

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 11 JANUARY 2018

PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT A361 BLOXHAM ROAD BANBURY

Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery

Introduction

1. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation extending south westwards the 30mph speed limit on the A361 Bloxham Road by approximately 120 metres in place of the current 50 mph speed limit.

Background

2. The above proposal has been put forward to improve safety of all road users in the vicinity of a new roundabout serving residential development on the south side of the road. A plan showing the proposal is provided at Annex 1.

Consultation

3. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 16 November and 15 December 2017. A public notice was placed in the Banbury Guardian newspaper and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Banbury Town Council, Cherwell District Council and the local County Councillor.
4. Two responses were received. One objection from the local County Councillor for Bloxham & Easington on the grounds that the speed limit change had been implemented ahead of the consultation and a response from Thames Valley Police expressing no objection. These responses are summarised at Annex 2. Copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors.

Response to objection.

5. The objection from Cllr Mallon was on process grounds, as the signing of the extended speed limit had been put in place prior to the above consultation on the amendment to the speed limit order. It is fully accepted that the consultation should have been carried out ahead of the relocation of the speed limit signs and better liaison will be carried out within the relevant teams within the County Council to reduce the risk of similar issues arising. It should be noted that the provision of street lighting as part of the wider works in connection with the construction of the new roundabout introduced (by virtue of the street lighting) a 30mph speed limit, and in this respect the

amendment to the speed limit order does not affect the legality of the limit as currently signed.

6. The response of Thames Valley Police expressing no objection is noted

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

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

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

8. Funding for the extended speed limit has been provided by the developers of the adjacent residential development, whilst appraisal of the proposals and consultation has been undertaken by council officers as part of their normal duties.

RECOMMENDATION

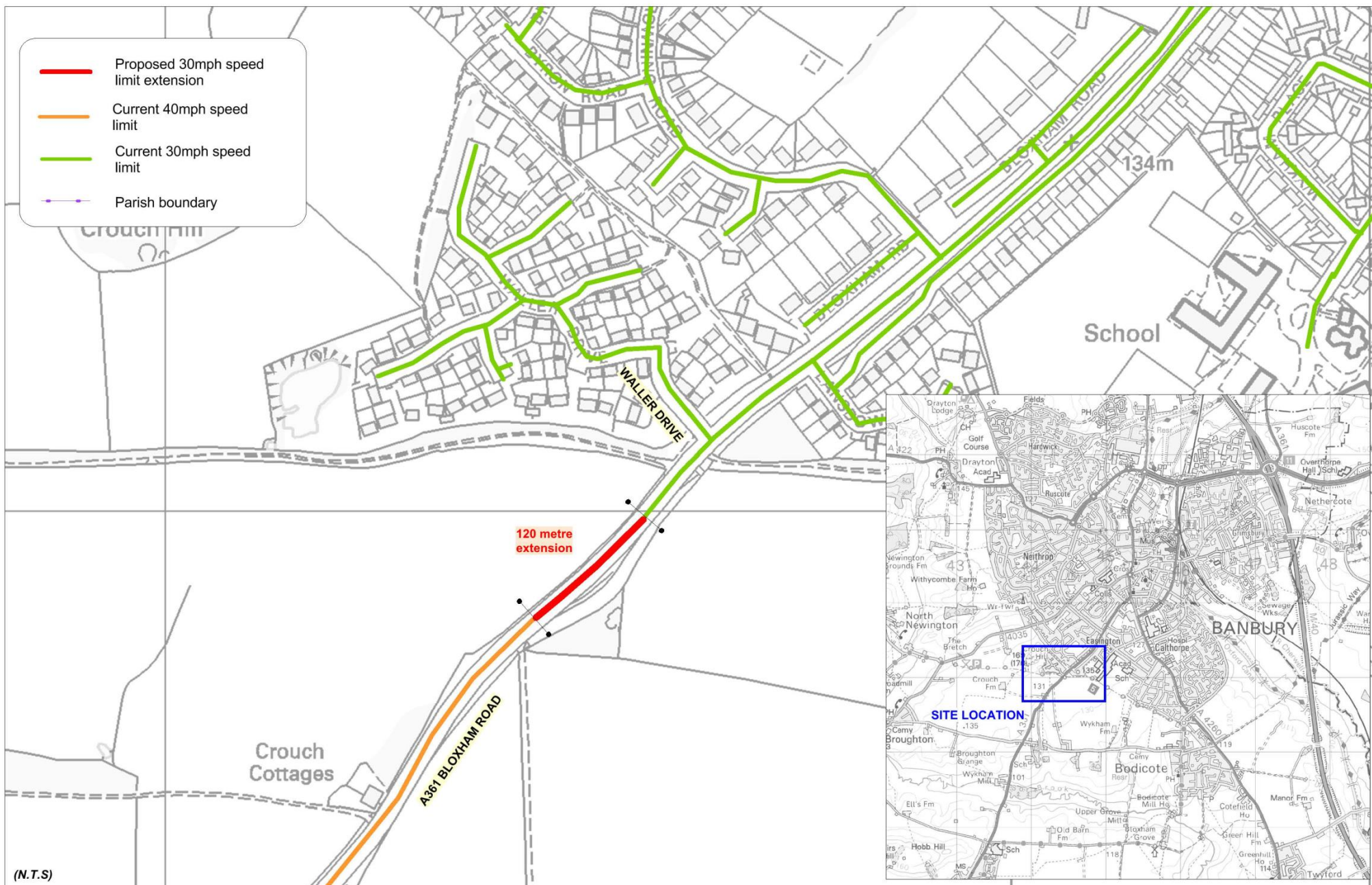
9. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposal to extend south westwards the 30mph speed limit on the A361 Bloxham Road by approximately 120 metres in place of the current 50 mph speed limit as advertised.**

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Background papers: Plan of proposed speed limit
 Consultation responses

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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection - Thames Valley Police have no objections.
(2) County Councillor Kieron Mallon, (Bloxham & Easington Division)	Object - I alongside everybody else was not informed or consulted before the physical works were implemented! Only now after the full works have been installed are we being consulted. I am therefore objecting to the implementation of this 30mph because of the lack of due process.