

## CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT – CLLR PHILIP WHITEHEAD

### HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

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### **SPEED LIMIT REVIEW C AND UC ROADS C9, C32, C42 AND C155**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the comments received following the formal advertisement of speed limit changes on the C9, C32, C42 and C155 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 reference 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 (CATGs) a number of the recommended changes have progressed to the formal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) advertisement stage. The TRO's associated with the proposed changes for the C9, C32, and C155, have recently been advertised. The C42 has been subject to re-advertisement following changes agreed in a previous report.
5. During the advertisement period for the TRO, 15 letters of comment have been received. One of the comments received was from an affected Wiltshire Council Member.

#### **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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<b>Road</b>	<b>Advertised change</b>	<b>Requested limit</b>	<b>Revised recommendation</b>
C9-04	That the existing national speed limit be reduced to 50 mph.	That the existing national speed limit be reduced to 40 mph.	That the advertised change be retained.
C9-05	No change	That the existing 40 mph limit be reduced to 30 mph.	That the existing 40 mph limit be retained
C32	That the existing national speed limit be reduced to 30 mph in	n/a	n/a

Road	Advertised change	Requested limit	Revised recommendation
	part.		
C42	That a 30 mph limit be advertised over the developed length of West Amesbury, with the existing 30 mph limit to the north raised to 40 mph	That the existing 30 mph speed limit to the north of West Amesbury be retained	That the advertised change be retained.
C155	That the existing national speed limit be reduced to a combination of 30 and 40 mph.	(i) That the national speed limit be retained  (ii) That the advertised limits be implemented	That following a recommendation by the Corsham Area Board the proposal be abandoned.

### **Safeguarding Implications**

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

### **Public Health Implications**

9. There are none with this proposal.

### **Corporate Procurement Implications**

10. There are none with this proposal.

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

11. 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**

12. There are none with this proposal.

### **Risk Assessment**

13. 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**

14. The on ground speed limit changes will be funded from the discretionary highways budget available to the Area Boards / CATG's.

### **Legal Implications**

15. None.

### **Options Considered**

16. To:

- (i) Implement the advertised changes.
- (ii) Retain the existing speed restrictions and delete the proposal from the implementation programme.
- (iii) Amend the advertised changes accordance with the comments made.

**Reason for Proposals**

17. 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**

18. That:
- (i) The proposals be implemented as advertised on the C9, C32 and C42.
  - (ii) That the proposals on the C155 be abandoned.
  - (iii) The objectors be informed accordingly.

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

None