

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND WASTE –  
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**HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SERVICE**

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**REFERENCE:** HTW-19-19

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE  
(VARIOUS ROADS, BURBAGE) – 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT**

**Purpose of Report**

To consider the comments received following the formal advertisement of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), relating to the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit on various roads within Burbage as listed below and to recommend an appropriate way forward.

<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Ailesbury Way	The complete length
Blackmans Lane	The complete length
Burroughs Drove	The complete length
C205 Wolfhall Road	From its junction with Eastcourt Road for a distance of 42 metres in a north easterly direction
Callow Croft	The complete length
Croft Corner	The complete length
Crosbys	The complete length
Eastcourt	The complete length
Eastcourt Road	From its junction with Taskers Lane and Eastcourt to a point 53 metres north of its junction with A338 Grafton Road
East Sands	The complete length
Henrys Garth	The complete length
Lavington Close	The complete length
Martingale Road	The complete length
Saddlers Way	The complete length

Sprays	The complete length
Suthmere Drive	The complete length
Taskers Lane	From its junction with High Street to its junction with Eastcourt
The Cleavers	The complete length
Webbs Way	The complete length (including southern spur)

### **Consultation**

Consultation has been undertaken with:

- Burbage Parish Council through the Community Area Transport Group and Area Board.
- The elected Wiltshire Council Member representing Burbage and The Bedwyns through the statutory TRO consultation process.
- Members of the public through the statutory TRO consultation process.
- Emergency services through the statutory TRO consultation process.

The proposal was subject to formal advertisement between 9 May and 3 June 2019. During the advertisement period a total of nine items of comment were received, of which four were objections. This report considers the comments made in relation to the proposed speed limit changes.

### **Options Considered**

To:

- (i) Implement the 20 mph speed limit across all roads advertised in Burbage.
- (ii) Implement a revised 20 mph limit.
- (iii) Abandon the proposals.

### **Reason for Decision**

The proposed 20 mph limit is intended to improve actual and perceived road and pedestrian safety, encouraging greater uptake of walking and cycling. The proposed limit meets the criteria set by Wiltshire Council policy and the guidance given by the Department for Transport.

The proposals will also be in accordance with both Priority 2 and Priority 4 of the Council's Business Plan.

**DECISION MADE**

I approve that:

- (i) The proposal be implemented as advertised.
- (ii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

This decision was published on 23 August 2019 and will come into force on 3 September 2019.

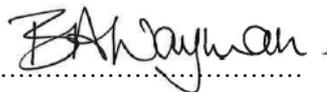
**The following supporting documents are attached:**

- Appendix 1 – Advertisement Plan
- Appendix 2 – Comments Received/Officer Comment
- Appendix 3 – List of objectors
- Appendix 4 – Supporting comments from Parish Council and Local Member
- Appendix 5 – Speed Limit Assessment Report
- Appendix 5A – Traffic Survey Sites

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

Letters of comment

Date.....23 August 2019.....

Signed..........

Cllr Bridget Wayman  
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### **Relevance to the Council's Business Plan**

2. The proposal meets two of the priorities in the Council's Business Plan 2017-2027. Those priorities being:
  - Priority 2 – Strong Communities. (Reduced road casualties, Reduced risk of floods, Healthier population, Good Countryside access and cycling and walking opportunities).
  - Priority 4 – Working with Partners as an innovative and effective Council – (Community involvement, Delivering together).
3. Priority 2 has been met through the proposed introduction of 20 mph speed limit that will address issues directly raised by members of the local community and their elected representatives. Addressing issues raised by members of the local community will contribute towards the building of a stronger community.
4. Priority 4 has been met through the development of the proposals (to which this report relates) with members of the local community through the Council's formal TRO process and Pewsey Community Area Transport Group (CATG).

### **Background**

5. This request has been progressed through the Pewsey CATG, with the support of Burbage Parish Council. The funding for the proposal has been provided by Burbage Parish Council and Pewsey CATG. Such is the concern of this issue to the Parish Council that they have committed to a much larger contribution than normally expected to ensure that this was included on the CATG Priority List.
6. Concerns were raised to Burbage Parish Council about vehicles travelling at excessive speed to the conditions on the residential roads situated to the east side of the High Street. The Parish Council requested that the CATG commission an assessment for a 20 mph speed restriction on all roads, east of the High Street.
7. The area of concern was subject to a 20 mph speed limit assessment to determine whether the criteria for the introduction of a 20 mph speed restriction, as set out in Wiltshire Council 'Policy for 20 mph Speed Limits and Zones', was met.

#### **20 mph Speed Limit Assessment - Summary**

8. A speed limit assessment was undertaken during the spring of 2018 and included all roads within the area identified by the Parish Council. The results were then published in a report to the CATG which was released in June 2018.
9. Traffic speed and volume data was collected at various locations during March 2018. It was found that average traffic speeds were recorded below 26 mph across the entire study area, with the higher averages found to be on Taskers Lane and Suthmere Drive, at 25.7 mph. As such, a sign only limit with additional features such as carriageway roundels and gateway entry features was deemed appropriate for development.

10. A full copy of the assessment report can be seen in **Appendices 5 and 5A**.

### **Summary of Proposals**

11. Proposals are to provide a 20 mph sign only speed limit on various roads to the east side of Burbage High Street. A plan outlining the extent of the proposed 20 mph limit is included as **Appendix 1**.

### **Summary of responses**

12. A total of nine items of correspondence have been received in response to the Council's proposals. Of these nine items; eight expressed support for the Council's proposals (although four of these have also requested wider implementation / additional measures), and one did not indicate support or objection to the Council's proposals.
13. A summary of the issues raised and officer comments are included in **Appendix 2**. Details of the commentator are provided in **Appendix 3**.

### **Main Considerations for the Council**

14. Consideration needs to be given to the comments received on the Council's advertised proposals and whether or not changes should be made to them in light of the comments received.
15. The proposal has been developed following requests through the CATG, championed by Burbage Parish Council and supported by the local elected Wiltshire Council representative. It is considered to meet the criteria as set out in the authority's guidance on setting of 20 mph speed restrictions.

### **Overview and Scrutiny Engagement**

16. There are none in this scheme.

### **Safeguarding Implications**

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

### **Public Health Implications**

18. The introduction of measures may encourage greater uptake of walking and cycling due to increased actual and perceived road safety as a result of the reduced speed limit.

### **Corporate Procurement Implications**

19. There are none with this proposal.

### **Environmental and Climate Change Considerations**

20. The proposals will result in the erection of additional signs on the public highway. At present, there are minimal signs associated with the 30 mph speed limit, as the current 30 mph restriction is by virtue of street lighting. A 20 mph restriction will require additional repeater and terminal signs to be installed and these can be considered detrimental to the street scene and visual vista.

### **Equalities Impact of the Proposal**

21. There are none with this proposal.

### **Risk Assessment**

22. 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 allocations.

### **Financial Implications**

23. Pewsey Area Board has made an allocation of £5,000 available from their discretionary CATG fund towards this project. However, the main funding stream has been offered by Burbage Parish Council, an amount not exceeding £10,000, to allow for the design and introduction of this scheme. Should the scheme not progress, the CATG funding would be returned to the budget allocation and would be available to be put towards other schemes.

### **Legal Implications**

24. The introduction of new speed limits requires the processing of a TRO. The process of introducing a TRO is governed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and associated procedural regulations. Failure to adhere to the statutory processes could result in the restrictions being successfully challenged in the High Court.

### **Options Considered**

25. To:
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### **Reason for Proposals**

26. The proposed 20 mph limit is intended to improve actual and perceived road and pedestrian safety, encouraging greater uptake of walking and cycling. The proposed limit meets the criteria set by Wiltshire Council policy and the guidance given by the Department for Transport.
27. The proposals will also be in accordance with both Priority 2 and Priority 4 of the Council's Business Plan.

### **Proposals**

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

None