

## Individual Decision

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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Speed Limit Review March 2006</b>		
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	<b>Councillor Keith Chopping</b>	<b>on:</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID1188		

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### **Purpose of Report:**

To inform the Executive Member for Planning and Highways of the recommendations of the Speed Limit Task Group following the speed limit review undertaken during March 2006 and to seek approval of the recommendations.

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### **Recommended Action:**

That the Executive Member for Planning and Highways resolves to approve the recommendations as set out in section 4 of this report.

### **Reason for decision to be taken:**

Speed limit review.

### **List of other options considered:**

None.

### **Key background documentation:**

- Criteria for speed limits
- Reports for Task Group
- Minutes of Task Group
- Appendix A – Ward Members comments

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### 1 Background

- 1.1 Each year the speed limit Task Group carefully considers the introduction or amendment of speed limits that have been requested by Members, Parish or Town Councils, members of the public or officers. These requests are assessed with regard to the number of frontage developments, the character and nature of the road, the recorded injury accident record and any available traffic survey data.
- 1.2 The Speed Limit Task Group, which met on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2006, is comprised of the following members:
- Councillor Graham Pask,
  - Councillor Alan Macro,
  - Andrew Garratt, Principal Traffic Engineer,
  - Alan Dunkerton, Speed Management Co-ordinator,
  - PC Julian Weal, Thames Valley Police Casualty Reduction Officer,
  - Bob Bosley, Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer.
- 1.3 The Task Group considered a total of 17 requests for an amendment or introduction of a speed limit at the following locations:
1. Ashampstead Road, Aldworth – *extension to 40mph speed limit.*
  2. The Street, Mortimer – *introduction of 30mph speed limit.*
  3. A339 Greenham Common – *introduction of 50mph speed limit.*
  4. Unnamed Road at Downs School, Compton – *introduction of 30mph speed limit.*
  5. Compton Road, Hampstead Norreys – *introduction of 30mph speed limit.*
  6. A343 Sandpit Hill, Wash Water, Newbury – *introduction of 50mph speed limit.*
  7. A340 Pangbourne Road, Tidmarsh – *extension to 30mph speed limit.*
  8. Sulham Lane, Sulham – *introduction of 30mph speed limit.*
  9. A329 Oxford Road & Purley Rise, Purley on Thames – *introduction of 30mph speed limit.*
  10. B4009 Rookery Farm, Curridge – *extension to 30mph speed limit.*
  11. B4009 Shaw (New Mousefield Farm entrance) – *extension to 30mph speed limit.*
  12. Chapel Lane, Aldermaston – *introduction of 30mph speed limit.*
  13. Padworth Common Road, Aldermaston – *introduction of 50mph speed limit.*
  14. Red Lane, Aldermaston – *extension of 50mph speed limit.*
  15. Welshmans Road, Aldermaston – *extension to 50mph speed limit.*
  16. A340 Calleva Park roundabout to Mullford Hill, Tadley – *introduction of 40mph speed limit.*
  17. A339 Winchcombe Road, Newbury – *introduction of 40mph speed limit.*

### 2 Speed limit Process

- 2.1 If the recommendations contained in this report are approved then the individual sites will be taken forward to the statutory consultation stage, which means that the formal and public consultation of a speed limit can be undertaken. This will include consulting a wide range of statutory consultees together with the appropriate parish/town council, local members and local residents by the way of a notice published in the local newspaper, notices erected on site and publication on the Council's web site.

- 2.2 A report of any comments and objections received during the formal consultation together with an officer's recommendation will be presented to the Executive Member for Planning and Highways for Individual Decision. Should the proposal to introduce or change a speed limit be considered appropriate then that proposal will be implemented.

### 3 Recommendations

- 3.1 The Task Group considered all the above requests and recommended that the following are progressed to the statutory advertisement and consultation stage:

1. Ashampstead Road, Aldworth.
2. The Street, Mortimer.
3. A339 Greenham Common.
4. Unnamed Road at Downs School, Compton – *recommendation to extend the existing 40mph speed limit and consider improved signing.*
5. Compton Road, Hampstead Norreys.
6. A343 Sandpit Hill, Wash Water, Newbury.
12. Chapel Lane, Aldermaston.
13. Padworth Common Road, Aldermaston.
14. Red Lane, Aldermaston.
15. Welshmans Road, Aldermaston.
16. A340 Calleva Park roundabout to Mullford Hill, Tadley.
17. A339 Winchcombe Road, Newbury.

- 3.2 The Task Group recommended that no further action is taken on the following requests with regard to the speed limit, but further measures should be considered where shown below.

7. A340 Pangbourne Road, Tidmarsh – *consider improved signing on approach to speed limit*
8. Sulham Lane, Sulham – *investigate improved signing and road markings.*
9. A329 Oxford Road & Purley Rise, Purley on Thames.
10. B4009 Rookery Farm, Curridge.
11. B4009 Shaw (New Mousefield Farm entrance).

- 3.3 A copy of all reports and plans will be left in the Member's room.

- 3.4 All the persons requesting the speed limit amendments will be informed of the Executive Members decision.

- 3.5 Subject to there being no objections received to the statutory consultation for individual Traffic Regulation Orders for each speed limit, the advertised restrictions will be introduced.

## Appendices

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### Appendix A – Ward Members comments

#### Implications

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<b>Policy:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Financial:</b>	The recommendations will be funded from the Council's capital budget.
<b>Personnel:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Legal:</b>	The speed limit traffic regulation orders will follow the statutory consultation / advertisement procedure.
<b>Environmental:</b>	The proposed changes to the speed limits will improve road safety and therefore provide environmental benefits to local residents.
<b>Equalities:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Partnering:</b>	None arising from this report.

#### Consultation Responses

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##### Members:

<b>Leader of Council:</b>	Councillor Graham Jones supports the recommendations provided that the Ward Members support the proposals.
<b>Select Committee Chairmen:</b>	Councillor Quentin Webb supports the recommendations.
<b>P&amp;L Committee Chairman (where appropriate):</b>	N/A
<b>Ward Members:</b>	See Appendix A for Ward Members comments.
<b>Opposition Spokesperson:</b>	Councillor Keith Woodhams supports the recommendations provided that the Ward Members support the proposals.
<b>Advisory Members:</b>	N/A
<b>Local Stakeholders:</b>	Will be consulted as part of the statutory consultation process.
<b>Officers Consulted:</b>	Mark Cole and Mark Edwards.
<b>Trade Union:</b>	N/A