

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

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Various speed limits Buckinghamshire.

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 these proposals.

The statutory closure date was the 8th November but contact was made with both Mark Davis and Ian Thomas regarding the difficulty in using the tiles within the Trafweb application for the consultation process in which trying to reconcile the tiles with the proposed limit was not possible.

As a result images of the full restriction have been sent to assist with the formal response

The speed limits proposed are the following;

- Abbey Barn Lane 40mph
- Addison Road Steeple Claydon 30mph
- Mike Griffin Way Aylesbury 50mph
- New Road Dinton 30mph
- Stocklake Road Aylesbury 30mph
- Thorney Lane South Iver 30mph

History

There are no previous papers on this matter; all collisions included are within the five year period 01/6/2016 – 31/5/2021.

Abbey Barn Lane showing proposed length subject to this 50mph proposal



There are three injury collisions two slight and one serious on the length proposed that do not include the junctions with Heath End Road and Kingsmead Road High Wycombe.

The most northerly slight collision was a pedal cyclist travelling northbound downhill round a left hand bend and veered into the opposing carriageway hitting a car in the opposing carriageway that had stopped in anticipation of being hit.

The second slight collision was a car travelling northbound too fast for the conditions downhill and travelling into the opposing lane hitting a car.

The last serious collision was a vehicle travelling NE too fast round a left hand bend colliding with a vehicle travelling in the opposing direction.

Addison Road Steeple Claydon Bucks



Figure 1 Proposed extension of 30mph speed limit

There are no recorded collisions within the area proposed for the extension of the 30mph limit.

Mike Griffin Way Aylesbury proposed 50mph speed limit



There are no recorded injury collisions on this new road which currently shows no frontage development to date, the road will have been built within the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) for a 50mph speed limit.

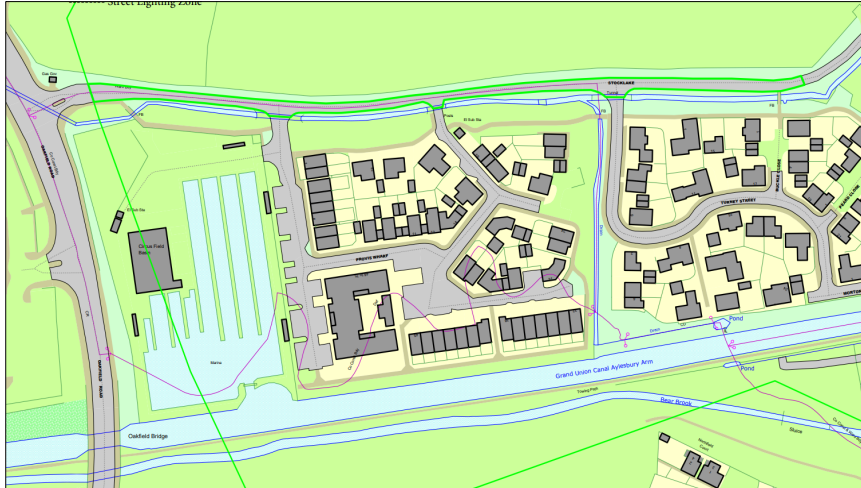
As with the other link road from the A41 to the A413 (Martin Dalby Way) an inspection was made by the mobile enforcement team leader to look at possible sites in case of speeding complaints in the future, this may be useful for these proposed sections of carriageway.

New Road Dinton proposed 30mph speed limit



There are no collisions recorded in the proposed section of carriageway which measures approximately 100ms, it is currently subject to a 50mph speed limit to tie in with the main A418 this length of speed limit would not sit within the current guidance.

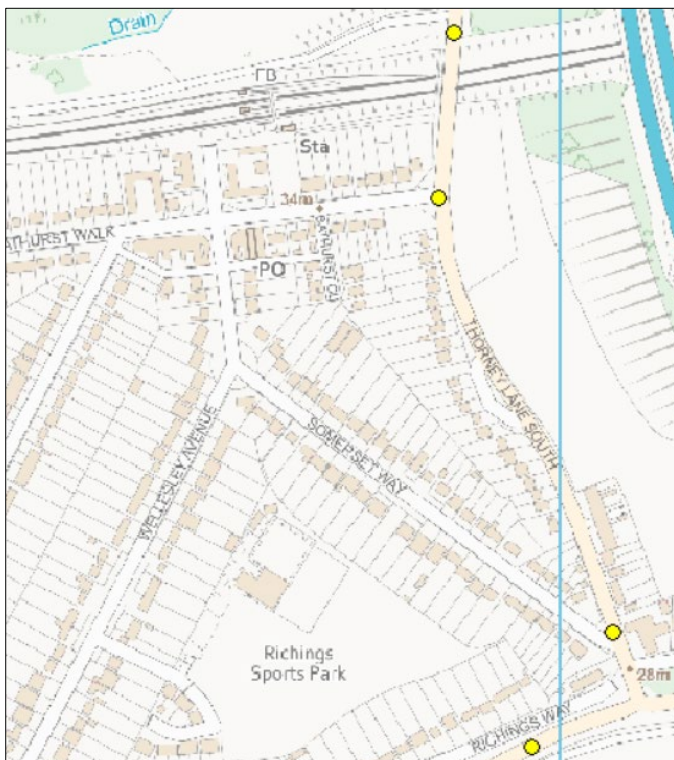
Stocklake Aylesbury proposed 30mph speed limit



There are no collisions recorded on the section of carriageway for which the proposal is made, there are remnants of a 30mph limit by order as there is evidence on street view (July 2021 of a 30mph repeater) within the proposed limit which will need to be removed.

The road is single track in its nature and speeds would be severely restricted as a result.

Thorney Lane South Iver



There have been three slight injury collisions within the length of carriageway proposed. The most northerly is where a vehicle two turned left out of the business park to travel north, it was then hit in the rear by vehicle two from behind which then failed to stop.

The second slight further south is where vehicle one turned right out of Bathurst Walk and was hit by vehicle two travelling north on thorny Lane.

The third collision was where vehicle one turned left out of Somerset Way to travel north on Thorney Lane and hit the wheels of a goods vehicle travelling south.

Investigation

In general terms speed limit changes would be subject to a speed limit assessment which at this time is carried out by Ian Butcher from the Network safety Team (NST), such an assessment would cover the following aspects related to these proposals;

- Reason for request
- Traffic data (vol/speeds)
- Road width (s)
- Road length (proposed for new limit)
- Collision history (severity/causes/types/frequency/rate per 100mvkm)
- 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 roadside development and possible impacts on residents (e.g. severance, noise, or air quality).
- Drivers' impression of road/speed limit
- Dft Circular 01/2013 compliance

Having reviewed this information and having done a site visit with Ian, an informed decision can then be made on whether the speed limit proposal is appropriate.

Out of the assessment criteria the speed data plays a major part in the decision making, if the mean speed is above the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) guidance of 10% + 2mph

over the limit then either further calming measures should be introduced or it questions the proposal itself.

I have visited the sites proposed during the last 12 months and in particular Mike Griffin Way today which is signed at 50mph, this would seem to be appropriate and in line with the previously mentioned link road Martin Dalby Way.

Going forward, I would hope that Buckinghamshire Council (BC) will be able to provide more comprehensive data for any further speed limit proposals and seek informally my views on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police prior to statutory consultation so that an informed response can be made.

Summary

The proposed limits for;

- Abbey Barn Lane (40mph)
- Addison Road Steeple Claydon (30mph)
- Mike Griffin Way Aylesbury (50mph)
- New Road Dinton (30mph)
- Stocklake Road Aylesbury (30)
- Thorney Lane South Iver (30)

Would all seem to be appropriate for the limits proposed.

Whilst no speed data is available at this time it would be requested in the first instance if a complaint of excess speed was made.

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 do not object to these proposals. Also making note of the comments made within the report in relation to complaints of excess speed.

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