

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT – CLLR PHILIP WHITEHEAD

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SERVICE

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REFERENCE: HT-01-16

SPEED LIMIT REVIEW VARIOUS ROADS CORSLEY HEATH

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments received following the formal advertisement of speed limit changes on the C275 and various UC roads at Corsley Heath, and to recommend an appropriate way forward.

Consultation

The initial results of the review were disseminated to the relevant Town and Parish Councils who were invited to make comment on the recommendations and were given the opportunity to put forward their case, should they wish to see a different result from that proposed by the review. Following the initial consultation period a number of the affected Town and Parish Councils, as well as Wiltshire Councillors commented on the proposals.

Options Considered

To:

- (i) Implement the advertised changes.
- (ii) Retain the existing speed restrictions and delete the proposal from the implementation programme.
- (iii) Amend the advertised changes in accordance with the comments made.

Reason for Decision

The proposals have been assessed in accordance with the guidance provided by the Department for Transport, Circular 01/13 'Setting Local Speed Limits'.

DECISION MADE

I approve that:

- (i) The proposals be implemented as advertised.
- (ii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

This decision was published on and will come into force on

The following supporting documents are attached:

Appendix 1 – Advert Plan
Appendix 2 – Comments Received/Officer Comment
Appendix 3 – List of objectors

The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above:

Letters of comment

Date.....15 January 2016.....

.....Signed.....

Cllr Philip Whitehead
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

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Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. The proposed TRO meets two priorities of the Council's Business Plan.
 - Outcome 2 – People in Wiltshire work together to solve problems locally and participate in decisions that affect them.
 - Outcome 6 – People are as protected from harm as possible and feel safe.

Background

3. A review of a number of Wiltshire's C and UC roads was undertaken in 2013/14 in accordance with the adopted methodology set out in Cabinet Member report ref HT-027-11 and in accordance with Circular 01/13 and its supporting documents.
4. Following discussion and agreement at the relevant Community Area Transport Groups (CATG) a number of the recommended changes have progressed to the formal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) advertisement stage. The TROs associated with the proposed changes for the C274 and various UC roads at Corsley Heath have recently been advertised.
5. During the advertisement period for the TRO, one letter of comment has been received. No comment was received was from an affected Wiltshire Council Member. A plan showing the proposed speed limit changes is included at **Appendix 1**.

Main Considerations for the Council

6. To consider the comment received during the consultation period. A summary of the issues raised and officer comments are included in **Appendix 2**. Details of the commentor are provided in **Appendix 3**.

7.

| Road | Advertised change | Requested limit | Revised recommendation |
|------|--|--|---|
| C275 | That the existing national speed limit be reduced to 30 mph. | That the existing national speed limit be retained | That the advertised change be retained. |

Safeguarding Implications

8. There is no risk to the Council as a result of these proposals.

Public Health Implications

9. There are none with this proposal.

Corporate Procurement Implications

10. There are none with this proposal.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

11. The installation of speed limit signs and posts, particularly repeater signs where none previously existed, together with road markings and coloured surfacing could be considered detrimental to the visual vista and street scene.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

12. There are none with this proposal.

Risk Assessment

13. If schemes, programmed for design or delivery within the current financial year, are not progressed the Council risks the potential of delayed delivery in subsequent years due to other funding demands and uncertainty of future budget.

Financial Implications

14. The on ground speed limit changes will be funded from the discretionary highways budget available to the Area Boards / CATG's.

Legal Implications

15. None.

Options Considered

16. To:
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Reason for Proposals

17. The proposals have been assessed and are in accordance with the guidance provided by the Department for Transport, Circular 01/13 'Setting Local Speed Limits'.

Proposals

18. That:

- (i) The proposals be implemented as advertised.
- (ii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

None