

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Adrian Gray
<b>Title:</b>	Traffic Order Proposals : 30 and 40mph Speed Limits at Riseley
<b>Reference:</b>	C827

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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 and 40mph speed limits on the following lengths of road at Riseley:

#### **30mph (existing de-restricted)**

C6 (boundary link road) between a point at the Hampshire / West Berkshire County boundary and a point 95 metres south of that point;

#### **40mph (existing de-restricted)**

C6 (boundary link road) between a point 95 metres south of a point at the Hampshire / West Berkshire County boundary and its roundabout junction with B3349 Odiham Road.

### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. Odiham Road is a road on the western fringe of Riseley, provides access to the Village Hall and its community facilities and runs south to join the B3349 and Wellington Country Park. The southern end of the road is semi-rural in nature, with trees and fields to both sides. A short length of derestricted speed limit road exists between the existing 30mph speed restriction at the Village Hall and the roundabout to the south of Riseley Village. The border between Wokingham and Hart lies to the south of the Portway running west to east across the Highway.

Recent residential planning permission has been granted for land to the south of Portway and as part of the development, a new junction has been constructed on Odiham Road.

The traffic surveys revealed the mean average speed on Odiham Road to the south of Portway to be 34mph southbound and 33mph northbound and because of the new junction, it is proposed that the existing 30mph limit is extended to cover the movements that occur there. Due to the relatively short length of the existing national speed limit between the

30mph speed limit and the roundabout to the south it is proposed that this be reduced to 40 mph. It is intended that this will alleviate acceleration from the roundabout towards the new junction and provide a better target value to the gateway feature at the start of the extended 30mph limit, easing any highway safety issues and help to improve overall safety of the road.

2.2. In response to the public consultation which took place between 12 February and 5 March 2021 two representations were received requesting an extension of the existing 30mph limit the entire length of the road to Wellington Country Park roundabout. Both representations confirmed they were not objecting to the proposed reduction in speed limit and the representations should be considered as comments.

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).

### **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. Initial discussions with Hampshire Constabulary considered the possibility of extending the 30mph limit from its current position the entire length of the road to the Wellington Country Park roundabout. The existing average speed data of 36mph was considered too high to be appropriate for a 30mph limit and the more rural nature of this southern section of Odiham Road more suited to a 40mph limit.

### **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 D Simpson supports the proposal.

7.2. Police – initially raised concerns regarding the proposal to extend the 30mph limit to the roundabout as existing mean and 85<sup>th</sup>% speeds were too high and the character of the road not suitable. Their concerns surrounded the creation of an ongoing enforcement problem. Discussion between Hampshire Constabulary and Hampshire County Council Officers resulted in the advertised proposal of an extension to the existing 30mph limit with a short 40mph buffer from the roundabout.

7.3. File C827

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

*Adrian Gray*

**15/4/2021**

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**Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic)**

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