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SPEED LIMIT REVIEW **BATCH 11 B3101 / A342 ROWDE & BROMHAM**

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the comments received following the advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the speed limits proposed within Batch 11 following the review of A and B class roads.

Background

2. In October 2009 the Department for Transport Circular 01/06 'Setting Local Speed Limits' was adopted as the basis for the Council's speed limit strategy. The Circular requested that all Highway Authorities complete an assessment of existing speed limits on their A and B Class roads and implement any amendments by 2011. The purpose of the review is to ensure a consistent approach to the setting of speed limits nationwide and to improve respect and adherence to speed limits.
3. The review of Wiltshire's A and B class roads was undertaken using the methodology set out in Circular 01/06 and its supporting documents and involved a comprehensive data collection and analysis process. The initial results of the review were extensively discussed with the Police prior to the final results being disseminated to Parish and Town Councils.
4. Town and Parish Councils were invited to comment on the recommendations of the review and were given the opportunity to put forward their case should they wish to see a different result from that proposed by the review. All the review recommendations, together with background information, were made available on the Council's website. The Town and Parish Councils were requested to put forward their comments in terms of the criteria set out in Circular 01/06 to enable a review of their case.
5. Following the resolution of those locations which outlined their concerns regarding the reviews recommendations, the project has now progressed to the implementation of the changes. The process in which the review's recommendations are being implemented has been outlined in detail in the Cabinet Member Report (Reference HT-043-11). In summary, the individual proposals have been collated together into batches, which in turn have been prioritised based upon the rate of collisions resulting in personal injury.
6. The Traffic Regulation Orders, associated with the proposed changes included within Batch 11, have recently been advertised. This batch includes the following proposals:

Description	Existing Restriction	Proposed Restriction
A342 Sandy Lane 100 metres south of junction with A3102 Calne	National Speed Limit	50 mph
A342 Bromham / St. Edith's Marsh	40 mph	30 mph
A342 St. Edith's Marsh to Rowde	National Speed Limit	50 mph
A342 Rowde to Devizes	National Speed Limit	50 mph
B3101 Caen Hill to Rowde (part)	National Speed Limit	40 mph
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7. During the advertisement period for the Traffic Regulation Order, five letters of objection, three letters of support and one letter of general comment have been received. This includes correspondence from the Wiltshire Council Member – Mrs Elizabeth Bryant, in support of the proposals.
8. During the initial consultation, both Bromham Parish Council and Rowde Parish Council commented on the review's recommendations. The majority of the comments received were resolved following the consultation period. The comments relating to the proposal between Rowde and St. Edith's Marsh were resolved via a previous Cabinet Member Decision – reference HT-038-11 Speed Limit Review – Rowde.

Main Considerations for the Council

9. To consider the comments received during the consultation period. A summary of the issues raised and officer comments are included in **Appendix 1**. Details of the objectors are provided in **Appendix 2**.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

10. 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

11. There are none with this proposal.

Risk Assessment

12. 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

13. There is an allocation in the 2011-12 Local Transport Plan (LTP) Integrated Transport budget for design, construction, supervision and monitoring works.
14. If a decision is taken to delay current proposals this may result in the loss of the budget.

Legal Implications

15. None.

Options Considered

16. To:
- (i) Implement the proposal as advertised.
 - (ii) Retain the existing speed restrictions and delete the proposal from the implementation programme.

Reason for Proposals

17. The proposals have been assessed and are in accordance with the guidance provided by the Department for Transport, Circular 01/06 Setting Local Speed Limits.

Proposals

18. That:
- (i) The proposal 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