

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Adrian Gray
Title:	Traffic Order Proposals : 30mph Speed Limit for Crow Lane Crow Arch Lane and Hightown Road
Reference:	C799

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That a traffic order be implemented under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to impose 30mph speed limit on the following lengths of road at Ringwood.
- 1.2. Crow Lane from a point 291 metres north of the junction with Moortown Lane to the eastern junction with Hightown Road, an approximate distance of 746 metres.
- 1.3. Crow Arch Lane from a point 20 metres south of its junction with Coniston Road and its junction with Crow Lane, an approximate distance of 799 metres.
- 1.4. Hightown Road between a point 18 metres north-east of the eastern spur of Crow Lane and its junction with Hightown Gardens, an approximate distance of 113 metres north west thereof.

The order will also revoke/part-revoke and re-enact with no change of substance the provisions contained in a number of existing orders save for minor amendments to descriptions for clarity and the addition of the above two limits.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Crow Lane and Crow Arch Lane are roads which have a number of existing houses and proposed houses (as part of a new development site) fronting them. The roads are currently subject to a speed limit of 40mph but the proposed development site will contribute to the change of character and more built up nature of the area. Further measures for improved pedestrian facilities, SANG area, Castleman Trail and vehicular links as part of the development further endorse the new 30mph speed limit now being appropriate.

- 2.2 The proposals have received support from residents, Parish and Town Council, The New Forest District Council and the County Councillor. The Police have no objection to this speed limit change.
- 2.3 The nature of Crow Lane and Crow Arch Lane and the collection of mean speed data also highlighted the suitability for this proposal. The speed limit reduction here is seen as an appropriate measure to help towards highway safety and align itself with the new housing development.
- 2.4 The Statutory Consultation took place from Friday 21st July to Friday 11th August 2017. Following the consultation a total of 7 responses were received. All these consultees supported the above proposals. The New Forest District Council and Ringwood Town Council support formed two of these responses.
- 2.5 Several of the above consultees did (in addition) request to see Hightown Hill, Hightown Common, Picket Hill and Nouale Lane to be included in the proposals and reduced from the existing 40mph limit to a 30mph limit. In view of this, personal injury accident data was requested for the above areas but no accident trend or pattern was found.
- 2.7 All consultees were then sent a response from Officers confirming that further speed limit reductions were not within of scope of this scheme which was linked to a the new development. Officers also confirmed in the response that the accident record for the requested roads had been checked and this highlighted that these roads would not meet the criteria for speed limit reduction from the data based on current policy.
- 2.8 The extents of the proposals for the new speed limit are shown on Drawing No: **LHS213-16-086/1007**.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. None

4. Scheme Funding:

- 4.1. Developer

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 Michael Thierry supports the proposals

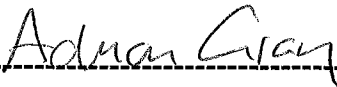
7.2. Hampshire Police do not object to the proposals

7.3. C799/SL File - Location map and draft order

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Approved by:

Date:



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Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic Manager)

**On behalf of the Director of Economy, Transport and
Environment**