

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT - 24 APRIL 2014**

### **DRAYTON & MILTON PARISHES – PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT ON MILTON ROAD**

**Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy  
(Commercial)**

#### **Introduction**

1. This report presents objections received in the course of a statutory consultation on a proposal to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the Milton Road between its junction with the B4016 Drayton to Sutton Courtenay Road and Milton village (a length of approximately 1.6km) in place of the national speed limit – a plan showing the proposal is shown at Annex 1.

#### **Background**

2. The proposal arises from a request from Councillor Richard Webber (the local member) with the support of the adjacent parish councils in response to local concerns over road safety.

#### **Consultation**

3. Consultation on the proposal was carried out between 14 February and 14 March 2014. Two objections were received; one from Thames Valley Police (Annex 2) and one from a member of the public.
4. The objection by Thames Valley Police is on the grounds that a 40 mph limit without supporting measures would likely not be well respected leading to on-going demands for enforcement.
5. The objection by the member of the public was on the grounds that careful drivers will adopt a speed appropriate to the road conditions and that a lower speed limit would not influence careless or reckless drivers.
6. Copies of the objections are on deposit in the Members' Resource Centre.

#### **Response to objections**

7. Department for Transport guidelines on setting speed limits recognise that on roads with a level of road side development lower than would merit a 30mph limit but where there are nevertheless fairly frequent property accesses, as is the case here, a 40mph may be appropriate.

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8. A speed survey carried out in 2011 showed average and 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds of 42mph and 50mph (northbound) and 42mph and 46mph (southbound) respectively. The introduction of a 40mph limit in place of the national speed limit could be expected to reduce average speeds by approximately 2mph.
9. The reported injury accident over the most recent 5-years shows 2 fatal, 1 serious and 4 slight injury accidents and in three of the incidents inappropriate speed was recorded as a possible factor. Monitoring of accidents following the introduction of a 40mph speed limit on similar roads has typically shown appreciable improvements in road safety.
10. Taking account of the local support and also that a reasonable degree of compliance could be expected without the need for additional measures, the officer recommendation is to approve this proposal.

### **How the Project supports LTP3 Objectives**

11. The proposal would help reduce the risk of accidents and improve road safety.

### **Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)**

12. The costs will be met from the Area Stewardship Fund and contributions from Drayton Parish Council, Milton Parish Council and the Milton Park Estate. Maintenance of the signs will be met from the highways maintenance budget.
13. The appraisal of the proposal and consultation has been undertaken by Environment & Economy officers as part of their normal duties.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

14. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the implementation of the proposal for a 40 mph speed limit on Milton Road in the parishes of Drayton and Milton as advertised.**

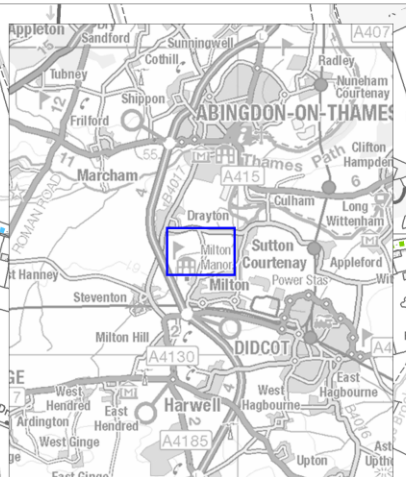
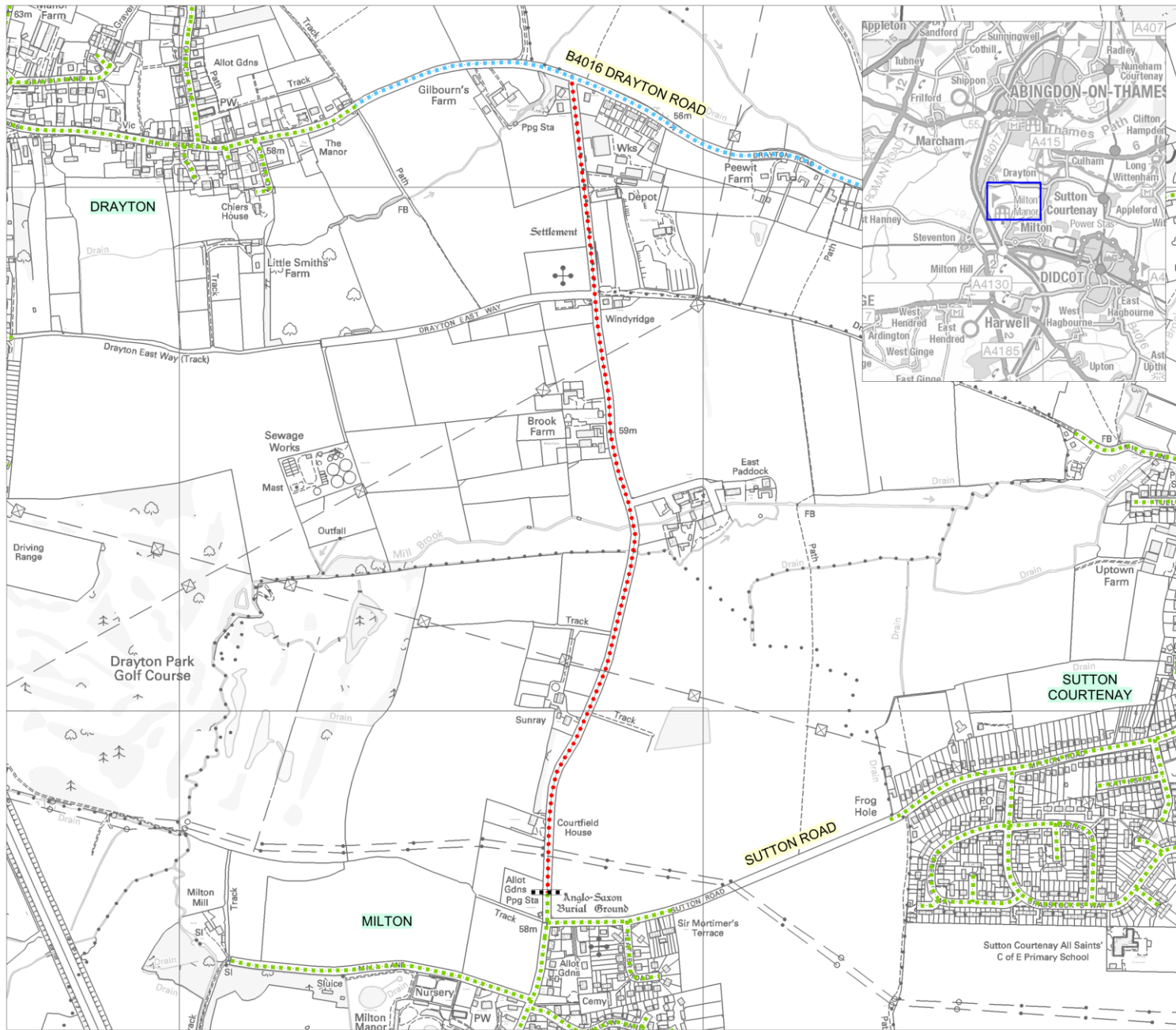
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Background papers: Consultation responses

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- - - - - Existing 30mph speed limit
- - - - - Existing 40mph speed limit
- - - - - Proposed 40mph speed limit in place of current National speed limit
- Speed limit terminal point signing change

Site Location

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