

Notice of Meeting

Delegated Officer Decisions

**Wednesday, 6th January, 2021 at
2.00 pm**

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday. 06 January 2021

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To: Jon Winstanley

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Sarah Clarke
Service Director: Strategy and Governance

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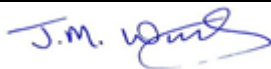

Delegated Officer Decision

Reference	Service Grouping
N/a	Environment

Subject:	Response to a Motion relating to the speed limit the A4/Benham Hill section from the Lower Way Traffic lights to Henwick Lane in Thatcham.
Decision taken:	<p>A motion was tabled at the 09 January 2020 Council meeting by Councillor Jeff Brooks and seconded by Councillor Keith Woodhams as follows:</p> <p>"We contend that there is considerable risk to pedestrians and motorists along the A4/Benham Hill section from the Lower Way Traffic lights to Henwick Lane in Thatcham.</p> <p>It is extraordinary that this section along the A4 allows a 40 Mile Per Hour speed limit when the rest of the A4 through Thatcham is at 30 MPH. Recent installation of a Pedestrian refuge at the top of Pound Lane is welcome but did not prevent a serious incident involving a young girl in September when her foot was run over and broken by a speeding vehicle.</p> <p>We believe that the speed limit in these two stretches of road is anomalous and we therefore propose that this section of the A4 is adapted to a 30 Mile Per Hour limit by West Berkshire Highways Department and with a high degree of urgency."</p> <p>The motion was referred to the Speed Limit Task Group, which has recommended that the speed limit be reduced as set out in the Motion. The speed limit will therefore be implemented as part of the 2021-22 works programme, subject to approval of the programme itself and the outcome of a statutory public consultation process.</p>
Reason for decision taken:	To respond to the motion.
Other options considered:	Not to reduce the speed limit
Decision taken by:	Jon Winstanley following consultation with the Speed Limit Task Group
Scheme of Delegation Ref:	3.21.3.25
Job Title:	Service Director Environment
Those consulted:	Ward Members, Speed Limit Task Group on 09 December 2021
Background papers:	Papers submitted to the Speed Limit Task Group

I confirm that I have been fully advised and have taken account of all the relevant facts in making this decision.

Date Decision Made	Date Decision will be Implemented (5 clear days)
06 January 2021	

Officer:	Jon Winstanley	
Witnessed by:	Moirra Fraser	
Date:	06 January 2021	

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 13 January 2021, then it will be implemented.

If you have any queries regarding this decision, please contact:

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