

# Agenda Item IMD23

## INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REFERENCE IMD: IMD 2023/23

<b>TITLE</b>	Shinfield Area 30mph Speed limits  The Wokingham Borough (Parish of Shinfield) (Revocation and 30mph Speed Limit) (Basingstoke Road, Tabby Drive, Church Lane, Hyde End Lane, Hyde End Road and Beech Hill Road, Wokingham) Order 2023
<b>DECISION TO BE MADE BY</b>	Executive Member for Active Travel, Transport and Highways - Paul Fishwick
<b>DATE, MEETING ROOM and TIME</b>	31 October 2023 LGF 4, Shute End. 12.00noon
<b>WARD</b>	Shinfield South; Swallowfield Ward
<b>DIRECTOR / KEY OFFICER</b>	Director, Place and Growth - Giorgio Framaliccio

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT (Inc Strategic Outcomes)**

To report the results of the statutory consultation for the above-named Traffic Regulation Order, which seeks to introduce a 30mph speed limit by virtue of street lighting except for Hyde End Road, where repeater 30mph signs will be installed and to revoke part of the following orders:

Wokingham District Council (Back Lane, B3349 Basingstoke Road, Beech Hill Road and Lambs Lane, Shinfield and Swallowfield) (30 and 40 MPH Speed Limits) Order 2005 (no.18)

The Wokingham Borough Council (Hyde End Lane, Ryeish Lane and Croft Road, Spencers Wood)(Oneway Traffic, 30 MPH and 40 MPH Speed Limit)Order 2010

The Wokingham Borough Council (Hyde End Lane, Ryeish Lane and Croft Road, Spencers Wood)(Oneway Traffic, 30 MPH and 40 MPH Speed Limit)Order 2010

Royal County of Berkshire (Hyde End Road, Shinfield) (40 MPH Speed Limit) Order 1995 and to seek the decision of the Executive Member for Active Travel, Highways & Transport.

The proposals are required to improve road user safety and improve traffic management to the benefit of all road users.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Executive Member for Active Travel, Highways and Transport:

- 1) Considers the correspondence received for the proposal and note no objections have been received.

- 2) Agrees to proceed with the making of the proposed Order in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities Traffic Order Procedures 1996; and
- 3) Instructs the Assistant Director for Highways & Transport to inform those who have responded to the consultation accordingly.

### **SUMMARY OF REPORT**

This report considers all comments and correspondence that have been received on the proposal to reduce the speed limit of Church Lane, Basingstoke Road, Hyde End Lane, Hyde End Road, Tabby Drive and Beech Hill Road, from 40mph to 30mph as advertised through the Order. A total of 3 responses were received, all expressed support for the proposals.

Having considered all the correspondence received, it is proposed that the scheme will be implemented and that relevant notices are now advertised in accordance with the Local Authority Traffic Order making procedures.

## Background

Proposals to reduce the speed limit for Shinfield Area from 40mph to 30mph was originally investigated in 2019/2020 fiscal year. At that time the proposal was not supported by the police due to lack of physical measures to encourage drivers to reduce their speeds. However, following further consultation with the developer, it was agreed that additional traffic calming measures would be implemented by the developer. Note that the proposed traffic calming measures are not part of this decision and will not be implemented by Wokingham Borough Council as part of these changes.

Further consultation was carried out with the police in 2022 and the revised traffic calming measures proposed by the developer were discussed. The police have indicated that they have no objection to the reduction of the speed limit. Additional consultation was conducted with local ward members and Shinfield Parish Council, who were supportive of the proposed speed limit changes and it was subsequently taken forward to consultation with the wider community.

## Response to TRO Consultation

The proposal to reduce speeds limits has now been taken through to formal consultation. The statutory objection period started on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and ended on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023. A total of 3 responses were received, all expressed support for the scheme.

All responses can be seen in appendix A.

## Recommendation & Conclusion

It is recommended to proceed with the reduction of the speed limit on Basingstoke Road, Tabby Drive, Church Lane, Hyde End Lane, Hyde End Road and Beech Hill Road and that **The Wokingham Borough (Parish of Shinfield) (Revocation and 30mph Speed Limit) (Basingstoke Road, Tabby Drive, Church Lane, Hyde End Lane, Hyde End Road and Beech Hill Road, Wokingham) Order 2023** be approved be approved for signing and sealing with subsequent implementation of the change in speed limit.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

***The Council faces unprecedented financial pressures as a result of; the longer term impact of the COVID-19 crisis, Brexit, the war in Ukraine and the general economic climate of rising prices and the increasing cost of debt. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are optimised and are focused on the vulnerable and on its highest priorities.***

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£1000	YES	Revenue
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	NIL	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	NIL	N/A	N/A

### Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

Costs incurred will be in relation to changing the signing.

**Cross-Council Implications** (how does this decision impact on other Council services, including property and priorities?)

Speed and traffic management across the Borough in response to resident and business needs contributes towards the Council's statutory duties for road safety management and ensures that the statutory requirements of the Road Traffic Act 1988, Highways Act 1980 and Traffic Management Act 2000 are met, whilst also contributing towards responsible asset, transportation and mobility management.

**Public Sector Equality Duty**

Please confirm that due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty has been taken and if an equalities assessment has been completed or explain why an equalities assessment is not required.

No impact or disproportionate impact has been identified.

**SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

<b>Director – Resources and Assets</b>	No comment
<b>Monitoring Officer</b>	No comment
<b>Leader of the Council</b>	No comment

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**Town and Parish Councils**

Shinfield Parish Council	No comment
Swallowfield Parish Council	No comment

**Local Ward Members**

Jackie Rance	No comment
Catherine Glover	No comment
Chris Johnson	No comment
Stuart Munro	No comment

**Reasons for considering the report in Part 2**

N/A

**List of Background Papers**

None

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Appendix A – Responses.

<b>OBJECTION, SUPPORT or COMMENT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>OFFICERS COMMENT</b>
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Yes, I can confirm that the attached map is as I thought and there will be no objections to the proposed changes from TVP.	Comments Noted
<b>SUPPORT/ COMMENT</b>	<p>Shinfield Parish Council supports the above TRO.</p> <p>However, as we have stated in previous correspondence to Wokingham Borough Council, we feel that the 30mph speed limit zone on Hyde End Road should be extended eastwards to join up with the 30mph in Shinfield. The 40mph this TRO would create is only approximately 600m long and includes a very tight bend ill suited to large vehicles.</p> <p>We have also separately proposed that the 30mph speed limit on Church Lane should be maintained all the way to the junction with Hollow Lane.</p>	<p>Thames Valley Police do not currently support extending the 30mph past the Garden Centre to Appleton Way.</p> <p>However we will continue to discuss both Hyde End Road and Church Lane with the police</p>
<b>SUPPORT/ COMMENT</b>	<p>I write in support of the proposal to introduce a 30 mile an hour speed limit along the Basingstoke Road and Hyde End Road in Spencers Wood. This is long overdue and will be widely welcomed locally.</p> <p>However, I do not believe that the order is perfect. I would draw your attention to the short section of Hyde End Road to which the order does not apply. For drivers proceeding eastwards, the end of the 30 MPH zone is an invitation to accelerate into a blind corner. One anticipates accidents. For drivers proceeding westwards towards Basingstoke Road, they will come out of the same corner at speed and quickly see an instruction to cut their speed as a new speed restriction comes into view. This alone introduces a new danger into the road. I think the corner itself is sufficient to justify a 30 MPH limit. It is my recommendation that the restriction should continue along the whole length of Hyde End Road.</p>	<p>Thames Valley Police do not currently support extending the 30mph past the Garden Centre to Appleton Way.</p> <p>However we will continue to discuss this with the police.</p>

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