

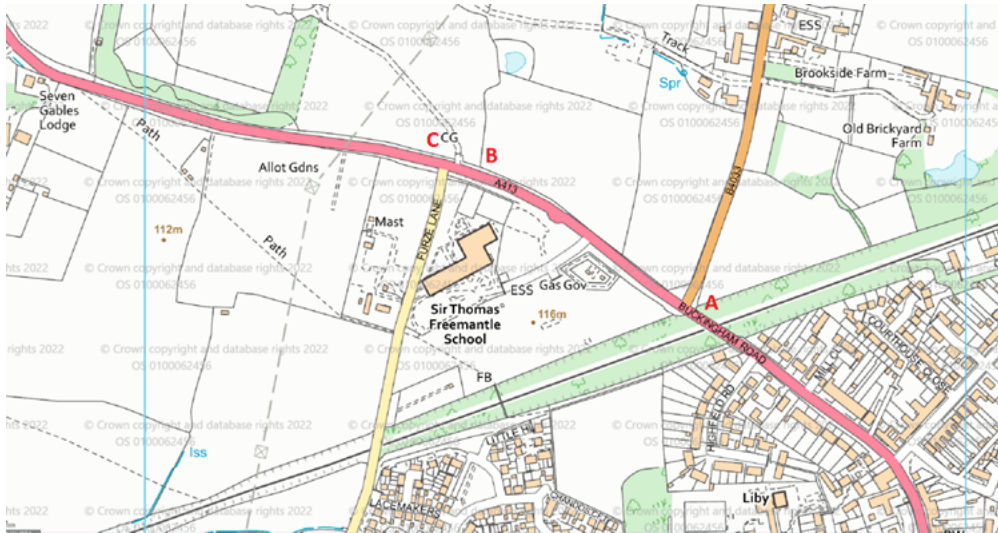


# Officer Decision Report

<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 February 2023</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>A413 Winslow 30mph Speed Limit Extension</b>
<b>Cabinet Member(s):</b>	Councillor Steve Broadbent
<b>Affected Councillors:</b>	Councillors' John Chilver, David Goss & Sir Beville Stanier
<b>Contact officer:</b>	John Pateman, Team Leader, Design Services
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>Winslow</b>
<b>Decisions:</b>	<b>a. To extend the 30mph speed limit on the A413 from outside Sir Thomas Freemantle School to the west side of the junction with Furze Lane</b> <b>b. That responders to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the decision.</b>
<b>Reason for decision:</b>	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. For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians). For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

## 1. Background

- 1.1 The 30mph speed limit on the northern side of Winslow originally terminated on the A413 near to its junction with Great Horwood Road. The speed limit was extended approximately 260metres northwest in 2017 following a new development accommodating Sir Thomas Freemantle School (see Figure 1.2 – point A to point B).
- 1.2 In 2018 the Development Management Team at the legacy Buckinghamshire County Council undertook a piece of work exploring the possibility of extending the speed limit further to a point approximately 80metres northwest just beyond Furze Lane.



**Figure 1.2 – Map indicating original location of the extent of 30mph speed limit on A413 Buckingham Road (point A), the current position (point B) and the proposed position (point C)**

- 1.3 Thames Valley Police and the former Buckinghamshire County Council Network Safety Team supported this proposal because of the expected higher traffic flows in Furze Lane.
  - 1.4 Buckinghamshire Council ward members and Winslow Town Council indicated in November 2022 that they wish this amendment to be made as swiftly as possible.
  - 1.5 The Highways Customer Liaison Team is funding the approximate £2,000 for the legal order and £500 for the work to move the signs. There are no further financial implications on Buckinghamshire Council.
  - 1.6 A consultation took place between 16 December 2022 and 13 January 2023 online on the following webpage and via street notices:  
<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/a413-speed-limit-formal-consultation/>
  - 1.7 This report outlines the outcome of the consultation and the decision based on the feedback from residents, the Town Council and Buckinghamshire Council ward Members.
- 2. Authority to take this decision**
- 2.1 The relevant Council scheme of delegation is contained within the Council’s constitution.
- 3. Other options considered**
- 3.1 If the speed limit was not relocated this would not address the concerns of local people, school users/parents and councillors.

3.2 There is streetlighting present on A413 Winslow Road, and it would be necessary to identify additional funding for the illumination of the speed limit signs if they are to remain at the current location.

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

4.1 All Buckinghamshire local Ward Members have confirmed they are in favour of proceeding with the proposal to extend the 30mph speed limit beyond the junction with Furze Lane as indicated in Table 4.1.

Ward Member	Comments
Councillor David Goss	I am fully supportive.
Councillor Billy Stanier	Just to confirm, I am fully in support of this extension
Councillor John Chilver	As a local member I confirm that I fully support the extension of the 30mph limit on the A413 north of Winslow

Table 4.1 - Buckinghamshire Councillors' comments

4.2 The Town Council and Winslow Community Board has confirmed that they are in favour of the extension of the 30mph speed limit.

#### 5. Feedback from Consultation

5.1 There are four responses from the statutory consultation all in favour of the extension of the speed limit as outlined in Figure 5.1.

Respondent	Support?	Full response (redacted)
Resident 1	✓	Living at XXXXXXXXXX on Buckingham road, I find it very dangerous to cross the road safely when walking the dog to the allotments, catching the bus or turning into the property when driving due to the speed of vehicles coming around the bends. I would be happy to see the 30mph speed limit extended. I would also welcome a reduced speed limit further out to ensure the safety of dog walkers, allotment users, cycle path users and those in residence at XXXXXXXXXXXXX.
Resident 2	✓	I do agree with the extension of the 30 mph. However, an awful lot of drivers appear to ignore the current start of the 30 mph, especially between the railway bridge (near the Great Horwood

Respondent	Support?	Full response (redacted)
		road junction and Furze Lane) where the old 30mph limit ended. Perhaps “It’s 30 for a reason” signs would be a good idea and near Sir Thomas Freemantle School, perhaps, some “Caution School” signs too may be a welcome safety measure.
Resident 3	✓	However vehicles are not observing the current speed limits travelling in and out of Winslow. My wife and I frequently walk down this road as it is one of our daily litter picking routes. There are safety issues at three points the turning to Great Horwood, the turning into the School and soon to be Winslow Station and lastly Furze Lane. Extending the speed limit would have little or no impact on speeding vehicles. My solution to this problems would be to add a roundabout at each of the turnings which would slow the traffic and allow safer access to the A413. Because of the proximity of the three roundabouts it would slow the vehicles travelling into Winslow.
Resident 4	✓	Safer and quieter. Fully support!

**Table 5.1 - Feedback from the statutory consultation**

5.2 It is not legally possible to extend the speed limit proposal beyond that advertised in this consultation. A separate project and additional funding would first need to be identified.

5.3 Enforcement of speed limits are undertaken by Thames Valley Police. The police have been separately contacted to advise that there are concerns about the enforcement at this location. Further information about speed limits including a “Community Concern” scheme residents can get involved with is available on the council’s website at:-

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/road-safety/managing-speed/dealing-with-speeding/>

## **6. Corporate implications**

6.1 There are no equality concerns, and a full equality impact assessment has not been undertaken.

6.2 Following this decision it will be necessary to make the legal order and arrange for the speed limit signs to be moved to the existing posts on the A413 just west of the junction with Furze Lane.

6.3 A draft of the legal order, map tile and statement of reasons is attached in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

## **7. Your questions and review**

7.1 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.

## **8. Background papers**

8.1 None



Approval Signature .....

**Dave Roberts**

Head of Highways

Date 9 February 2023

