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## ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (B4039, CASTLE COMBE)( 50-MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2022

### Purpose of Report

To consider 7 representations (2 formally identified as objections) in connection with the proposed introduction of a 50-mph speed limit on the B4039 Gibb Road between the existing 30-mph limit at the B4039/C71 crossroads at The Gibb and the existing 40-mph speed limit 70 metres north of the Castle Combe Golf Course access (see **Appendix 1**). This would reduce the speed limit from the current National Speed Limit.

### Consultation

Consultations have been undertaken with the Fire Service, Police and Ambulance Service, and also with the relevant bus companies, the Town Council and the Local Member. Advertisements have been posted in the local press and notices were posted in prominent positions at the site (see **Appendix 1A**).

### Options Considered

To:

- (i) Implement the proposals as advertised.
- (ii) Not implement the proposals.
- (iii) Implement the proposals with amendments.

### Reason for Decision

To regulate the speed of traffic along a section of the B4039 Gibb Road, in the interests of highway safety.

The need for an amendment to the speed limit was identified following the submission and subsequent approval of a development for the renovation, preservation and re-use of World War II buildings at the site adjacent to Woodbury Hill House.

The development requires the formation of a new access. The reduction in the speed limit, together with road markings, has been considered appropriate, and necessary.

Representations made to the advertised draft Order listed in **Appendix 2** have been considered. Whilst the proposal for a 50-mph speed limit, as advertised, is considered to reflect the actual speeds on this section of road, there is a strong community desire to reduce the speed of traffic on this section of road to 40-mph.

The guidance contained within Circular 01/2013 has been considered with regard to a further reduction in the speed limit to 40-mph, but this is considered not to fit the criteria for a rural road of this nature.

### **INTENTION TO MAKE DECISION**

Following consultation with officers I give notice that I intend to make the decision set out in the attached report. If you would like to make any representations to me on this issue, please do so by 10 April 2023.

**The following report and appendices are attached:**

HTW-02-23 – report  
HTW-02-23 - CM10093 App1  
HTW-02-23 - CM10093 App1A  
HTW-02-23 - CM10093 App2

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

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