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**SPEED LIMIT CHANGES**  
**CALNE “ANCHOR ROAD AREA”**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the comments received following the formal advertisement of a proposed 20 mph speed limit in Calne, to include the following roads, Anchor Road, Bentley Grove, Brewers Lane, Hill Croft, Mill Street, Priestly Grove, Saddle Back Close, Sandy Ridge, The Glebe and Vicarage Close, and to recommend 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. Following the publication of Wiltshire Council's policy for 20-mph speed limits, the authority made a commitment to undertake assessments to determine the feasibility of 20-mph speed restrictions where requests are made, supported and funded through the Local Highways and Footway Improvement Groups (LHFIG).
4. An assessment was commissioned and funded by the LHFIG, in partnership with the Town Council, during 2021 / 22. An analysis of this location against Wiltshire's Policy and the Department for Transport's Circular 01/2013 "Setting Local Speed Limits" lead to a recommendation to introduce a 20-mph Speed Limit.
5. A plan outlining the proposal is provided in **Appendix 1**.

## **Consultation**

6. During the advertisement period six items of correspondence have been received in response to the proposals contained within the advertised TRO.
7. Calne Town Council has indicated its support of this proposal through the LHFIG meetings and has given a commitment to fund 30% of the cost of implementation.
8. The area of concern sits within Calne Central and Calne South Divisions. Both Wiltshire Council Members have given their support to this proposal.
9. It has been brought to officer's attention that Sandy Ridge is in private ownership, and the owners do not wish to be included within the 20-mph speed limit, preferring instead to set their own advisory speed limit.
10. Officers have noted a clerical error with Low Lane being omitted from the written schedule. Whilst this will need to be advertised in due course for completeness, this omission will not affect the operation or legal status of the Order covering the other roads. The extent of public highway on Low Lane is approximately 85 metres in length.

## **Main Considerations for the Council**

11. 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**

12. There is no risk to the Council because of these proposals.

### **Public Health Implications**

13. There are none with this proposal.

### **Corporate Procurement Implications**

14. There are none in this proposal.

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

15. There are none in this proposal.

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

16. There are none in this scheme.

### **Risk Assessment**

17. There is no risk to the Council arising from these proposals.

### **Financial Implications**

18. Changes on the ground will be funded by the LHFIG, with a 30% contribution from Calne Town Council. Failure to proceed with the project may result in unspent funds currently allocated to the LHFIG being returned to the central traffic fund.

### **Legal Implications**

19. There are none with this proposal.

### **Options Considered**

20. To:

1. Implement the proposals as advertised.
2. Implement the proposals as advertised with amendments.
3. Abandon the proposals.

#### Reason for Proposals

21. The proposal is intended to improve road and pedestrian safety and to allay concerns of safety expressed by residents. It is hoped that by lowering the speed limit this will discourage rat-running at peak times and encourage greater uptake of walking and cycling.

#### **Proposals**

22. That:

1. The proposals be implemented as advertised with one amendment, to remove the private road "Sandy Ridge" from the schedule.
2. The objectors be advised accordingly.

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

None