

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT – CLLR R TONGE**

### **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SERVICES**

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### **SPEED LIMIT REVIEW** **BATCH 4 B3098 WESTBURY TO URCHFONT**

#### **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 4 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 4, have recently been advertised. This batch includes the following proposals:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Existing Restriction</b>	<b>Proposed Restriction</b>
B3098 Westbury to Bratton	National Speed Limit	50 mph
B3098 Bratton to Edington	National Speed Limit	50 mph
B3098 Edington to Erlestoke	National Speed Limit	50 mph
B3098 Erlestoke to Little Cheverell	National Speed Limit	50 mph
B3098 Eastcott to Urchfont	National Speed Limit	50 mph

7. During the advertisement period for the Traffic Regulation Order, four letters of objection and one letter of support have been received. No comments have been received from any of the affected Wiltshire Council Members.
8. Following the initial consultation period, Westbury Town Council and Cheverell Magna Parish Council commented in support of the proposals for the B3098. Both Little Cheverell Parish Council and Urchfont Parish Council commented on the review's recommendations and requested amendments, when requested to provide further information in support of their request only Urchfont Parish Council did so. Their comments related to the proposals to the east and west of the existing 30 mph restriction within Urchfont and these were resolved via a previous Cabinet Member Decision – reference HT-038-10 Speed Limit Review Batch 2 (Appendix H).

### **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 2012-13 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.
  - (iii) Amend the proposals in accordance with the comments received.

### **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.

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**The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:**

None