

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

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Tingewick Road, Buckingham- Proposed 30mph speed limit.

Reference

I refer to the e-mail dated Thursday 14th October from Mr. John Pateman, Network Improvement Team Transport for Bucks (TfB) and associated drawings regarding this proposal.

History

There are no previous papers on this matter; there has been one slight collision in the five year period 01/6/2016 – 31/5/2021 along Tingewick Road.

This collision was where vehicle two was waiting to turn right into Field House Day Nursery and was hit vehicle one, which failed to slow down in time.

Investigation

I visited the site on Monday 6th September 2021 at 11.00 together with Mr. Ian Butcher from the Network Safety Team, TfB the traffic was light and the weather was overcast with some sun.



Figure 1 Tingewick Road from the St Rumbolds Fields development looking towards Buckingham Town.

The distance of the proposed extension is a distance of 725metres, the current development is all located off of the frontage of the road, with just access roads joining the Tingewick Road.

The following will be important factors when considering what an appropriate speed limit is:

- History of collisions, including frequency, severity, types and causes;
- Road geometry and engineering (width, sightlines, bends, junctions, accesses and safety barriers etc.);
- Road function (strategic, through traffic, local access etc.);
- Composition of road users (including existing and potential levels of vulnerable road users);
- Existing traffic speeds; and
- Road environment, including level of road-side development and possible impacts on residents (e.g. severance, noise, or air quality).



Figure 2 Tingewick Road looking from the direction of Buckingham Town towards the ring road showing the rural nature of the proposed length of carriageway.

As can be seen from Fig. 1 and Fig 2 above there is no sign of any frontage development and the carriageway looks very rural in its nature.

Along the majority of this section of carriageway there are hedgerows on both sides. There is a footpath running along one side of the road which varies in width between 1metre and 2.5metres in width.

This proposal does not meet the criteria within Circular Roads 1/2013 to become a 30mph road, if speeds were taken (not currently available) it is likely they would reflect a speed I would suggest more in line with a 40mph limit which is more suitable and in line with the current guidance.

Recommendation

I recommend that this report be forwarded to Mr. John Pateman, Network Improvement Team and Mr. Ian Butcher, Network Safety Team Transport for Bucks (TfB) stating that the police object to this proposal as it does not meet the current criteria within the guidance set out in Circular Roads 1/2013 .

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