

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Adrian Gray
Title:	Proposed Traffic Order: 40 mph on A3051 Botley Road, Curbridge to Burridge
Reference:	C816/SL

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That a traffic order be implemented under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA), the effects of which will be to reduce the existing speed limits to 40 mph on specified lengths of the A3051 Botley Road between Botley, Curbridge and Burridge as follows:
 - (i) The existing derestricted length between a point 130 metres south-east of its junction with A334 Station Hill / Botley Hill and a point 40 metres north of its junction with the access road to Barn Farm.
 - (ii) The existing 50 mph limit between a point 110 metres south-west of its junction with Ridge Lane and a point 840 metres south-west of that point at the City/Borough Boundary.
- 1.2 The proposed order shall revoke and re-enact the same provisions as contained in The Hampshire (B3051 Botley Road, Curbridge to Burridge) (Restricted Road, 40 and 50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Order 2014 save for the amendments in 1.1 (i) and (ii) above.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Land to the east of Botley Road has been designated as a new 3,500 home sustainable community, to be known as the North Whiteley Development. It is expected traffic flows on the B3051 Botley Road will increase and so new signal-controlled entrances at both the northern and western access junctions are to be included in the infrastructure changes, as well as a shared use footway and cycleway from the northern junction to the A334 at Botley.

Ensuring a consistent speed limit along the route to match the character of the amended highway will assist the flow of traffic and

ensure safer approaches to the signal-controlled junctions as well as slower vehicle movements adjacent to the shared use footway and cycleway which, at present, is a derestricted 60 mph road.

Alongside assisting vehicular movements, the reduction to 40 mph will assist the future increase in numbers of pedestrian and cyclist movements to and from the northern entrance to the development.

The proposals are shown on the drawing entitled 'A3051 Botley Road, Curbridge, Southampton – Consultations'.

- 2.2. No objections were received in response to the public consultation which took place between 22 February and 15 March 2019 – notices were placed on site, the public notice in The Independent appeared on 22 February 2019 and copies of the notice, draft order, statement of reason, existing orders and drawings of the site are on display at Hedge End Library, Winchester Discovery Centre, Winchester City Council, Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council offices, where they will remain until six weeks after the order is sealed if the scheme goes ahead. These documents also appeared on the public notice website for this public consultation period.
- 2.3. Due consideration has been given to RTRA 1984 Section 122 and any other relevant legislation. In this case the Decision Maker, acting on behalf of the Local Authority, considers this traffic regulation order expeditious for the convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians).
- 2.4. The decision outlined in paragraph 2.3 to exercise the functions of the Local Authority under RTRA 1984 Section 122 has been reached on the basis of what is reasonably practicable after due regard has been given to the effect on the amenities of any locality affected.
3. **Other options considered and rejected:**
 - 3.1. None
4. **Scheme Funding:**
 - 4.1 Fully developer funded.
5. **Conflicts of interest:**
 - 5.1. None
6. **Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:**
 - 6.1. None
7. **Supporting information:**

- 7.1. Local Member, Councillor Roger Huxstep, has no objections to the proposal and bordering Councillor Sean Woodward is happy to support the proposal.
- 7.2. The Police support the proposal provided the reduced speed limit is not introduced until the development is at an appropriate stage. They feel a temporary speed limit could be implemented, if necessary, whilst works are in progress.
- 7.3. The following supporting information has been considered:
- Plan entitled: 16659-2061-001_B_TRO Botley Road Speed Limit, speed limit data and proposed junction locations.

Approved by:

Date:

Adrian Gray

5/4/ 2019

Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic Manager)

On behalf of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment