

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

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Item 15 – Members’ Questions

From Cllr Derek Walters – Corsham Without

To Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, Street Scene, and Flooding

Question (23-21)

As Cabinet Member for Highways could Caroline Thomas confirm the statement made by Richard Clewer on Points West broadcast on 5th September that the speed limit on the Bradford Road, Rudloe outside the primary school could not be dropped below 40mph legally?

Response:

There must be a sound basis, including local consultation, for any speed limit change as the restriction can be challenged in court. To be clear, a Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph at this location has been subject to consultation, in accordance with the statutory legal process.

In consideration of TRO consultation responses, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport will:

1. Implement the proposals as advertised;
2. Not implement the proposals;
3. Implement the proposals as advertised.

As a moving vehicle offence, the enforcement authority for speed limits is the Police and therefore agreement and support for any change must be sought from them before any changes are implemented.