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# Report to Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Transportation

Decision to be taken on or after 16/09/2019

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Cabinet Member Report No. T28.19

Title: Hag Hill Lane, Hag Hill Rise, Cavendish Close & Green

Close, Burnham - 20 mph Speed Limit

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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# **Summary**

Transport for Buckinghamshire was commissioned by Burnham Parish Council to undertake statutory consultation for a proposed 20 mph speed limit for Hag Hill Lane, Hag Hill Rise, Cavendish Close & Green Close, Burnham

#### Recommendation

#### It is recommended that:

a. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transportation authorises the Director of Growth, Strategy and Highways to make the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the scheme outlined in this report as advertised during the Statutory Consultation process.



# b. That responders to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Transportation Decision

#### A. Narrative setting out the reasons for the decision

- 1.1 Buckinghamshire County Council is responsible for the highway network within its boundary; this includes the provision, management of the proposed speed limits. Thames Valley Police are responsible for carrying out enforcement of speed limits.
- 1.2 The proposed 20 mph speed limit was advertised and promoted locally through a statutory consultation process carried out between 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 and 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. In accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. The Police, Fire & Rescue and the Ambulance Services were included in the consultation. Copies of the statutory consultation documents are located here: <a href="https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=9439">https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=9439</a>

# B. Other options available, and their pros and cons

1.3 Keep the existing speed limits as it is, this will not achieve the desired aim of making these residential roads a 20 mph speed limit. "Successful 20 mph zones and 20 mph speed limits are generally self-enforcing, i.e. the existing conditions of the road together with measures such as traffic calming or signing, publicity and information as part of the scheme. To achieve compliance there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity;

# C. Resource implications

1.4 Future maintenance of the associated signs will be through Transport for Buckinghamshire general maintenance budget.

# D. Value for Money (VfM) Self Assessment

- 1.5 The sign installation work will be carried out by Transport for Buckinghamshire in house signing crew.
- 1.6 Road markings will be carried out by an approved sub-contractor working on behalf of Transport for Buckinghamshire

#### E. Legal implications

- 1.7 Section 122 of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire County Council to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), on its highways.
- 1.8 When the decision is taken and recommendations agreed, the Traffic Regulation Order will be made and signed. The responders to the consultation and persons likely to be affected will be informed of the decision made, representations considered and the TRO will be signed and re-advertised by Buckinghamshire County Council, in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

# F. Property implications

1.9 None identified.

# G. Other implications/issues

1.10 Equality and Diversity Issues – Equality Act 2010. This proposal will not have any disproportionate effect upon people with protected characteristics. The scheme will introduce a speed limit reduction from 30 mph to 20 mph on Hag Hill Lane and the adjacent roads (Hag Hill Rise, Cavendish Close, Green Close). This will encourage drivers to drive at a speed in accordance with the nature of the road. Thames Valley Police will not carry out any routine enforcement on these roads, as 20 mph speed limits are to be self-enforcing.

# H. Feedback from consultation, Local Area Forums and Local Member views

- 1.11 A period of statutory consultation was undertaken between 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 and 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. A summary of the feedback is shown in Appendix A.
- 1.12 The full written responses to the statutory consultation are contained in Appendix A. These have been reviewed and considered against the Statement of Reasons.

Twenty-two people responded to the Statutory Consultation for the proposed 20 mph speed limit.

- 21 supported the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit
- One person opposed the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit
- 1.13 County Councillor Dev Dhillon fully supports the scheme

#### I. Communication issues

All consultees and responders to the consultation will be contacted by either e-mail or letter and will be informed of the decision and where they can find the details of the statutory consultation and the decision taken. This report will be published on the County Council's web page.

#### J. Progress Monitoring

Following a decision on this report, the implementation of the scheme will be in September 2019

#### K. Review

No additional speed limit reviews is proposed on these roads.

#### **Background Papers**

None

# Appendices to the Report

**Appendix A:** Summary of Objections & Feedback & Responses to Statutory Consultation

Appendix B: Proposed 20 mph Speed Limit – PRIV17014/HH/20SL/rev 0

Appendix C: Statement of Reasons, Notices & Traffic Regulation Order

#### Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.

If you have any views on this paper that you would like the Cabinet Member to consider, or if you wish to object to the proposed decision, please inform the Member Services Team by 5.00pm on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 382343), or e-mail to democracy@buckscc.gov.uk