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**THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (WELLHEAD DROVE, WESTBURY)
(30-MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2022**

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the comments received following the formal advertisement of a proposed 30-mph speed limit on Wellhead Drive, Westbury.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. The proposal aligns to the Business Plan – Strong Communities. "We want people in Wiltshire to be encouraged to take responsibility for their well-being, build positive relationships and to get involved, influence and take action on what is best for their own communities - we want residents to succeed to the best of their abilities and feel safe where they live and work".

Main Considerations for the Council

3. To consider the comments received during the consultation period. A summary of the issues raised, and officer comments are included in **Appendix 3**.

Background

4. Residents of Wellhead Drive raised concerns about the speed of vehicles and safety of vulnerable road users using Wellhead Drive with Westbury Town Council through the Highway Improvement Request process. The Town Council supported these concerns and, as such, referred the request to the Westbury Local Highway Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG).
5. The request was identified as a priority by the LHFIG and Town Council and subsequently assessed by highway officers. A proposal to extend the 30-mph speed limit, which currently covers Warminster Road, was put to the LHFIG and Town Council with both parties supporting the proposal and allocating funding for implementation.
6. Wellhead Drive does not have a footway to separate vulnerable users from vehicular traffic and due to the narrow width, there is no opportunity to provide one. As well as being used by residents, Wellhead Drive is part of a popular route for walkers, riders and cyclists linking to a network of rights of way leading to Westbury White Horse, Warminster and beyond.
7. A 20-mph speed limit cannot be introduced on Wellhead Drive as it would not meet the minimum length criteria set by the Department for Transport in its Circular 01/13 'Setting Local Speed Limits'.

Overview and Scrutiny Engagement

8. Overview and Scrutiny Committee has not yet been involved in this project.

Safeguarding Implications

9. There is no risk to the Council as a result of this proposal.

Public Health Implications

10. There are none with this proposal.

Procurement Implications

11. There are no procurement implications for the Council associated with this proposal as work will be undertaken by the authority's appointed term contractors.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

12. There are none with this proposal.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

13. There are none with this proposal.

Risk Assessment

14. There is no risk to the Council as a result of this proposal.

Financial Implications

15. The proposal is to be funded from the Westbury LHFIG and Westbury Town Council. Should this proposal not proceed, funding will be returned to these parties.

Legal Implications

16. There are none with this proposal.

Options Considered

17. To:

- (i) Progress implementation of the speed limit changes as advertised.
- (ii) Abandon the proposals and advertise an amended proposal.
- (iii) Abandon the proposal and retain the current speed limit.

Reason for Proposal

18. The proposal is intended improve conditions for vulnerable road users on Wellhead Drove by providing a reduction in speed limit to 30-mph. This is an extension of the existing 30-mph speed limit covering Warminster Road.

19. This has been identified as a local priority by the LHFIG and Town Council as a result of resident's concerns. Wellhead Drove does not have a footway to separate vulnerable users from vehicular traffic and due to the narrow width, there is no opportunity to provide one. As well as being used by residents, Wellhead Drove is part of a popular route for walkers, riders, and cyclists.
20. A 20-mph speed limit cannot be introduced on Wellhead Drove as it would not meet the minimum length criteria set by the Department for Transport.

Proposal

21. That the implementation of the speed limit changes be progressed as advertised.

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

None