

Draft Minutes of Speed Limit Review 2017

Held on 10th October 2017

Present Councillor Graham Pask (GP)
 Councillor Billy Drummond (BD)
 Chris Hulme TVP (CH)
 Glyn Davis WBC (GD)
 Cheryl Evans WBC (CE) (Minutes)

Apologies Alan Dunkerton WBC (AD)

Introduction	
<p>All the task group members introduced themselves to those attending the review. GP gave an overview of process for the speed limit review and roles of the Task Group. GP thanked everyone for their efforts around pulling the data together for the speed limit review with AD being poorly and wished him well.</p>	
Speed Limit Requests	
1. Enborne Road - request to reduce the 60mph speed limit to 40mph from the eastern village boundary to the Hamstead Marshall 30mph terminal signs	
Attendees	Parish Cllr Alan Croney (AC)
Discussion	<p>AC introduced the report which was aimed at introducing better road safety in the area. Reported high use by pedestrians/cyclists at the weekend using Enborne Road as a link between the various public right of ways in the area. The road is narrow and lack of verges in places hinders pedestrian movement. HGV, wide vehicles and busses use the road regularly and had witnessed reporting a number of wing mirror clippings (evidence of broken wing mirrors in the road).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent local survey (high return rate – 43%) raised the issue of speeding as a major community concern • Travel route rather than just a village route. • Wild life is relevant in this area • 5 public right of ways <p>A number of crashes had also been recorded at the bend by the Craven Arms</p> <p>GP considered the request to be a few kilometres too much</p> <p>CH explained that isolated incidents / crashes at the Craven Arms should not be treated by changing speed limit.</p> <p>GD explained unrealistic speed limits will not change behaviour and was concerned request was too far west and had concerns as to the maintenance on the hill to the west of Enborne would be difficult and expensive due to the amount of traffic management required to maintain the speed limit repeater signs and posts.</p>

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	<p>GP suggested that as a compromise the speed limit is reduced closer to the village and not to the border with Hamstead Marshal.</p> <p>CH queried if a signed only speed limit would be enough to keep drivers within the speed limit and stressed that any requirement for police enforcement would be a low priority due to current commitments and cuts in the force.</p> <p>GP suggested that some of the maintenance costs will need to be paid for by the parish ie for gateways etc</p> <p>AC offered to provide help by contacting and dealing with landowners should any land be required to facilitate the new signs and gateways. AC also offered financial help to cover the cost of the signs and gateways.</p> <p>GP explained that at this point the recommendation will be put forward to the members for approval will be placed on the 2018/19 works programme.</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>GP/BD/CH/GD – agreed to put forward to reduce the speed limit ONLY between the two key public right of ways (or as close as feasible) to encourage walking/ cycling and in response to the community concerns raised. Enborne Parish to support the costs as necessary in relation to installing any gateways.</p>
<p>2. Yattendon - request to increase the 30mph speed limit to 40mph.</p>	
<p>Attendees</p>	<p>Cllr Virginia Von Celsing (VC)</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Request originated from Yattendon Parish Council after an on-site meeting with West Berkshire Council Traffic engineers, Parish and Local Member and Yattendon Estates.</p> <p>GD explained David Slack representing Yattendon estates supported the speed limit increase at the on-site meeting but voiced concern at the parish meeting. To date have had no response.</p> <p>VC felt the gateways were a good idea and had spoken to the Parish Chairman.</p> <p>VC also reported that it was important to ensure the elderly residents at the edge of the village are still covered by the 30mph limit as they need to walk along the road to get into the village.</p> <p>GP opened Google maps to have a better view of the road – the sewage works already has a school sign in that area so replacing it with a speed limit sign and gateway here would be appropriate. Back from this point the 400 metre buffer would be introduced. This would also cover local community concerns.</p>

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	<p>VC asked about payment</p> <p>GD reported there is Capital budget to cover speed limit changes.</p>
Recommendation	Re-locate the 30 mph limit to the entrance of the sewage works if possible and apply a 400m long 40mph buffer back from this point.
3. Compton, request by Compton Parish Council to reduce the speed limit to 20mph in School Road by the school and extending the new limit to include Cheap Street and Horn Street	
Attendees	Cllr Virginia Von Celsing (VC)
Discussion	<p>VC explained the Parish Council support the proposal</p> <p>GD Explained that traffic calming would be required to control speeds below 24mph. Some lighting will be required to highlight the feature changes but this will be kept to a minimum. If this scheme is approved it can only proceed should all stakeholders agree to the traffic calming and that it will be funded from Section 106 funds.</p> <p>CH commented that any features added needed to ensure the speeds are self enforcing.</p> <p>GD noted that speeds by the school are already low, traffic calming features will also be kept to a minimum.</p>
Recommendation	Speed limit to be reduced pending agreement, results of consultation and subject to S106 being available to fund the scheme
4. Fishers Lane, Cold Ash. Reduce the speed limit from 60mph (National) to 30mph. Resident request who submitted a 13 signature petition in support of this request. Legal advised to review.	
Attendees	Not represented
Discussion	GP/BD/GD/CH: The environment does not meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit. Non compliance rates if introduced are expected to be high.
Recommendation	Current speed limit is appropriate. No change recommended.
5. Burdens Heath, Upper Bucklebury. Request from Bucklebury Parish Council to extend the current speed limit to cover a new property build.	
Attendees	Graham Pask (GP)
Discussion	GD explained <u>it is important to note</u> that planning had approved the access to the property using data from the current speed limit of the road (60mph) and that the visibility splay was increased to reflect the

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	<p>higher speeds. To make the required road changes to move the limit would incur considerable costs for such a small extension. An approximate estimation would be in the region of £5k. Section 106 money is available but should be used to support the whole community rather than one household.</p> <p>CH/BD – suggested costs to be covered by parish or property owner.</p> <p>GP in discussions with Parish had already concluded that it shouldn't come from tax payer's money unless it is legitimate use of 106 monies. The householder should be contacted to contribute towards the costs.</p>
Recommendation	GD to write to the parish council to suggest the costs to be covered by the parish or householder.
<p>6. B3051 Brimpton Common, Brimpton - reduction from 40mph to 30mph of the small section within the West Berkshire Area (approx 150 metres).</p>	
Attendees	Dennis & Mary Cowdrey (DC/ MC)
Discussion	<p>GP thanked Mr & Mrs Cowdrey for attending the meeting earlier than planned.</p> <p>DC/MC introduced the report and explained their frustrations as the road sits across two borders – Hampshire / West Berkshire. They thanked the board for giving the opportunity to be heard at the SLR.</p> <p>GP explained he would support the 30mph reduction if Hampshire agrees to the reduction.</p> <p>CH explained the collaboration between Hampshire and Thames Valley Police forces and agreed to ascertain the Hampshire CC view.</p> <p>GP reconfirmed GP previous reported concerns regarding the drain on lining and maintenance budgets.</p> <p>DC explained the Parish is becoming a 'competent parish council' and will be soon able to support cleaning and cutting back of foliage in respect to highway signage.</p> <p>GP expressed he was sympathetic of the proposal but the scheme was too small to do on our own but would support the proposal if Hampshire decide to treat the B3051 within the Hampshire border..</p>
Recommendation	Existing speed limit is appropriate and too small to be cost effective to change in isolation. But if Hampshire do reduce the speed limit to 30mph and lead on the speed reduction than we agree for HCC to an extension into the West Berkshire area as detailed on the SLR plan.
AOB	The SLR finished ahead of time as DC/MC were able to attend the meeting ahead of schedule. GD reported he had not received any

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	other notifications other than those that had attended the SLR. GP had matters to attend to so the SLR was closed ahead of time with a proviso that if representatives did turn up after the meeting had closed they could discuss any issues with GP directly.
Next Meeting (To be confirmed)	
End of meeting 12:45	

Note: This is a summary of the Speed Limit Review meeting