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**A4361 AVEBURY TO COUNTY BOUNDARY 30mph, 50mph and 60mph SPEED LIMITS**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the comments received following the formal advertisement of the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the introduction of speed limits for the A361, A4 and A4361 at Avebury, Berwick Bassett, Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton and to identify an appropriate way forward.

**Relevance to the Council's Business Plan**

2. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) meets two of the priorities in the Council's Business Plan.
  - Priority 2 – Strong Communities - (reduced road casualties, 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).

**Background**

3. A request was presented to the Marlborough Community Area Transport Group (CATG) by Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council for the existing speed limits on the A4361 to be assessed. Their aim is to improve road safety and create a continuity of speed limits within the area.
4. Atkins was commissioned by the Council to undertake an assessment of the speed limits in the area and these were presented to the CATG, who subsequently prioritised its discretionary funds to implement the changes.
5. A plan outlining the proposal is provided in **Appendix 1**.

**Consultation**

6. During the consultation period a total of 11 comments were received. One comment was a direct objection to this proposal. Four comments received were specifically supportive of the proposal and six comments identified further requests or changes to improve road safety in the area.
7. No comments were received from the local Wiltshire Council Member.

8. No comments have been received from the effected Parish Councils. However, the request has been prioritised by the Marlborough area CATG for which all Parish Councils are invitees.

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

9. To consider the comments received during the consultation period. A summary of the issues raised and officer comments are included in **Appendix 2**.

### **Safeguarding Considerations**

10. There is no risk to the Council because of this proposal.

### **Public Health Implications**

11. There are none with this proposal.

### **Corporate Procurement Implications**

12. There are none in this proposal.

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

13. The reduction of vehicle speeds is known to reduce vehicle emissions which can positively affect air quality and can assist with the authority's policy of seeking carbon neutrality.

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

14. There are none in this scheme.

### **Risk Assessment**

15. There is no risk to the Council arising from this proposal.

### **Financial Implications**

16. The changes on the ground will be funded from the CATG allocation. Failure to proceed with the project may leave funding unallocated and subject to underspend within the current financial year.

### **Legal Implications**

17. There are none with this proposal.

### **Options Considered**

18. To:
  - (i) Implement the advertised changes.
  - (ii) Abandon the proposal and retain the existing restriction.

### **Reason for Proposals**

19. The proposal is based upon the recommendation made by the Council's independent highway consultants (Atkins) who have reviewed the roads in line with the speed limit setting guidance provided by the Department for Transport.

### **Proposals**

20. That:
  - (i) The proposal be implemented as advertised.
  - (ii) The objectors be advised accordingly.

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

None