

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 16 JANUARY 2020

CHILTON - CHILTON FIELDS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT: PROPOSED 20MPH AND 30MPH SPEED LIMITS & WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Report by Interim Director for Community Operations

Recommendation

1. The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the introduction of 20mph and 30 mph speed limits and waiting restrictions at Chilton Fields and the access road to the A4185 as advertised.

Executive summary

2. Speed limits and waiting restrictions are reviewed when there are changes to the road layout or usage as a result of development, and when requested by the local member or local councils due to concerns over road safety.

Introduction

3. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 20mph and 30mph speed limit and waiting restrictions at Chilton Fields and the access road to the A4185.

Background

4. The above proposals as shown at Annexes 1 & 2 have been put forward because and as part of the Chilton Fields residential development and, if approved, funded by it.

Consultation

5. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 20 November and 20 December 2019. A public notice was placed in the Oxfordshire Herald series newspaper and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Chilton Parish Council, the Vale of the White Horse District Council and the local County Councillor. Street notices were placed on site and letters sent to approximately 115 properties in the immediate vicinity, adjacent to the proposals.
6. Seven responses were received as summarised in the table below:

Proposal	Support	Object	Neither/No opinion
20mph Speed Limit	4	2	1
30mph Speed Limit	6	0	1
Parking Restrictions	5	1	1

7. The responses are set out at Annex 3 with copies of the full responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

Response to objections and other comments

8. Thames Valley Police objected to the proposed 20mph speed limit as they do not consider that the zone as proposed would be self-enforcing in accordance with Department for Transport advice on 20mph speed limits and zones, taking account also the lack of speed surveys to inform their comments on this proposal. The police response did not, however, express an objection to the proposed 30mph speed limit or waiting restrictions, although it noted that the latter would be a low priority for enforcement given the high demands on police resources.
9. Noting the police objection – and that of a member of the public also objecting to the 20mph limit but giving no grounds - the layout of the roads within the development are considered to be suitable for a 20mph limit taking account of their layout.
10. One objection to the proposed waiting restrictions was received from a member of the public who was concerned as to where residents would park, noting that most properties only had one off-road parking place and that the development was poorly served by public transport.
11. In respect of the above objection waiting restrictions are only proposed in the vicinity of junctions so as to ensure that these are not obstructed by parked vehicles, thereby improving road safety and reducing delays for all road users.
12. Chilton Parish Council expressed support for all the proposals.
13. Expressions of support for all the proposals were also received from four local residents (one response, however, did not express a view on the proposed 20mph speed limit).

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

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

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

15. Funding for the proposed speed limit has been provided by the developers of the Chilton Fields residential development.

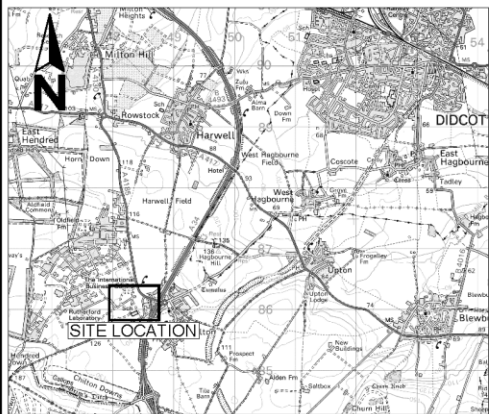
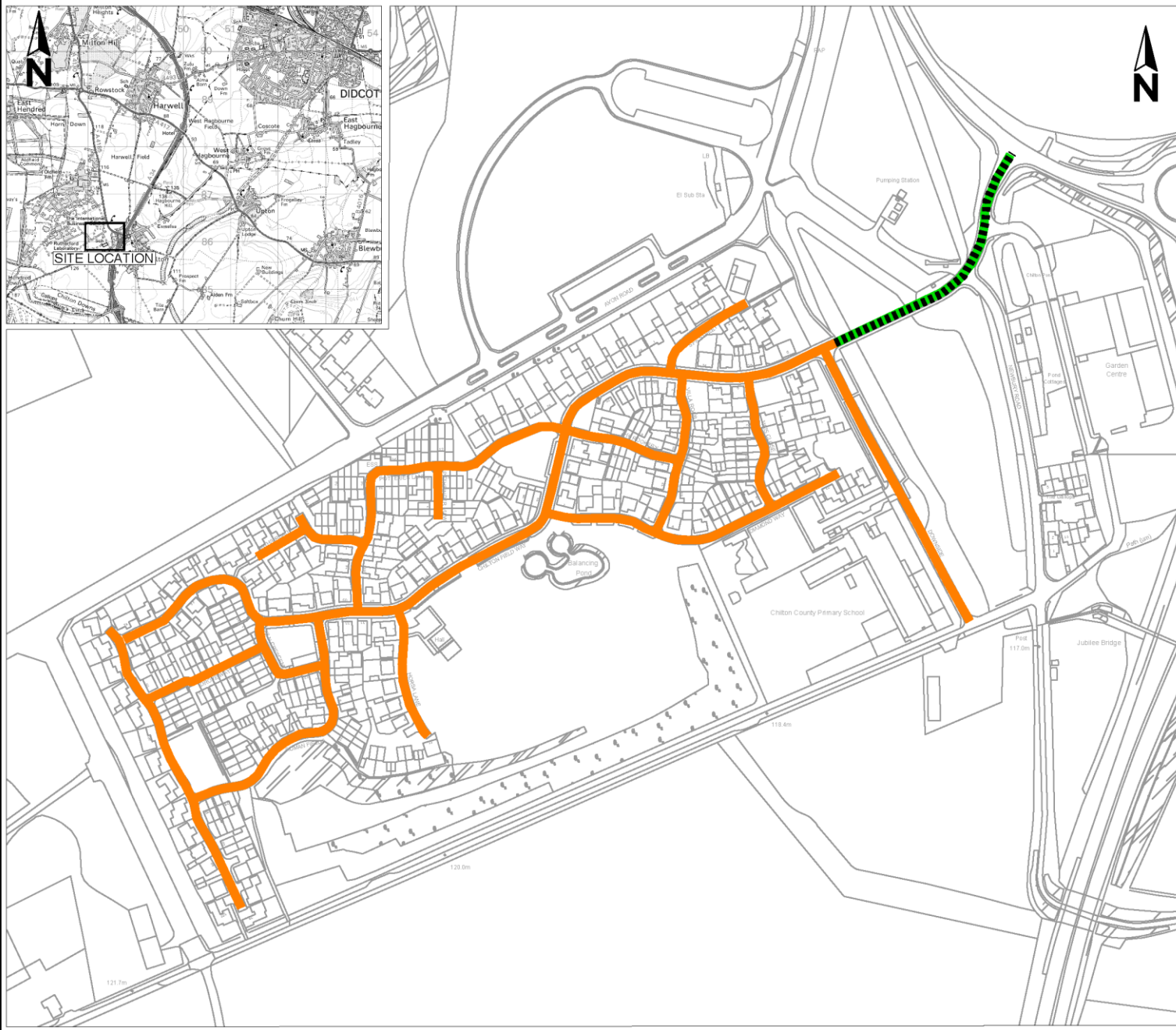
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Background papers: Plan of proposed waiting restrictions
 Consultation responses


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 Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double yellow lines)

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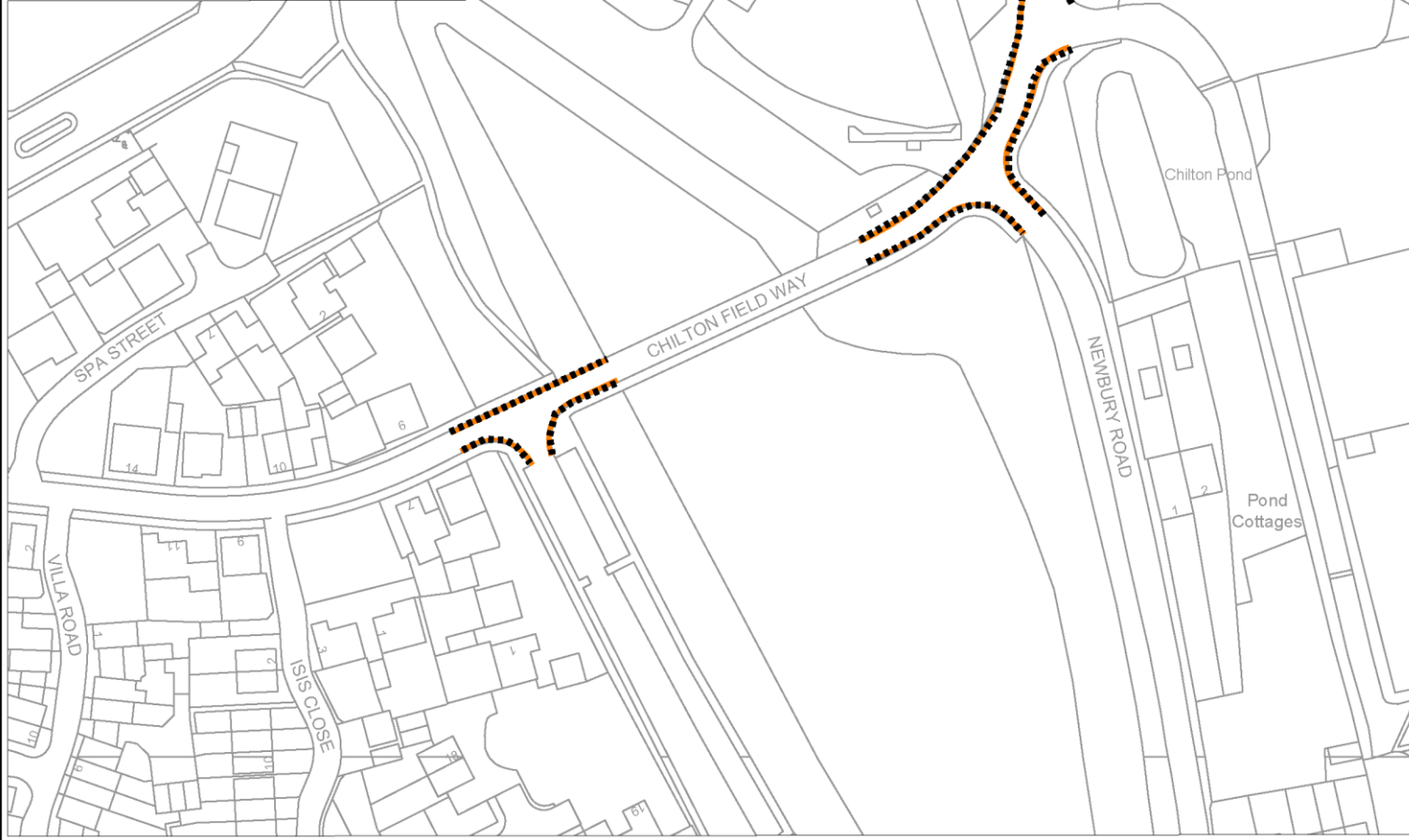
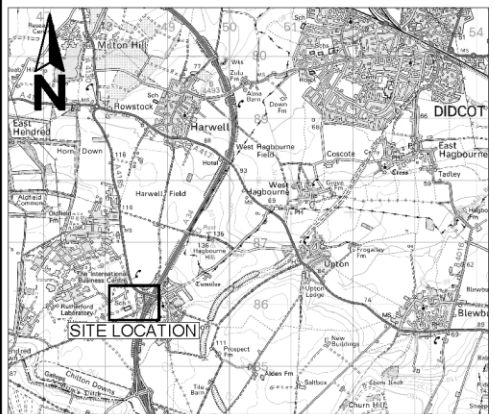
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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<p><u>20mph Speed Limit</u> – Object – The police stance still reflects that 20 mph limits and zones should still be self-enforcing. The policy of Thames Valley Police is to use sound practical and realistic criteria (Circular Roads 1/2013) when responding to Highway Authorities in an effort to promote consistency and to reduce the burden of constant and unnecessary enforcement.</p> <p>I have been made aware that speed data has NOT been gathered to support this speed limit proposals. One of the underlying principles of any new speed limit should be existing traffic speeds.</p> <p>I am aware this development already has some traffic calming measures, however during my site visit these appear to have little effect in terms of speed reduction.</p> <p>As the key points in setting speed limits has been ignored, I object to the proposal relating to 20 mph pending any further evidence that speeds are already compliant.</p> <p><u>30mph Speed Limit</u> – No objection – <i>No comments.</i></p> <p><u>Parking Restrictions</u> – No objection – In principle I do not object but remind you of our current policy in terms of enforcement action. Formal parking restriction in remote residential areas are reliant on good driver behaviour and will not feature for any targeted enforcement activity by Thames Valley Police</p> <p>Any action by the Police in response to this kind of parking is governed by many factors. These include the seriousness of the offence, the road and traffic conditions at the time and the existence of other more pressing commitments for local police officers.</p> <p>In terms of operational priorities our officers are encouraged to give preference to offences which might directly affect public safety followed by those which have an impact on traffic flow on main traffic routes. However even those priorities must be viewed in the context of the many other more pressing and demanding commitments which our officers face.</p>

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	<p>I am not aware that indiscriminate parking has ever been an issue in these areas before.</p>
<p>(2) Chilton Parish Council</p>	<p><u>20mph Speed Limit</u> – Support – Chilton Parish Council fully support the proposals.</p> <p><u>30mph Speed Limit</u> – Support – Chilton Parish Council fully support the proposals.</p> <p><u>Parking Restrictions</u> – Support – Chilton Parish Council fully support the proposals.</p>
<p>(3) Local Resident, (Chilton)</p>	<p><u>20mph Speed Limit</u> – Object – <i>No comments.</i></p> <p><u>30mph Speed Limit</u> – Support – <i>No comments.</i></p> <p><u>Parking Restrictions</u> – Object – The parking restrictions should not be imposed at all as the majority of residents has got only one parking space! Where are we supposed to park our cars if you put the restrictions one!? This estate is badly constructed, knowing that we are in the remote location with very limited public transport, is essential to have a car, but most of the houses have only one parking space.</p>
<p>(4) Local Resident, (Chilton)</p>	<p><u>20mph Speed Limit</u> – Support – Excellent, should have been done from the outset of development. Please implement this as a 20 mph Zone in order that only terminal speed limit signs are needed and not lots of (20) repeater signs all over the place.</p> <p><u>30mph Speed Limit</u> – Support – The north-south section of Newbury Road west of the garden centre should be included. This forms the exit route from the garden centre back to A4185.</p> <p><u>Parking Restrictions</u> – Support – Additional double yellow lines are currently in place (and should be retained) south of the access to Chilton Primary School on Downside. This section of Downside is effectively single-way working due to limited width. If the double yellow lines are removed, then parents will park everywhere at school pick-up and drop-off.</p> <p>The double yellow lines should continue all the way along the northern side of Chilton Field Way from Downside eastwards to A4185, i.e. only permitting parking on the southern side through this section. This would avoid parking</p>

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	<p>blocking visibility for children crossing from the Spa Street side of Chilton Field Way to Downside to get to Chilton Primary School.</p> <p>Additional double yellow lines should be provided on Chilton Field Way around the junction with Potteries Lane and The Rookery, where parked cars obstruct visibility and junction movements. The double yellow lines should continue along both sides of Chilton Field Way for 30m north-east of The Rookery, around the bend, where vehicles park on-street blocking forward visibility, despite having driveway parking available.</p>
<p>(5) Local Resident, (Chilton)</p>	<p><u>20mph Speed Limit</u> – Support – Although this is quite a small development the roads are also quite narrow and there is only one stretch of pedestrian pathway -- along Chilton Field Way -- in the whole development. In the area that I live -- Roman Fields -- there is no pathway whatsoever and it has a quite dangerous corner in the road. Pedestrians have to walk in the road and frequently there are cars parked on the road, even though they should not be, which inhibits the amount of space available for young parents with children and push chairs. So a 20 mph speed limit is critical in my opinion.</p> <p><u>30mph Speed Limit</u> – Support – <i>No comments.</i></p> <p><u>Parking Restrictions</u> – Support – I would like to see more parking restrictions introduced on the development, by double yellow lines if necessary, to provide additional and much needed safety for pedestrians at this development. As I noted earlier, there is only one section of pedestrian pavement in the whole development and that is on the initial part of Chilton Field Way. There is absolutely no provision for pedestrians to walk safely throughout the remainder of the development. In addition, cars and vans are parked on the road, even on blind corners, that make it very dangerous and awkward for pedestrians, be it single pedestrians or those with children or pushchairs, or pets, who have to walk in the road and go around the parked vehicles, making them vulnerable to being hit by vehicles on the development.</p>
<p>(6) Local Resident, (Chilton)</p>	<p><u>20mph Speed Limit</u> – Neither/Concerns – <i>No comments.</i></p> <p><u>30mph Speed Limit</u> – Support – <i>No comments.</i></p> <p><u>Parking Restrictions</u> – Support – There is an area of tarmac, presumably used for parking at some time, which is closed off with a barrier. It is in the field between Chilton Field Way and Avon Road. Surely this could be opened to help with parking for the school?</p>

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<p>(7) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p><u>20mph Speed Limit</u> – Support – I support the speed restriction to 20MPH throughout the Chilton Field Development. This will need to be enforced as drivers already exceed 30MPH along Chilton Filed Way by the open area with the Balancing Pond.</p> <p><u>30mph Speed Limit</u> – Support – <i>No comments.</i></p> <p><u>Parking Restrictions</u> – Support – I would suggest that the double yellow lines are extended East along Chilton Field Way up to the junction with Isis Close to prevent parking right at the entrance to the development. Signage along the visitor parking bays throughout the Chilton Field development should state that the bays are Visitor Parking for no longer than 24 hours in accordance to the house deeds. These bays could be used by parents dropping off and picking up children from the school. These bays are currently used for extended periods beyond those stated in the house deeds, hence the request for signage. This has been reported to the PCSO.</p>
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