

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Adrian Gray
Title:	Traffic Order Proposals: 30, 40 And 50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limits At Picket Twenty
Reference:	C844

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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 impose 30, 40 and 50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limits on various roads in Andover and as specified below:

Restricted Roads (30mph by way of a prescribed system of street lighting)

- (i) U394 Steeplechase Court for its entire length.
- (ii) U394 Steeplechase Rise for its entire length.

30mph

- (i) U394 Picket Twenty between its junction with Picket Twenty Way and its southern point of termination, an approximate distance of 500 metres.
- (ii) F394 Forest Lane for its entire length, an approximate distance of 417 metres.

40mph

A3093 Churchill Way between a point approximately 115 metres south of its junction with Picket Twenty Way, and a point approximately 410 metres north of its junction with Picket Twenty Way (including the circulatory carriageway of the roundabout).

50mph

A3093 Churchill Way between a point approximately 100 metres south of its junction with Andover Down Roundabout and a point approximately 225 metres south-east of this point.

This order will correct an anomaly contained in the order to be revoked with no change of substance save for the changes above.

The Hampshire (Various Roads, Andover, Monxton And Ampport)(30, 40 And 50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Order 2017 will be revoked in its entirety.

2. Reason for the decision

- 2.1. Following the development of the housing estate at Picket Twenty, Hampshire County Council has seen an increase in the volume of pedestrian traffic crossing the A3093, and therefore, implemented a new pedestrian crossing facility to the north of the Picket Twenty Way roundabout. This new crossing facility links the Picket Twenty housing development with the northbound bus service, used by school children and residents, and a new pedestrian footway link to Andover Town Centre. In response to the increased pedestrian movements, it is felt that the existing derestricted speed limit (60mph) on the A3093 will no longer be appropriate.

A traffic speed survey on the A3093 has recorded means speed of 36mph southbound and 37.3mph northbound on the stretch of A3093 north of Picket Twenty Way. It is therefore, proposed that a speed limit of 40mph should be implemented past the development, along with an extension to the existing 50mph speed limit to the north.

In addition, the County Council proposes to implement a 30mph speed limit on the length of road classified as Picket Twenty to the south of Picket Twenty Way. This road is currently subject to a derestricted (60mph) speed limit.

- 2.2. No objections were received in response to the public consultation which took place between Friday 21st October 2022 and Friday 11th November 2022. One representation was received requesting a further speed limit reduction, as detailed in the appendix.
- 2.3. Due consideration has been given to RTRA 1984 sections 122(1) and 122(2) and any other relevant legislation. In this case the Decision Maker acting on behalf of the Local Authority considers this TRO expeditious, for the convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians).
- 2.4 The decision outlined in paragraph 2.3 (above) to exercise the functions of the Local Authority under RTRA 1984 sections 122(1) and 122(2) has been reached on the basis of what is reasonably practicable.

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 North supports the proposal

7.2. Police – Traffic Management Officer Dave Taylor does not object to the scheme

7.3. Draft Order, Plans and Order to be Revoked

Approved by:

Date:

Adrian Gray

4/1/2023

Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic and Safety).

On behalf of the Director of Universal Services

APPENDIX

Representative	Officer Comments
<p>Commenter Elaine Crawforth, Miles Close</p>	
<p>Comments This section on Picket Twenty Way has no proper pedestrian pathway and no/poor street lighting. The road is frequently used by walkers and dog walkers. The road is frequently used by families walking their children to and from school from Mile Close and Furlong Close.</p> <p>Forest Lane does have not a tarmac surface, a footpath or street lighting. Forest Lane is frequently used by walkers and dog walkers accessing the footpath to the woods, cow field, P20 and up to Middleway. Quite often deer and other wildlife are in the vicinity of the Lane. Recently, sheep have got out of the adjacent field by the old chicken sheds and could potentially stray into the Lane.</p> <p>I would like to propose/suggest that these two areas are set at a 20mph limit.</p>	<p>When setting speed limits, Hampshire County Council complies with Department for Transport criteria, which has some emphasis on existing traffic speeds and safety history. A range of factors such as road character and function, density of fronting development, frequency of junctions or accesses, and amenities that attract motorised and non-motorised road users will be considered. However, to be effective, a speed limit is reliant on drivers reacting to range of these factors, particularly those with a visual impact, to encourage appropriate speed choices and better awareness of the surrounding environment.</p> <p>Having trialled 20mph speed limit across the county and analysing traffic speed data before-and-after their implementation, the Council has confirmed only a marginal reduction in traffic speeds for signed only speed limits. Consequently, it is unlikely that the further reduction in speed from 30mph to 20mph, will be achievable without the introduction of further engineering measures to change the character and surrounding road environment to support the lower speed limit.</p>