

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Ashampstead - Extension to 30mph Speed Limit
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	4 November 2010
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2051

Purpose of Report: To inform the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational) & ICT of the responses received during the statutory consultation on the proposed 30mph speed limit extensions in the village of Ashampstead.

Recommended Action: That the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational) & ICT resolves to approve the recommendations as set out in Section 4 of this report.

Reason for decision to be taken: To enable the proposed speed limit to be introduced.

Statutory: **Non-Statutory:**
Other:

Other options considered: N/A

Key background documentation: Letter of objection,
Report to the Speed Limit Review - 16th December 2009,
Minutes of the Speed Limit Review - 16th December 2009

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Implications

Policy:	The consultation is in accordance with the Council's Consultation procedures.
Financial:	The implementation of the speed limit zone will be funded from the approved Capital Programme. If there are any financial implications contained within this report this section must be signed off by a West Berkshire Group Accountant. Please note that the report cannot be accepted by Policy and Communication unless this action has been undertaken.
Personnel:	None arising from this report.
Legal/Procurement:	The sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order will be undertaken by Legal Services.
Environmental:	A reduced speed limit will make a more pleasant environment for local residents.
Partnering:	None arising from this report.
Property:	None arising from this report.
Risk Management:	None arising from this report.
Community Safety:	None arising from this report.
Equalities:	Stage 1 EIA has been completed. Where a decision is required, Policy and Communication are not able to accept your report without an EIA being completed. These should be sent to P&C along with your report and should be copied to the Principal Policy Officer (Equality & Diversity). For advice please contact Principal Policy Officer (Equality & Diversity) on Ext. 2441.

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	Councillor Graham Jones - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:	Councillor Brian Bedwell commented that if this is what the Parish wants and ward member agrees, I agree with it.
Select Committee Chairman:	N/A
Ward Members:	Councillor Barbara Alexander - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.
Opposition Spokesperson:	Councillor Keith Woodhams is happy to support the ward member.
Local Stakeholders:	N/A
Officers Consulted:	Mark Cole and Mark Edwards
Trade Union:	N/A

NOTE: The section below does not need to be completed if your report will not progress beyond Corporate or Management Board.

Is this item subject to call-in.	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval		<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council		<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position		<input type="checkbox"/>
Considered or reviewed by OSC or associated Task Groups within preceding 6 months		<input type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision		<input type="checkbox"/>

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 A request from Ashampstead Parish Council for the 30mph speed limits to be extended in Ashampstead village was considered by the Speed Limit Task Group, at its meeting on 16 December 2009. The Task Group, which consists of Council officers, Members and the Police recommended that the 30mph speed limit on Dog Lane and Holly Lane be extended and to include a length of Noakes Hill.
- 1.2 The Task Groups recommendation was approved by Individual Decision (ref ID1957) on 15th February 2010 and programmed as part of the Traffic and Road Safety works programme for 2010/11. The statutory consultation and advertisement of the proposals was undertaken between 26th August and 16th September 2010.

2. Responses to statutory consultation

- 2.1 At the end of the statutory consultation period only one response had been received. This response was from a local resident who was not directly opposed to the advertised Order but considered that it should be extended to include the residential properties on Palmers Hill.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The response received during the statutory consultation is not a direct objection to the advertised order but a request for it to be extended.
- 3.2 Whilst it is possible to reduce the length of an advertised order before it is sealed, it is not possible to extend a restriction without re-advertising it. The Task Group did consider the length of road to Palmers Hill but agreed that it was not appropriate to extend the 30mph from Ashampstead Village to Palmers Hill.
- 3.3 The Speed Limit Task Group considers a number of factors when considering a speed limit. These include the current speed limit, the injury accident record, results of any traffic surveys, the character and nature of the road. Given that the Task Group consider that extending the 30mph speed limit as proposed in the

advertised order is appropriate it is recommended that this is what should be introduced.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 In view of the above it is recommended that the proposed 30mph speed limit be introduced as advertised.
- 4.2 That the respondent to the statutory consultation be informed accordingly.

Appendices

There are no Appendices with this Report.