

TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

15th SEPTEMBER 2017

WEST END LANE, BINFIELD - INTRODUCTION OF A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

Director of Environment, Culture and Communities

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 To consider the introduction of 20mph speed limit on West End Lane, Binfield.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the formal objections received during the statutory consultation process and the corresponding Officer comments are noted;
- 2.2 That the position with regard to local ward Members comments received during the informal consultation process is noted;
- 2.2 That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to bring the West End Lane – 20mph speed limit Order into effect.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Speed surveys have shown the appropriate speed limit in West End Lane is 20mph. In addition, the installation of a new 20mph speed limit on West End Lane will contribute towards improving road safety following the installation of the 'greenway' footway/cycleway.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 To not install the 20mph speed limit would be unlikely to result in a decrease in road safety however the change in speed limit is supported by the majority of residents and therefore not progressing with the proposals would likely be very unpopular.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

- 5.1 The 20mph speed limit proposal was developed following receipt of a petition, in November 2016, requesting a 20mph speed limit on the road signed by a number of residents. The reasoning behind the request was the increase in vehicular traffic and increase in pedestrians both crossing and using the carriageway to gain access to the newly constructed school.

- 5.2 The Council committed to carry out a speed survey in the road to ascertain existing average speeds. This survey was carried out in earlier this year and resulted in 7 day average speeds of between 23 and 24mph being recorded. The recorded average speeds conformed with the Department of Transport guidelines for the implementation of 20mph speed limits (average speeds to be at, or less than 24mph) and a decision was made to include this scheme within the Council's 2018/18 Capital programme.
- 5.3 The 20mph speed limit proposal is shown on the attached plan in Annex A. Comments and/or objections received during the TRO consultation process, and the resultant Officer recommendation is detailed in Annex B.

Informal consultation

- 5.4 In accordance with the standard consultation process for transport schemes, informal comments are sought from local Ward Members at the early stage of scheme promotion. In this case, the speed limit proposals involved consultation with the Binfield with Warfield members. Cllr Mrs Peacey expressed support for the proposals whilst no response was received from Cllrs Leake & Harrison.

Statutory consultation

- 5.6 The Statutory consultation process for Traffic Regulation Orders requires public advertisement through the placing of public notices within the local press and on-street. It is a requirement for the Council to consider any formal objections received within the statutory advertisement period of 21 days. Formal notification of the public advertisement is given to key stakeholders including local Ward Members, Town and Parish Councils, Thames Valley Police and other affected parties.
- 5.7 One formal objection was received and is summarised on the attached 'Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders' table with corresponding Officer comments (Annex B). The objection was passed to the Local Members for their comments and these too are included in the tables.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. The statutory consultation requirement has been complied with.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The costs associated with the introduction of the 20mph speed limit will be met from the 2017/2018 Traffic Management capital budget.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 It is anticipated that the work resulting from this Order will have a positive road safety impact on the users of the new 'greenway' footway/cycleway.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.4 None

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 The 20mph speed limit proposal has been subject to an informal and statutory consultation process in accordance with the agreed process for transport schemes.

Background Papers

None

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