



## Report to Leader (Transport portfolio)

**Decision Date:** 17 July 2020

**Reference number:** TR04.20

**Title:** A418 Scotsgrove Hill / Aylesbury Road, C70 Thame Road & Mill Lane, Haddenham – Proposed 40 mph Speed Limit

**Relevant councillor(s):** Cllr Clive Harriss, Cllr Michael Rand, Cllr David Lyons, Cllr Brian Foster & Cllr Judy Brandis

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**Ward(s) affected:** Bernwood

### **Recommendations:**

#### **It is recommended that:**

- a. **The Cabinet Member authorises the making of the Traffic Regulation Order as set out in this report for the 'Scotsgrove' area of Haddenham, for a 40 mph speed limit scheme, as advertised during the Statutory Consultation process.**
- b. **That responders to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the Cabinet Member Decision**

### **Reason for decision:**

*Transport for Buckinghamshire was commissioned by the Local Area Forum and Haddenham Parish Council to undertake statutory consultation for a Proposed 40 mph speed limit on A418 Scotsgrove Hill / Aylesbury Road, C70 Thame Road & Mill Lane Haddenham.*

### **Content of report**

- 1 Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for the highway network within its boundary; this includes the provision, management of the proposed speed limits. Thames Valley Police are responsible for carrying out enforcement of speed limits.
- 2 The proposed 40 mph speed limit was advertised and promoted locally through a statutory consultation process carried out between 18th December 2019 and 24th

January 2020. In accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. The Police, Fire & Rescue and the Ambulance Services were included in the consultation.

## Other options considered

- 1 Keeping the existing speed limits as they are, this will not achieve the desired aim of reducing the speeds on these roads. The Scotsgrove area has a number of houses and accesses, along with frequent cyclists travelling to and from Haddenham & Thame Parkway train station. This speed limit reduction will help in reducing speeds for those using these facilities.
- 2 A 50 mph speed limit will not reduce the speed significantly to make it easier for those that live in the area of Scotsgrove, & those that enter / exit from the C70 Thame Road onto the A418 Scotsgrove Hill / Aylesbury Road.
- 3 The 40 mph speed limit reduction on Mill Lane has been proposed as this road does not meet the criteria for a lower speed limit. This is a reduction from its existing National Speed Limit.

## Legal and financial implications

- 1 Section 122 of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 places a duty on Buckinghamshire Council as the Traffic Authority to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians).
- 2 When the decision is taken and recommendations agreed, the respondees to the consultation and persons likely to be affected will be informed of the decision made and representations considered.

## Corporate implications

- Property

None identified.

- Equality

Equality Act 2010. This proposal will not have any disproportionate effect upon people with protected characteristics. The scheme will introduce a speed limit reduction to 40 mph speed limit on A418 Scotsgrove Hill / Aylesbury Road, C70 Thame Road & Mill Lane, Haddenham. This will encourage drivers to reduce their speeds and drive safety on these roads.

- Value for money

The sign installation work will be tendered and carried out by an approved sub-contractor on behalf of Transport for Buckinghamshire.

Road markings will be tendered and carried out by an approved sub-contractor working on behalf of Transport for Buckinghamshire.

## Consultation and communication

- 1 A period of statutory consultation was undertaken between 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- 2 We invited comments from the new ward members for the Bernwood area after Buckinghamshire Council was formed – they were invited to give comments between 6<sup>th</sup> May and 13<sup>th</sup> May. The ward members that returned comments are included below with the Key Stakeholders.
- 3 The full written responses to the statutory consultation are contained in Appendix A, these have been reviewed and considered against the Statement of Reasons.  
In total 126 people responded to the Statutory Consultation for the proposed 40 mph speed limit.
  - 77 (61%) Supported the introduction of a 40 mph speed limit
  - 2 (2%) Partially support the proposal along with some comments regarding Mill Lane
  - 47 (37%) Objected to the proposals.

- 4 The responses of the Key Stakeholders are recorded below:

**Councillor Clive Harriss responded to say:** *I am pleased that the proposed speed limit changes in Haddenham are generally supported by the residents. I support the implementation of these speed limit changes, which should provide a safer environment for the residents of Haddenham.*

**Councillor Judy Brandis -** *Good to see these speed limits will be implemented. The A418 is a fast road and is one of three roads in Bucks that are well known for deaths/accidents.*

**Councillor Michael Rand –** *had no additional comments for the proposal*

**Thames Valley Police:** *has no objection to these proposals.*

**Haddenham Parish Council stated:** *“Many residents have raised concerns with Haddenham Parish Council about the speed of vehicles at Scotsgrove. For several years the Parish Council has been working with Buckinghamshire County Council to implement the speed limit changes proposed in this consultation, it is therefore pleased to support the following speed limit changes: A418 Scotsgrove change to 40 mph.”*

## Communication:

All 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 Buckinghamshire Council web page.

## Next steps and review

- 1 Following a decision on this report, the implementation of the scheme will be in Summer 2020.
- 2 No additional reviews are planned on this road.

## Background papers

None

## Appendices to the Report

**Appendix A:** Summary of Objections & Feedback & Responses to Statutory Consultation

**Appendix B:** Proposed 40 mph Speed Limit – LOC19020/A418/CON rev0

**Appendix C:** Statement of Reasons, Notices & Traffic Regulation Order

## Your questions and views (for key decisions)

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)