

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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## A343/ Wash Water Newbury - objection to speed limit change

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**Committee considering report:** Individual Executive Member Decision

**Date ID to be signed:** 20 December 2016

**Portfolio Member:** Councillor Jeanette Clifford

**Forward Plan Ref:** ID3185

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### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform the Executive Member for Highways and Transport of the response received during statutory consultation on the proposal to lower the current 50mph limit on the A343 at Wash Water to 40 mph and to seek approval of the officers recommendations.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Executive Member for Highways and Transport resolves to approve the Recommendations as set out in section 6 of this report.

### 3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** The recommendations will be funded from the Council's approved capital budget.
- 3.2 **Policy:** The consultation is in accordance with the Council's Consultation procedures.
- 3.3 **Personnel:** None arising from this report.
- 3.4 **Legal:** Sealing of the traffic regulation order will be undertaken by legal services.
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** None arising from this report.
- 3.6 **Property:** None arising from this report.
- 3.7 **Other:** None arising from this report.

### 4. Consultation Responses

#### Members:

**Leader of Council:** Cllr Roger Croft - To date no response has been received from Councillor Roger Croft, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

**Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:**  
**Ward Members:**

Cllr Emma Webster - To date no response has been received from Councillor Emma Webster, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

Cllr Howard Bairstow – Supports the proposal.

Cllr Adrian Edwards – To date no response has been received from Councillor Adrian Edwards, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

Cllr Anthony Stansfeld – To date no response has been received from Councillor Anthony Stansfeld, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

Cllr James Cole - To date no response has been received from Councillor James Cole, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

**Opposition Spokesperson:**

Cllr Billy Drummond - To date no response has been received from Councillor Billy Drummond, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

**Local Stakeholders:**

One objection received from a local resident Mr Geoffrey Edwards, which has given rise to this report.

**Officers Consulted:**

Mark Edwards and Mark Cole

**Trade Union:**

N/A

**5. Other options considered**

5.1 N/A

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**Background Papers:**

Objection form – Mr Edwards, TMA 188

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**Subject to Call-In:**

Yes: X      No:

The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval

Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council

Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position

Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months

Item is Urgent Key Decision

Report is to note only

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**Wards affected:**

Kintbury and Newbury (Falkland)

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**Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:**

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Strategy priority:

**X SLE2 – Deliver or enable key infrastructure improvements in relation to roads, rail, flood prevention, regeneration and the digital economy**

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Council Strategy priority by contributing towards a safer highway network.

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## 6. Executive Summary

- 6.1 Requests for amended speed limits are considered by the Council's speed limit review panel, this consists of council members, officers and a police representative. When assessing the request, current guidance, traffic surveys, accident history and local conditions are taken into account.
- 6.2 During routine monitoring a cluster of minor injury accidents was identified in the vicinity of the A343 and Wash Water junction. In order to investigate these accidents a Traffic Management Assessment (TMA) was carried out. One of the recommendations of this TMA was to reduce the speed limit from 50 to 40mph. This recommendation was considered by the speed limit review panel in September 2015 and agreed.
- 6.3 The necessary Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed speed limit was advertised in August 2016. During the statutory consultation one objection was received from Mr Edwards who objected to the proposed speed limit on the grounds that it 'was outside the built up area'
- 6.4 Since receiving the objection we have contacted Mr Edwards several times explaining the reasons for the proposed speed limit change. To date we have not received any response from Mr Edwards.
- 6.5 It is recommended that the speed limit is reduced as agreed by the speed limit review panel and that the objector is informed accordingly.

## 7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The recommendations set out in 6.5 above are therefore put forward for approval.

## 8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix A – Traffic Management Assessment 188/Correspondence Mr Edwards
- 8.2 Appendix B - Equalities Impact Assessment