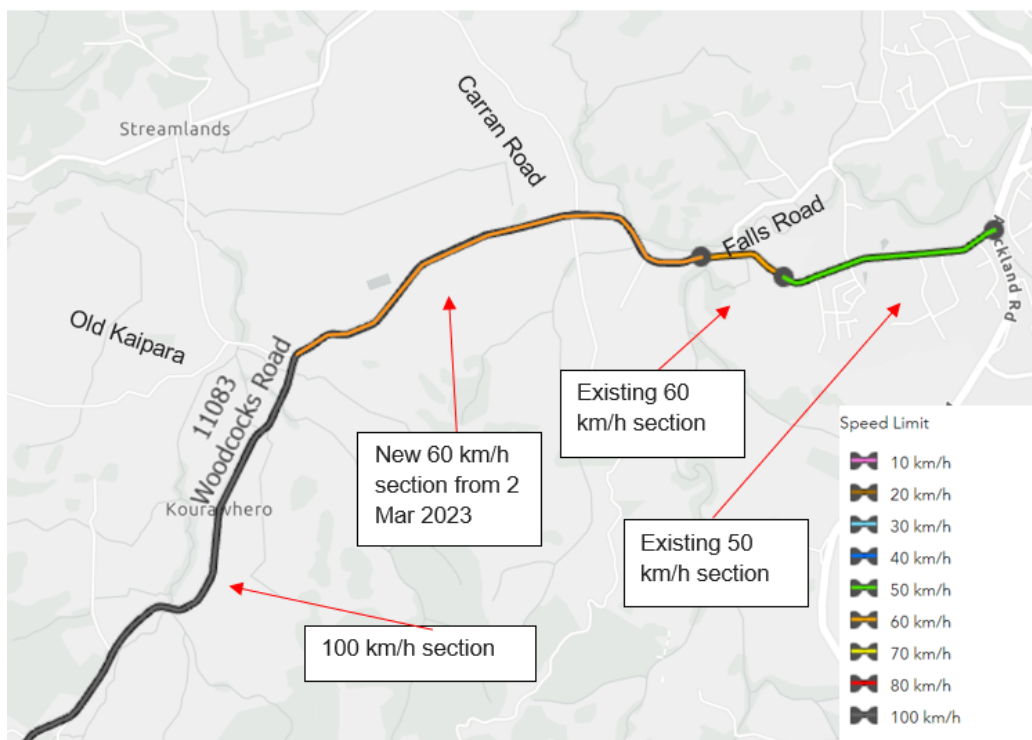
A new 60 km/h speed limit was introduced on Woodcocks Road on the 2 March 2023, the extents of the change were from Old Kaipara Road to a point 150m west of Falls Road. The new speed limit was determined using the Waka Kotahi Speed Management Guide. One element that is taken into account is the infrastructure risk rating, this a standard way of determining how much risk there is on sections of road.

The infrastructure risk rating for this section of Woodcock Road is ‘Medium-High’ due to the narrow shoulder width, the curved nature of the road and high number of roadside hazards. This section of Woodcocks Road has had eleven recorded crashes between 2016 and 2020: one fatal, four serious, two minor, and four non-injury crashes. Overall, the assessed collective risk and personal risk for this road section are both ‘high’.

After considering all the above factors, the existing speed limit of 100 km/h on Woodcocks Road, was not considered to be a safe and appropriate speed limit. The reduced speed limits will reduce the potential and severity of crash risk for all road users. A permanent speed limit review for the remaining 100 km/h section of Woodcocks Road has been planned by AT and forms part of the next phase of the Safe Speeds programme ([Introducing Katoa, Ka Ora – Speed management plan](#))

Te Tupu Ngātahi have assumed a speed limit of 50 kph for Woodcocks Rd in the concept designs. Information on this can be found in the Notice of Requirement documentation on Auckland Council’s website. Specifically the Assessment of Transport Effects can be found [here](#).

We have removed all incorrect signs along the road, and we will investigate suitable locations to install more repeater speed limit signs on this section of Woodcocks Road to help highlight the new speed limit.



Further information can also be found on our website using the following links:

[Safe speeds programme \(at.govt.nz\)](#)

[Katoa, Ka Ora Draft Speed Management Plan for Auckland](#)

The Notice of Requirement documentation for Woodcocks Road – West Upgrade (NoR 2) is available on Auckland Council’s website [here](#)

A condensed feedback summary is available on Te Tupu Ngātahi’s website [here](#) .

Please note that redactions have been applied pursuant to s 7(2)(a) of the [LGOIMA](#).

We trust this clarifies your request, but should you believe that we have not dealt with your request appropriately, you are able to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA Act and seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

Ngā mihi,



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