

## Individual Decision

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Title of Report:	<b>Speed Limit Review July 2007</b>		
Report to be considered by:	Councillor Keith Chopping	on:	25 September 2007
Forward Plan Ref:	ID1298		

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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 on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2007 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 3 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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## Supporting Information

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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 30<sup>th</sup> July 2007, is comprised of the following Members:
- Councillor Graham Pask,
  - Councillor Keith Woodhams,
  - Andrew Garratt, Principal Traffic & Road Safety Engineer,
  - Alan Dunkerton, Speed Management Co-ordinator,
  - Jenny Noble, Principal Transport Policy Officer
  - 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 11 requests for an amendment or introduction of a speed limit at the following locations:
1. Church Road Aldermaston - extension of 30 mph speed limit.
  2. Fir Tree Lane, Newbury - introduction of 20mph speed limit in vicinity of School.
  3. Hampstead Marshall - extension of 30mph at either end of village.
  4. Kintbury Road, Inkpen - extension of 30mph speed limit.
  5. B4494 Leckhampstead Chapel Arch to Egypt - Introduction of 50mph speed limit.
  6. B4494 Lilley to South Oxfordshire border - Introduction of 50mph speed limit
  7. Brightwalton Green - introduction of 30mph speed limit.
  8. Eastbury village - extension of 30mph speed limit at either end of village.
  9. High Street, Upper Lambourn - introduction of 30mph speed limit.
  10. Harts Hill Road Floral way to Upper Bucklebury – Introduction of 50mph speed limit
  11. The Broadway & High Street, Thatcham - 20 mph speed limit order

### 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. Church Road Aldermaston - extension of 30 mph speed limit.
3. Hampstead Marshall - extension of 30mph at either end of village.
7. Brightwalton Green - introduction of 30mph speed limit.
8. Eastbury village - extension of 30mph speed limit at either end of village
9. High Street, Upper Lambourn - introduction of 30mph speed limit.
10. Harts Hill Road Floral Way to Upper Bucklebury – Extend 40mph speed limit from Floral Way to include new development.
11. The Broadway & High Street Thatcham renewal of 20mph speed limit

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.

2. Fir Tree Lane, Newbury - introduction of 20mph speed limit in vicinity of School. Agreed to investigate various measures for the road in consultation with the Ward Members and Parish Council to address the Parish Council concerns.
4. Kintbury Road, Inkpen - extension of 30mph speed limit
5. B4494 Leckhampstead Chapel Arch to Egypt - Introduction of 50mph speed limit.
6. B4494 Lilley to South Oxfordshire border - Introduction of 50mph speed limit

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

3.4 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

Appendix A- Ward Members' comments.

### Implications

**Policy:** None arising from this report.

**Financial:** 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>	To date no response received from Councillor Graham Jones. However any comments will be verbally reported at the individual decision meeting.
<b>OSC Chairman:</b>	Councillor Brian Bedwell has no comment and supports the local Members view.
<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 is a member of the Task Group and therefore supports the recommendations.
<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

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	Speed limit Request	Ward Member	Comments
1	Church Road, Aldermaston	Irene Neill	Supports recommendations.
2	Fir Tree Lane, Newbury	Jeff Beck	Supports recommendations.
		David Goff	Supports recommendations.
3	Hamstead Marshall	Andrew Rowles	Supports recommendations
		Anthony Stansfeld	Supports recommendations
4	Kintbury Road, Inkpen	Andrew Rowles	Supports recommendations
		Anthony Stansfeld	Supports recommendations
5	B4494 Chapel Arch Crossroads Leckhampstead to Egypt.	George Chandler	Disappointed with the recommendation not to progress a speed limit.
6	B4494 Lilley to South Oxfordshire Border	George Chandler	Disappointed with the recommendation not to progress a speed limit.
7	Brightwalton Green	George Chandler	Very pleased with recommendation.
8	Eastbury Village	Graham Jones	Supports recommendations
		Gordon Lundie	Supports recommendations
9	High Street, Upper Lambourn	Graham Jones	Supports recommendations
		Gordon Lundie	Supports recommendations.
10	Harts Hill Road, Floral Way Thatcham to Upper Bucklebury	Graham Pask	Supports comments as Member of Speed Limit Task Group.
		Quentin Webb	Supports recommendations.
		Lee Dillon	Supports Mr Rendel comments.
		David Rendel	Would like the speed limit reviewed as he was not consulted.
11	The Broadway & High Street, Thatcham	Richard Crumly	Supports High Street and Broadway recommendations, but does not like a 20mph on Green Lane
		Ellen Crumly	Would like more prominent or additional signs on Harts Hill Road.