

Report subject	Christchurch Area Speed Limit Amendments (S101 2023)
Meeting date	7 February 2024
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>To consider the representations received following the advertisement of the Traffic Order and to approve the making and sealing of the Order.</p> <p>The proposals will enable the implementation of a new and reduced speed limits at the following locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Burley Road, Winkton – 40mph proposal. 2. A337 Lymington Road and Ringwood Road, Highcliffe and Walkford – Revocation of the existing 40mph speed limit to enable this section to become 30mph by way of existing street lighting.
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>Cabinet approve the Traffic Orders as advertised, to enable the order to be made, sealed and to implement the speed limits which are outlined in this report and appendices.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Burley Road, Winkton – 40mph as advertised. 2. A337 Lymington Road and Ringwood Road, Highcliffe and Walkford – Revocation of the existing 40mph speed limit as advertised to enable this section to become 30mph by way of existing street lighting.
Reason for recommendations	<p>The proposed speed limit changes have strong community support and were well received in the consultation process. They meet the needs of the Department for Transport 'Setting Local Speed Limits' advice for local authorities to consider the needs of communities locally.</p> <p>All road users will benefit from an increased level of road safety resulting from the reduction in speed limit. Lower traffic speeds are expected to make people feel safer when walking and cycling thereby encouraging people to do so.</p>

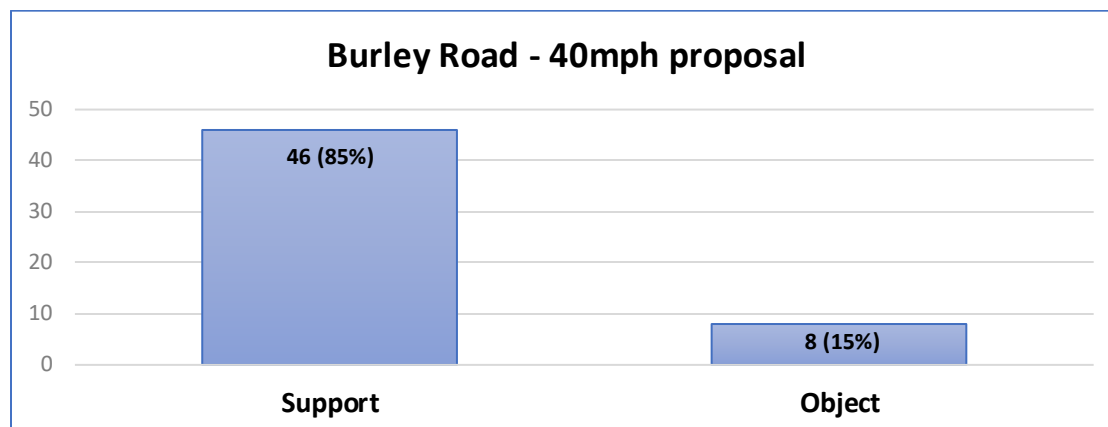
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Vikki Slade - Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic Places Councillor Millie Earl - Deputy Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Connected Communities Councillor Andy Hadley - Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy
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Wards	Burton & Grange; Highcliffe & Walkford;
Classification	For Decision

Background

Burley Road, Bockhampton, Winkton – 40mph Proposal

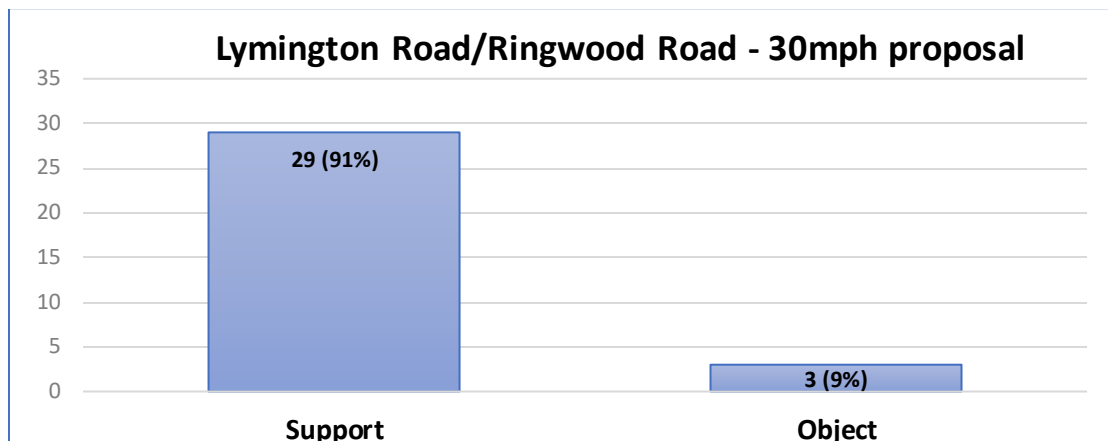
1. Representation was made by local residents and Burton & Winkton Parish Council to consider reducing the current National Speed Limit (NSL) of 60mph on a section of Burley Road in the hamlet of Bockhampton, east of The Lamb Inn to the Hampshire Boundary at Bransgore.
2. The existing NSL section is 1.3km in length and passes a number of properties and farm entrances. There are also no footways to provide safe walking, cycling and horse-riding routes.
3. The existing speed limit to the west in Winkton village is 30mph and to the east is 30mph in the village of Bransgore within the New Forest District Council and Hampshire County Council area.
4. Subsequent site investigations were carried out by the Traffic Team to ascertain its appropriateness for a reduced speed limit utilising 'Setting Local Speed Limit' guidance published by the Department for Transport in 2013.
5. Traffic and Speed surveys were carried out at a midway point for a 7-day period from 14 to 20 March 2022. This provided a 7-day average mean speed of 38.5mph (40.5mph westbound and 36.2mph eastbound). This is commensurate with installing a 40mph speed limit, therefore this was taken forward to consultation. The 40mph proposal also links in well locally with the current 40mph speed limit in the New Forest National Park under the jurisdiction of Hampshire County Council.
6. Consultation was carried out on the proposals by way of legal 21-day notice from 15 September 2023 to 6 October 2023. Notices were placed in the local Daily Echo as required, along with notices placed locally on site and notification to Ward Councillors, Parish Council and key consultees including Dorset Police.
7. The proposal is supported by Burton and Winkton Parish Council.

8. 54 representations were made during the notice period. This showed clear support for the proposals as summarised in Appendix 2 and results shown below:



A337 Lymington Road and Ringwood Road – 30mph proposal

9. Representation was made by local residents, ward councillors and Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council to consider reducing the current 40mph speed limit at the eastern end of the parish to 30mph due to the increased development and properties in the area and to bring it in line with the local urban area.
10. The existing 40mph speed limit covers the A337 Lymington Road east of Chewton Farm Road to the Hampshire Boundary (including Milestone Roundabout) and Ringwood Road to a point near Bracken Way. The entire section is street lit and therefore the proposal would involve revocation of the existing 40mph speed limit so that this section becomes 30mph by way of street lighting.
11. Subsequent site investigations were carried out by the Traffic Team to ascertain its appropriateness for a reduced speed limit utilising 'Setting Local Speed Limit' guidance published by the Department for Transport in 2013.
12. The nature of the roads has changed over the years with new properties and developments in recent years being constructed including The Glen, located on Ringwood Road north of the Chewton Farm Road junction. Concerns were raised by families that they felt vulnerable when walking young children to school.
13. Consultation was carried out on the proposals by way of legal 21-day notice from 15 September 2023 to 6 October 2023. Notices were placed in the local Daily Echo as required, along with notices placed locally on site and notification to Ward Councillors, Parish Council and key consultees including Dorset Police.
14. The proposal is supported by Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council.
15. 32 representations were made during the notice period. This showed clear support for the proposals as summarised in Appendix 2 and results shown below:



Options Appraisal

16. There are 2 Options:

- Make the Order and implement the speed limits as advertised (recommended option).
- Not to make the Order.

Summary of financial implications

17. The costs associated with the consultation of the Orders are estimated to be £2,500, with a scheme implementation cost of approx. £15,000 to include signs and lines funded from the Local Transport Plan Capital allocation for 2023/24

Summary of legal implications

18. The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended (RTRA) provides local authorities the power to make Traffic Orders. Consultation and notice provisions as identified in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 have been carried out as detailed above. In reaching a decision regard has been had to all relevant statutory provisions. They include, as appropriate, relevant requirements and duties as set out in s1 and s122 of the RTRA 1984 and s16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004

Summary of human resources implications

19. There are no known human resource implications.

Summary of sustainability impact

20. There are no identified sustainability impacts.

Summary of public health implications

21. There are no known public health implications.

Summary of equality implications

22. An EIA conversation/screening document has been completed.

23. In summary, the speed limit proposals will ensure that all road users will benefit from an increased level of road safety resulting from the reduction in speed limit. Lower

traffic speeds are expected to make people feel safer when walking, cycling and horseriding, thereby encouraging people to do so.

There is particular benefit to those of young age going to local schools, elderly using local facilities and those with mobility issues, more so in the case of the proposed Highcliffe 30mph, and in some extent to locals on Burley Road which although has no footway the reduced traffic speed speeds will make locals feel less vulnerable.

Summary of risk assessment

24. There are no known risk implications.

Background papers

There are no background papers.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – S101 Christchurch Speed Limit Amendments TRO Deposit Document

Appendix 2 – S101 Consultation Outcomes and Recommendations

Appendix 3 – S101 Christchurch Area Speed Limit EIA Screening Tool