

Minutes of Speed Limit Review 2006

Held on: 17th March 2006

Present: Andrew Garratt WBC
Alan Dunkerton WBC
Councillor Graham Pask
Councillor Alan Macro
Julian Weal TVP
Bob Bosley TVP

1. Introduction / Apologies

Jenny Noble sent her apologies. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Speed Limit Requests

1. Ashampstead Road, Aldworth. – extension to 40mph speed limit.
Discussion about the nature of the road / vehicle speeds and the location of the frontage development. All agreed to recommendations.
2. The Street, Mortimer – introduction of 30mph speed limit.
Councillor Keith Lock made representation to the Task Group and explained the desire to reduce the 40mph to 30mph, children walking between the schools, the bend near the St Mary's School. AG explained about other measures proposed for The Street as part of the Safer Routes to School programme and Section 106 funds. All agreed to recommendation.
3. A339 Greenham Common – introduction of 50mph speed limit.
AG explained about the request for the speed limit and Greenham Parish Council's support for the limit. AD explained about Hampshire County Council's concern about the junction with Aldern Bridge and that they are willing to do junction improvements. BB supports 50mph as it would also reduce overtaking manoeuvres. GP commented about future development in the area. All agreed to recommendation for a 50mph to be introduced.
4. Unnamed Road at Downs School, Compton – introduction of 30mph speed limit.
Councillor Barbara Alexander and Alison Brind from the Parish Council made representation to the Task Group. Barbara Alexander commented that Compton has a population of approximately 1500, Downs School has approximately 1000 pupils, numerous speed limit requests refused as the entrance to the School is on Manor Crescent. The School entrance is now being located on the adjacent road with a 40mph speed limit, quoted various examples of other schools. Alison Brind said the Parish Council strongly supports 30mph. AG explained the speed limit criteria and the relevance with frontage development. AG said that putting in an inappropriate speed limit does not reduce vehicle speeds. AM cars are parked on the road and pedestrians walk to school. AD never seen parked on west side of road. Due to the discussions it was agreed to have a site visit before making a recommendation.
5. Compton Road, Hampstead Norreys – introduction of 30mph speed limit.
Councillor Barbara Alexander made representation to the Task Group and spoke in support of proposal. All agreed to recommendation.
6. A343 Sandpit Hill, Wash Water, Newbury – introduction of 50mph speed limit.
Doug Staples from Embourne Parish Council made representation to the Task Group. AG explained the junction improvements at Wash Water and Hampshire County Council may consider extending the 50mph if introduced. All speeds after implementation are monitored to determine their effectiveness and Doug Staples is happy with the junction improvements and the speed limit if it is monitored. AG also explained about extending the speed limit on Wash Water to a 30mph speed limit. Councillor Anthony Stansfeld attended but as the matter had been discussed earlier, we informed Councillor Stansfeld of what had gone on and he was happy, as the Parish Council were happy.
7. A340 Pangbourne Road, Tidmarsh - extension to 30mph speed limit.

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Councillor Tim Metcalf made representation to the Task Group and explained character of the site, his desire for a VAS to remind drivers of the speed limit and would like count down markers similar to HCC. BB agreed with recommendation. GP would like to see speed limit count down markers. All agreed to keep 30mph at existing location, but investigate count down markers and signs.

8. Sulham Lane, Sulham – introduction of 30mph speed limit.
Councillor Tim Metcalfe made representation to the Task Group and explained about rat running traffic and would like a 30mph speed limit to cover the frontage developments. AG explained about speed data and the AM data and vehicle count. All agreed not to introduce a speed limit, but to investigate the introduction of warning signs to reduce speeds (measures could include warning sign for Horses, pedestrians in road and coloured surfacing, slow marking and anti skid at Sulham Hill Junction).
9. A329 Oxford Road & Purley Rise, Purley on Thames – introduction of 30mph speed limit.
Councillor Tim Metcalfe and David Betts, Parish Chairman made representation to the Task Group. AG declared an interest. D Betts commented that villages on A329 have 30mph and Purley does not. It is in the Parish plan for a 30mph, he explained character of the road and the introduction of a cycle route between Tilehurst Station and Pangbourne. BB supports recommendations with additional safety measures. All agreed to recommendations and to monitor traffic speeds after the remedial measures have been introduced.
10. B4009 Rookery Farm, Curridge - extension to 30mph speed limit.
AG explained Chieveley Parish Council's support for extending the 30mph. GP concerned about extending speed limit and speeds increasing in the developed area and other entrances also asking for speed limits. All agreed to recommendation.
11. B4009 Shaw (New Mousefield Farm entrance) - extension to 30mph speed limit.
AG explained about visibility of 30mph signs and relocating them would reduce the forward visibility of the signs. BB commented that the development is improving the access and therefore it must be safer. JW explained about the reason for the 30mph and was due to the introduction of street lighting and accidents. All agreed to recommendations.
12. Chapel Lane, Aldermaston – introduction of 30mph speed limit.
Clive Vare from Parish Council attended. All agreed to recommendation.
13. Padworth Common Road, Aldermaston – introduction of 50mph speed limit.
Clive Vare from Parish Council attended. All agreed to recommendation.
14. Red Lane, Aldermaston - extension to 50mph speed limit.
Clive Vare from Parish Council attended. All agreed to recommendation.
15. Welshmans Road, Aldermaston - extension to 50mph speed limit.
Clive Vare from Parish Council attended. All agreed to recommendation.
16. A340 Calleva Park roundabout to Mullford Hill, Tadley – introduction of 40mph speed limit.
Clive Vare from Parish Council attended. All agreed to recommendation.
17. A339 Winchcombe Road, Newbury – introduction of 40mph speed limit.
JW commented that the Police opposed the original 30mph, all agreed to recommendation as it makes sense and is appropriate.

3. Site Visits

Site visit to Compton with Barbara Alexander and Downs School Head Teacher in attendance. All agreed to keep 40mph speed limit but to extend it further south and improve signing (speed limit count down markers if possible). Vehicle speeds to be monitored after these measures have been introduced.

End of meeting.