

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 31 MAY 2019**

### **CHIPPING NORTON: A361 BANBURY ROAD - PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT**

#### **Report by Director of Community Operations**

#### **Recommendation**

1. The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed reduction in speed limit to 40mph speed limit (from the current national speed limit) on the A361 Banbury Road leading north-eastwards out of Chipping Norton, as advertised.

#### **Executive summary**

2. Speed limits are reviewed when there are changes to the road layout due to development, when requested by local councils as a result of road safety concerns, and as part of the on-going monitoring of reports on road accidents. Proposed changes are assessed applying the County Council's Procedure for Speed Limits.

#### **Introduction**

3. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the A361 Banbury Road in Chipping Norton (in place of the current national speed limit) as a result of development of land adjacent to the road.

#### **Background**

4. The above proposal as shown at Annex 1 has been put forward due to the development of land adjacent.

#### **Consultation**

5. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 14 March and 12 April 2019. A public notice was placed in the Oxford Times & Banbury Guardian newspapers, and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, West Oxfordshire District Council, Chipping Norton Town Council and the local County Councillor.

6. Four responses were received. Two objections, one expression of support and one which did not object. The responses are recorded at Annex 2 with copies of the full responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

### **Response to objections and other comments**

7. The response of Thames Valley Police - while headed an objection – appears not to raise any concerns about this specific proposal but rather relates to other speed limit changes on the A361 between Banbury and Chipping Norton on which they did object.
8. One objection was however received from a member of the public on the grounds that measures other than speed limits – such as improved signing, road markings or street lighting – should be used to address road safety problems. While noting this objection, the proposed 40mph speed limit is judged to comply with national guidance on setting local speed limits taking account of the approved development.
9. A response was received from West Oxfordshire District Council expressing no objection to the proposal, and a response from a member of the public expressing support on the grounds of improved safety for cyclists and other non-motorised road users.

### **How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives**

10. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic.

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

11. Funding for the proposed measures has been provided by Culham parish Council and the Councillors Priority Fund.

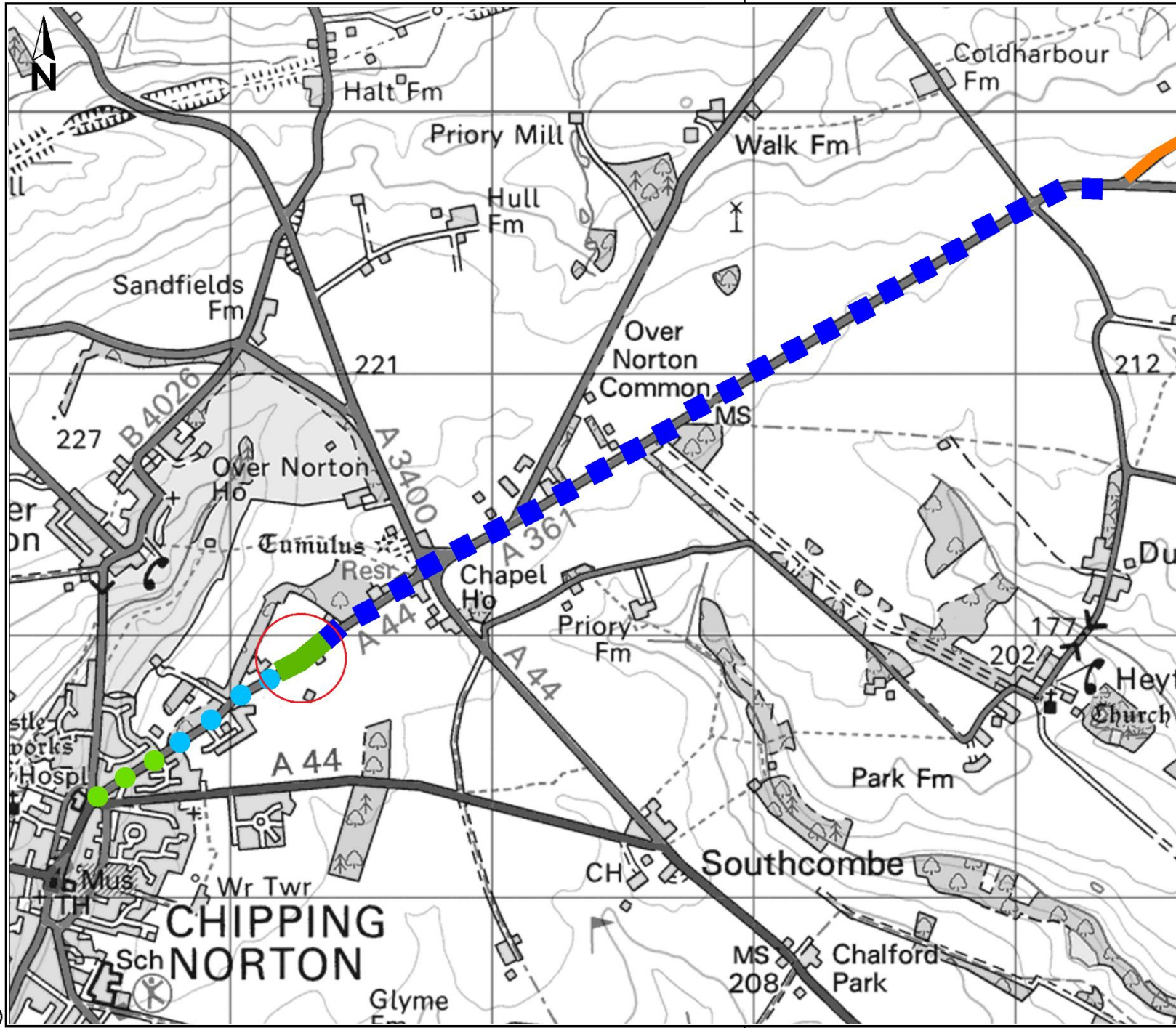
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Background papers:            Plan of proposed speed limit  
   Consultation responses

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- Key**
- Proposed 50mph Speed Limit in place of current 60mph National speed limit
  - Proposed 40mph Speed Limit in place of current 60mph National speed limit
  - Existing 60mph National speed limit
  - Existing 40mph speed limit
  - Existing 30mph speed limit

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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<p><b>Object</b> – no comment or observation on the section towards Chipping Norton where new access to development is underway near the town.</p> <p>Thames Valley Police welcome road safety interventions on this route but will object to the proposal in this form.</p>
(2) West Oxfordshire District Council	<p><b>No Objection</b></p>
(3) Local Resident, (Leafield)	<p><b>Object</b> – There is no significant need to reduce speed limits, if safety is a concern, improve road markings, signage and lighting.</p>
(4) Local Resident, (Banbury)	<p><b>Support</b> – These proposed speed limits are very important to better protect cyclists and other non-motorised road users.</p>