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SPEED LIMIT REVIEW C25 STOPS HILL, HINDON

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the comments received following the formal advertisement of speed limit changes on the C25 Stops Hill, Hindon and to recommend an appropriate way forward.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. The proposed TRO meets two priorities of the Council's Business Plan:
 - Outcome 2 – People in Wiltshire work together to solve problems locally and participate in decisions that affect them.
 - Outcome 6 – People are as protected from harm as possible and feel safe.

Background

3. Hindon Parish Council approached Wiltshire Council through the South West Community Area Transport Group and asked for assistance in improving compliance with the 30 mph speed limit throughout the village.
4. One of the particular areas of concern was the approach from Stops Hill. The existing 30 mph terminal is sited some distance from the start of the first property, which is contrary to the guidance provided by the Department for Transport in Circular 01/13 'Setting Local Speed Limits'; therefore, it was recommended that the 30 mph terminal was moved closer to the first property. This proposal was then granted funding by the South West Wiltshire Area Board via the South West Wiltshire Community Area Transport Group.
5. The formal consultation period for the Traffic Regulation Order ended on 7 September 2015 and one letter of objection was received.

Main Considerations for the Council

6. To consider the comments received during the consultation period.

Safeguarding Implications

7. There is no risk to the Council as a result of these proposals.

Public Health Implications

8. There are none with this proposal.

Corporate Procurement Implications

9. There are none with this proposal.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

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. The on ground speed limit changes will be funded from the discretionary highways budget available to the Area Boards / CATG's.

Legal Implications

14. None.

Options Considered

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

Reason for Proposals

16. The proposals have been assessed and are in accordance with the guidance provided by the Department for Transport, Circular 01/13 'Setting Local Speed Limits'.

Proposals

17. 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