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SPEED LIMIT REVIEW C AND UC ROADS C19, C42, C70

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the comments received following the formal advertisement of speed limit changes on the C19, C42 and C70 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. A review of a number of Wiltshire's C and UC roads was undertaken in 2013/14 in accordance with the adopted methodology set out in Cabinet Member report ref: HT-027-11 and in accordance with Circular 01/13 and its supporting documents.
4. Following discussion and agreement at the relevant Community Area Transport Groups, a number of the recommended changes have progressed to the formal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) advertisement stage. The TROs associated with the proposed changes for the C19, C42, and C70, have recently been advertised.
5. During the advertisement period for the TRO, six letters of comment have been received. No comments have been received from any of the affected Wiltshire Council Members.

Main Considerations for the Council

6. To consider the comments received during the consultation period. A summary of the issues raised and officer comments are included in **Appendix 1**. Details of those who commented are provided in **Appendix 2**.

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Road	Advertised change	Requested limit	Revised recommendation
C19-05 (Part)	That the existing national speed limit be reduced to 40 mph from the existing 30 mph terminal point to Drove Lane	That the 30 mph limit be extended over a distance of 120 yards in a southerly direction.	That the advertised change be retained.
C42-13 (Part)	That the existing 30 mph and national speed limits be changed to 40 mph through West Amesbury	That a 30 mph speed limit be introduced in West Amesbury	That a 30 mph limit be advertised over the developed length of West Amesbury, with the proposed 40 mph limit retained to the north.

Road	Advertised change	Requested limit	Revised recommendation
C70-03	That the existing national speed limit be reduced to 50 mph	That a 40 mph limit be introduced	That the advertised change be retained.
C70-06	That the existing national speed limit be reduced to 50 mph	Supports the reduction to 50 mph but wishes to see additional measures introduced.	That the advertised change be retained.

Safeguarding Considerations

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

Public Health Implications

9. There are none with this proposal.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

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 review recommendations.
 - (ii) Retain the existing speed restrictions and delete the proposal from the implementation programme.
 - (iii) Amend the review recommendations in accordance with the comments made.

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 proposals be implemented as advertised (C19 and C70) and as amended (C42).
- (ii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

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

None