

Equality Impact Assessment: Conversation Screening Tool

What is being reviewed?	Christchurch Speed limit Proposals S101 2023
What changes are being made?	Reduction in speed across two locations: 1) 40mph Proposal - Burley Road, Winton, 2) 30mph proposal – A337 Lymington Road & Ringwood Road, Highcliffe
Service Unit:	Transport & Sustainable Travel
Participants in the conversation:	Andrew Brown – Traffic Team Leader Matthew Carruthers – Senior Traffic Technician
Conversation date/s:	November 2023 & 28 th December 2023
Do you know your current or potential client base? Who are the key stakeholders?	All road users. Local community for the surrounding roads, especially those that might walk, cycle or horse ride, have mobility issues or travel to local schools. Organisations on the statutory consultation list for Traffic Orders including the emergency services – Police, Fire, Ambulances, Taxi associations/operators and DOTS Disability. Local bus companies.
Do different groups have different needs or experiences?	Burley Road is a rural road with no pavements and has active walkers, cyclists, and Horse riders. Lymington Road/Ringwood Roads is in an urban developed area and so the new restrictions will benefit those that live locally including families, the young walking and cycling to school, the elderly and those with mobility issues. It will also benefit all users both vehicular and pedestrian by slowing traffic.
Will this change affect any service users?	It affects all user by reducing the speed limit on both sections. Burley Roads' existing speed limit is a mix of 30mph and national speed limit. The proposals would reduce the national speed limit of 60mph to 40mph which is more in keeping with surrounding roads and area. Lymington Road/ Ringwood Road removes the existing 40mph to be in line with the national policy that street lit urban road are default 30 mph.
What are the benefits or positive impacts of the change on current or potential users?	Pedestrians of all ages will have improved accessibility. The potential users, local residents, have provided positive feedback.

What are the negative impacts of the change on current or potential users?	There are no known negative impacts.
Will the change affect employees?	Yes, some BCP Council colleagues will visit or live in the area.
Will the change affect the wider community?	Yes – both residents and visitors to the area, businesses, schools, as local travel affects all our community.
What mitigating actions are planned or already in place for those negatively affected by this change?	There are no known negative impacts.
Summary of Equality Implications:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>