



Officer Decision Report

Title:	Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton – Proposed 30mph Speed Limit
Cabinet Member(s):	Transport - Cllr Steve Broadbent
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Ward(s) affected:	Aston Clinton and Berton (Cllr Bill Chapple Cllr Michael Collins Cllr Julie Ward)
Decision:	Approval to advertise a permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the provision of proposing a 30 mph speed limit on Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton and Statutory Consultation as set out in this report.
Reason for decision:	The proposed 30mph speed limit to be implemented on Stablebridge Road – from its junction with London Road to a point approximately 80 metres south of the Wellonhead bridge [a distance of circa 401 metres] has been requested by the Parish Council to reduce vehicle speeds and enable a safer environment for pedestrians / the general public.

1. Background

- 1.1 There has been a request for safety measures to be implemented at a specific vicinity of Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton. The proposal in this Statutory Consultation, supported by Buckinghamshire local ward Members, is to introduce 30mph speed limit on Stablebridge Road to address road safety issues. Currently, Stablebridge Road is subject to a 40mph speed limit.
- 1.2 Speed assessment conducted between 6th January 2022 and 12th January 2022 confirms that the majority of its road users are those in motorised vehicles. There is a housing development opposite Green Park, with pedestrian footway located adjacent to the development.

1.3 A consultation exercise is required to implement to ensure the locals support the proposals and make the Traffic Regulation Order.

2. Authority to take this decision

2.1 The council scheme of delegation is contained within the Council's constitution.

3. Other options considered

3.1 Any other options considered would also involve a Statutory Consultation process. Reducing the speed limit is the only realistic approach to significantly improve road safety along this route.

3.2 Other traffic calming measures suitable for a 40mph limit would be unlikely to provide significant benefit.

4. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

4.1 All local members have confirmed their support for the proposals.

4.2 Aston Clinton Parish Council have confirmed their support for the proposals.

4.3 The scheme has been supported through the Wendover Community Board.

5. Feedback from Consultation

5.1 No consultation has yet taken place to date for these proposals.

5.2 This section of road was reviewed as part of the County Wide Speed Limit Review as part of Area 7, when the speed limit was reduced from the then National Speed Limit to the current 40mph Speed limit on 5th February 2007. The only change there has been since 2007 along this section of road is the new development of housing located off Flora Avenue.

5.3 Whilst this road does not fully meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit, the speeds are within the guidance and therefore Thames Valley Police [TVP] have no objection to this proposal.

6. Financial and Legal Implications

6.1 The scheme is fully funded by Wendover Community Board. There are no financial implications for Buckinghamshire Council.

6.2 Following the approval of this Officer Decision Report, Transport for Buckinghamshire will undertake a formal statutory consultation for the implementation of a 30mph speed limit on Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton.

6.3 Following statutory consultation, all representations made will be considered before any decision is taken whether to implement the proposals. All correspondents to the

consultation and persons likely to be affected by the proposals will be informed of the decision made.

7. Other

7.1 Statement of reason

Under Section 1(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the specified reasons for considering this change are: -

- a) For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or for preventing the likelihood of such danger arising.*
- b) For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.*

Reducing the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph will provide a safer route for pedestrians by reducing vehicle speeds.

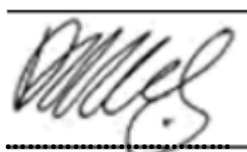
8. Your questions and review

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

9. Background papers

9.1 Appendix A – Draft Speed Limit Consultation Plan [refer to drawing number CB-RNGJ-XX-ZZ-M2-C-0002].

Approval Signature

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Dave Roberts

Head of Highways

Date Monday, 14 November 2022

