



## Report to Leader (Transport portfolio)

<b>Decision Date:</b>	29 July 2022
<b>Reference number:</b>	TR21.22
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Tingewick Road Area of Buckingham</b>
<b>Cabinet Member(s):</b>	Councillor Steve Broadbent
<b>Contact officer:</b>	Ryan Osama, Parking Operations Manager Ian.Thomas@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	Buckingham West;
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p><b>A. That the leader approves the making of the following order to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph on Tingewick Road and Ring Road (in the areas outlined in a statutory consultation). This is in line with Police and Network Safety team recommendations, which are in line with the national government guidance issued by the Department for Transport.</b></p> <p><b>B. That the reduction to 40mph is supplemented with the following additional; measures to encourage driver adherence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Centre hatching</li><li>- 40mph roundels</li><li>- Gateway style features (subject to site survey and feasibility)</li><li>- Refresh the existing road lines</li></ul> <p><b>C. That the respondents to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the decision.</b></p>

**Reason for decision:**

Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for the highway network within its boundary, which includes the provision and management of Road Safety in relation to speed restrictions:

- for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, or
- for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or
- for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

It is noted and acknowledged that there is strong support locally for a 30mph speed limit, but that this is not appropriate based on national guidance and the data collated by the Network Safety team from the location.

**1. Executive summary**

- 1.1 Transport for Buckinghamshire was commissioned to undertake statutory consultation on this site in relation to recommendations made in planning conditions.
- 1.2 The project scope is to deliver approved recommendations in line with Section 84 of the Road Traffic Act 1984.
- 1.3 This Key Decision Report relates to the subsequent formal Statutory Consultation and makes recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Transport.

**2. Content of report**

- 2.1 Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for the highway network within its boundary; this includes the provision and management of speed, movement, and static restrictions on the highway and in council-run car parks.
- 2.2 Formal public consultation was undertaken from 19<sup>th</sup> October to the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- 2.3 In the planning consent obtained for a nearby housing development it was proposed that the speed limit be reviewed and reduced where appropriate.

### **3. Other options considered**

- 3.1 Not proceeding may result in vehicles travelling along the highway at inappropriate speeds.
- 3.2 To partially proceed may result in vehicles travelling along some sections of the highway at inappropriate speeds.

### **4. Legal and financial implications**

- 4.1 Section 122 of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire Council to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), on its highways.
- 4.2 Regulation 14 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 state that an order making authority may modify an order – whether in receipt of any objections or otherwise – before it is then made.
- 4.3 When the decision is taken and recommendations agreed, the Traffic Regulation Order will be made. The responders to the consultation and persons likely to be affected will be informed of the decision made.
- 4.4 In accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, the TRO will then be made and publicised by Buckinghamshire Council.
- 4.5 If approved, this key decision will be the authority for Legal Services to 'make' the TRO and advertise the Notice of Making in the local press in accordance with the Procedure Regulations.
- 4.6 There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendation.

### **5. Corporate implications**

- 5.1 No property implications have been identified.
- 5.2 Equality and Diversity Issues – Equality Act 2010. This proposal will not have any disproportionate effect on people with protected characteristics.
- 5.3 The making of the order is funded by funds provided through Planning Consent condition funding.



## 6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 6.1 These measures were advertised and promoted locally through a Statutory Consultation process carried out between Wednesday the 19th October 2021 and Monday the 8th November 2021 in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (“the TRO Regulations”) Communication, engagement & further consultation copies of the Statutory Consultation Documents can be found in the Appendices below.
- 6.2 The Police, Fire and Rescue Service and Ambulance Service were made aware of the consultation. The Police have responded in the form of a detailed report supporting a reduction in the speed limited on both Tingewick Road and Buckingham Ring road in Buckingham to 40 mph, in addition, the authority’s Network Safety Team have undertaken a speed survey and submitted a report detailing a reduction in the speed limit in this location to 40 mph. Both reports are appended to this report.
- 6.3 Details of the proposed scheme were placed on the authority’s website (detailing the restriction and locations affected and how they could obtain more information and provide feedback. The draft notice was also advertised in various local papers covering the county.
- 6.4 A summary of the comments made by ward councillors are:

### **Councillor Caroline Cornell**

**Tingewick Road, Buckingham** – This is a narrow road that comes off the Buckingham Ring Road down a hill with a child’s day nursery and three housing estates egressing on to it. There are children trying to cross this road morning and evening, often in rush hours, and walk along a narrow pavement together with other pedestrians either walking into Buckingham or back from Buckingham. There is precious little street lighting and presumably where this is will be 30mph. This road leads directly into the 30mph for the town itself so really not too much problem to extend the town boundary 30mph limit zone for the sake of safety especially as this road and developments now are part of Buckingham Town itself. There are no pedestrian-friendly crossings on this road and visibility coming in and out of all the estates is poor. Added to this the road surface, at the moment is appalling with ruts, dips and mud and dust, which will continue for many months to come.

### **Councillor Patrick Fealey**

**Tingewick Road, Buckingham** – I’m totally opposed to the proposal for 40 MPH on this road, there is a number of new housing estates in addition to a children’s nursery on this section of road as it enters Buckingham.

### **Councillor Robin Stuchbury**

**Tingewick Road, Buckingham** – I'm in completely supporting 30mph on the Tingewick Road, having historically been suggesting this since 2014/15 and supporting the Buckingham neighbourhood again which aspirations for the same to have 30 limit voted for through referendum by the Buckingham residence in support of the town councils Buckingham neighbourhood development plan and believe the proposal for 40mph isn't workable and will not suffice to resolve historical aspirations. The residents who have moved into development presently, I'm believing I've corresponded previously expressing my personal preference which is in line with my ward councillor colleagues to establish a 30 mile an hour limit on the Tingewick Road. Not a 40 limit as suggested.

### **Councillor Warren Whyte**

**Tingewick Road, Buckingham** – there is a loud call from residents, councillors, and the town council for Tingewick Road to be reduced to a 30mph limit, as is the case for EVERY other residential road within the bypass limits of the town. The Community Board also supported this proposed speed limit change.

6.5 From the formal consultation with Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB), all Ward councilors and respondents agreed to a speed reduction in the current speed limit, but not everybody agrees on what it should be reduced to.

6.6 A table summarising the public responses is outlined below:

Total Feedback	Objections	Full Support
32	3	29

A summary of the comments submitted by the public are: -

#### **Buckingham Ring Road, Buckingham**

A member of the public commented that "The speed limit for Buckingham ring road should be 40mph all the way from the Radclive Road roundabout to the Gawcott Road roundabout where the 40mph limit currently starts."

#### **Tingewick Road, Buckingham**

A member of the public commented that "There is no need to reduce the speed traffic moves at on this stretch of road, the road layout itself dictates a safe speed and there are not many pedestrians using this area, there are also adequate footpaths for any pedestrians that have ample room to allow safe passage."

*And the third comment was “There are no other sections of 30 on the Buckingham bypass and this will just cause confusion of varying the existing 60-40-50 limits that already are in place along the A421. If a reduction from the current 60 at this location is recommended, the extending the existing 40 (east) or 50 zone (west) would make more sense to ensure consistency.”*

## **7. Communication, engagement & further consultation**

7.1 All statutory 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 Council’s web page.

## **8. Next steps and review**

8.1 If these recommendations are accepted, Buckinghamshire Council will make the amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order covering the location outlined in this report. The council will review the restrictions in relation to complaints.

## **9. Background papers**

9.1 Appendix 1 – Speed Map Tiles.

9.2 Appendix 2 – Consultation details.

9.3 Appendix 3 – Public Consultation Report.

9.4 Appendix 4 – Safety Team Report.

9.5 Appendix 5 – Police Report Tingewick Road Buckinghamshire.

## **10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)**

**11.** If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email [democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).