

**TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

**6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021**

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**BOWYERS LANE, WARFIELD - INTRODUCTION OF A 30MPH SPEED LIMIT**

**Executive Director: Place Planning & Regeneration**

**1 PURPOSE OF DECISION**

- 1.1 To consider the introduction of 30mph speed limit on Bowyers Lane, Warfield.

**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 Bowyers Lane – 30mph speed limit Order into effect.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Residents of Bowyers Lane have requested the residential section be subject to a 30mph speed limit rather than the existing 60mph. Speed surveys have shown that a 30mph speed limit in this section of Bowyers Lane would be in line with current Department of Transport guidelines.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 To not install the 30mph speed limit would likely be unpopular with local residents, local Council members and Warfield Parish Council, therefore not progressing with the proposals would likely be very unpopular.
- 4.2 Installing a lower speed limit would not be possible as existing average speeds are consistent with Department of Transport guidelines for a 30mph limit, and a lower speed limit is unlikely to be supported by Thames Valley Police.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Background

- 5.1 Last year the Council reduced the speed limit on part of the A3095 Maidenhead Road to 50mph. As part of the works required to make the new limit enforceable, it was necessary to put new speed limit terminal signs on the side road junctions which highlighted that they were still subject to the national speed limit/60mph. As a result of

this the Council received a number of requests asking that we consider lowering the speed limit on the section of Bowyers Lane with properties adjoining it.

- 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 21mph and 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds of 26mph being recorded. The recorded speeds conformed with the Department of Transport guidelines for the implementation of 30mph speed limits and a decision was made to include this scheme within the Council's 2021/22 Capital programme.
- 5.3 The 30mph 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 Harrison expressed support for the proposals whilst no response was received from Cllr Leake & Cllr Shiv Banduri.

#### Statutory consultation

- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 Two formal comments were received and are 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 30mph speed limit will be met from the 2021/2022 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 road users and local residents.

## Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.4 None

## **7 CONSULTATION**

7.1 The 30mph 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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