

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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## Mill Lane, Newbury - proposed 20mph speed limit

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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:** ID3179

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### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To inform the Executive Member for Highways and Transport of the responses received during the statutory consultation on the proposal to lower the current 30 mph speed limit on Mill Lane, Connaught Road, Greenham Mill and Boundary Road, Newbury, to 20 mph and to seek approval of officer recommendations.

### 2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Executive Member for Highways and Transport approves the Recommendations as set out in Section 7 of this report.

### 3. Implications

3.1 **Financial:** The implementation of the physical works would be funded from the approved Capital Programme.

3.2 **Policy:** The consultation was in accordance with the Council's Consultation procedure.

3.3 **Personnel:** None arising from this report.

3.4 **Legal:** Sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order would 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:** N/A

### 4. Consultation Responses

#### Members:

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

**Overview & Scrutiny Management** Councillor Emma Webster- to date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at

**Commission Chairman:** the Individual Decision meeting.

**Ward Members:** Councillors Dennis Benneyworth and James Fredrickson - to date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

**Opposition Spokesperson:** Councillor Billy Drummond - As opposition spokesman for highways, I am 100% in favour of a 20mph speed limit.

**Local Stakeholders:** N/A

**Officers Consulted:** Mark Edwards, Mark Cole and Glyn Davis.

**Trade Union:** N/A

## 5. Other options considered

5.1 None.

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### Background Papers:

Minutes of the Speed Limit Review – 20 May 2013.

Minutes of the Speed Limit Review – 7 March 2014.

Minutes of the Speed Limit Review – 29 October 2014.

Responses received during statutory consultation.

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### Subject to Call-In:

Yes:  No:

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### Wards affected:

Victoria

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### Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:

The proposals will help achieve the following Council Strategy aim:

**X HQL – Maintain a high quality of life within our communities**

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 aim and priority by addressing road safety concerns associated with inappropriate speed

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## 6. Executive Summary

- 6.1 Requests for amended speed limits are considered by the Council's Speed Limit Task Group review panel, which 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 A 20mph speed limit for this area was first considered by the Speed Limit Task Group in May 2013 when it was agreed to assess physical measures to control speeds on Hambridge Road. This assessment however reported that the introduction of a 20mph speed limit would require the removal of the safety cameras on Hambridge Road and at the Speed Limit Task Group in May 2014 it was therefore recommended that Hambridge Road be omitted and the 20mph speed limit should be introduced for Mill Lane, Boundary Road (north of the railway bridge) and part of Kings Road instead.
- 6.3 This was further considered in October 2014 by the Speed Limit Task Group, which then recommended that the Kings Road length be omitted from the proposed scheme due to the delays over the Stirling Cables site planning application and that the proposal be advertised for Mill Lane and Boundary Road only.
- 6.4 The statutory consultation and advertisement of the agreed proposals was undertaken between 22 January and 12 February 2015.
- 6.5 At the end of the statutory consultation period three responses had been received. One objection was later withdrawn as the respondent no longer lived in the area and did not wish to contest the speed limit change.
- 6.6 One of the remaining objections was based on the grounds that the respondent was fed up with speed limits and speed humps and considered there was no need to slow traffic any further on this road. The other respondent considered the proposal to be a waste of money and questioned whether there would be any change in driver behaviour or any enforcement if the new speed limit was introduced.

## 7. Conclusion

- 7.1 Having considered the responses to the consultation the concerns of the local community would best be served by the change to the speed limit and the objections received do not justify omission of this proposal from the approved works programme.
- 7.2 It is recommended that the speed limit is introduced as advertised and that the respondents to the statutory consultation are informed accordingly.

## 8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix A - Equalities Impact Assessment