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REFERENCE: HTW-16-22

THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (A342 SHAW HILL AND DRUMMOND PARK ESTATE ACCESS ROAD, LUDGERSHALL) (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2022

Purpose of Report

To consider two representations of support in connection with the proposed introduction of a 40-mph speed limit on part of the A342 Shaw Hill, Ludgershall as part of the works to construct a new roundabout access to residential development at Drummond Park (see Appendix 2). There were no objections.

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 1).

Options Considered

To:

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

Reason for Decision

The introduction of a 40-mph speed limit on this part of the A342 is in recognition of the changing character of the section of the road between the edge of the existing built-up area near Hei-Lin Way and the proposed new roundabout junction serving the planned residential development at Drummond Park. The latter is currently under construction, with Drawing No 2050-200-P (Appendix 3) showing the approved highway works and the proposed creation of a 40-mph zone between the existing 30-mph limit point and the A342 to the west of the roundabout which is subject to the national speed limit. Simple extension of the 30-mph limit westwards was considered, but this would not meet the criteria set out in Circular 01/2013 'Setting Local Speed Limits' which the Council uses as the established guidance for changing speed limits on roads within Wiltshire.

The development of land for residential development at Drummond Park will result in this part of the A342 taking on more of a semi-urban form. This change in character makes the retention of the national speed limit through the new roundabout undesirable. Whilst the roundabout layout and design will serve to reduce approach speeds to well below 60-mph anyway, it is considered desirable to introduce a 40-mph limit zone to encourage eastbound drivers to slow well in advance of the 'give-way' line. Furthermore, the introduction of a 40-mph 'buffer' zone will assist in preventing westbound drivers leaving Ludgershall and the existing 30-mph limit area from unduly accelerating to 'excess' speed within the short distance before the roundabout.

<p><u>DECISION MADE</u></p> <p>I approve that the proposal to introduce the 40-mph speed limit over the length of the A342 shown be implemented as advertised.</p> <p>This decision was published on 11 July 2022 and will come into force on 19 July 2022.</p>
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The following report and appendices are attached:

- Report
- Appendix 1 - Site Notice
- Appendix 2 - Objections/Comments
- Appendix 3 - Drawing 2050-200-P showing s278 works and allied 40mph zone/signage

The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above:
None

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Cllr Dr Mark McClelland
Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste, Street Scene and Flooding

Date:.....08/07/22.....