

Division(s): Wroxton and Hook Norton

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 17 SEPTEMBER 2020**

### **CROPREDY – PROPOSED EXTENSION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMIT AT CLAYDON ROAD AND WILLIAMSCOT ROAD**

**Report by Interim Director of Community Operations**

#### **Recommendation**

1. The Cabinet Member for Environment is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the proposed extension of the 30mph speed limit on the Claydon Road and Williamscot Road as advertised.

#### **Executive summary**

2. Speed limits 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 extend the village 30mph speed limit on the Claydon Road and Williamscot Road at Cropredy.

#### **Background**

4. The above proposals as shown at Annex 1 have been put forward following a request by Cropredy Parish Council and, if approved, funded by them.

#### **Consultation**

5. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 18 June and 17 July 2020. 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, Cropredy Parish Council, Cherwell District Council and the local County Councillor.
6. One response was received. An objection from Thames Valley Police which is set out at Annex 2. A copy of the full response is available for inspection by County Councillors.

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

7. Thames Valley Police objected on the grounds that they considered that the proposal would extend the 30mph limit beyond where most drivers would

consider a 30mph speed limit appropriate taking account of the very limited road side development and suggested that traffic calming gateways would be a more suitable and effective way of addressing concerns over speeds, noting that in their opinion the proposals do not comply with the Department for Transport guidelines on setting local speed limits. The police response also noted that the site would not be a priority for police enforcement, on account of no recorded collisions in the last 5 years.

8. While noting the above, the proposed extensions of the 30mph limits at both the Claydon Road and Williamscot Road are comparatively modest and – by including junctions and accesses currently just outside the current village speed limit – do appear to be coherent and appropriate. It is accepted that the interpretation of the Department for Transport speed limit guidance in respect of villages does place emphasis on the level of road side development, but it does also allow some flexibility taking account of the specific site circumstances, which in this case includes in respect of the Claydon Road the busy junction with the Mollington Road and an outlying property and, in respect of the Williamscot Road, access to the village sports ground.

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

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

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

10. Funding for the proposed speed limit has been provided by Cropredy Parish Council.

### **Equalities Implications**

11. No equalities implications have been identified in respect of the proposals.

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Background papers:            Consultation plan  
   Consultation responses

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- Existing 30mph
- 30mph Extension
- Williamscot Road - 170m
- Claydon Road - 80m

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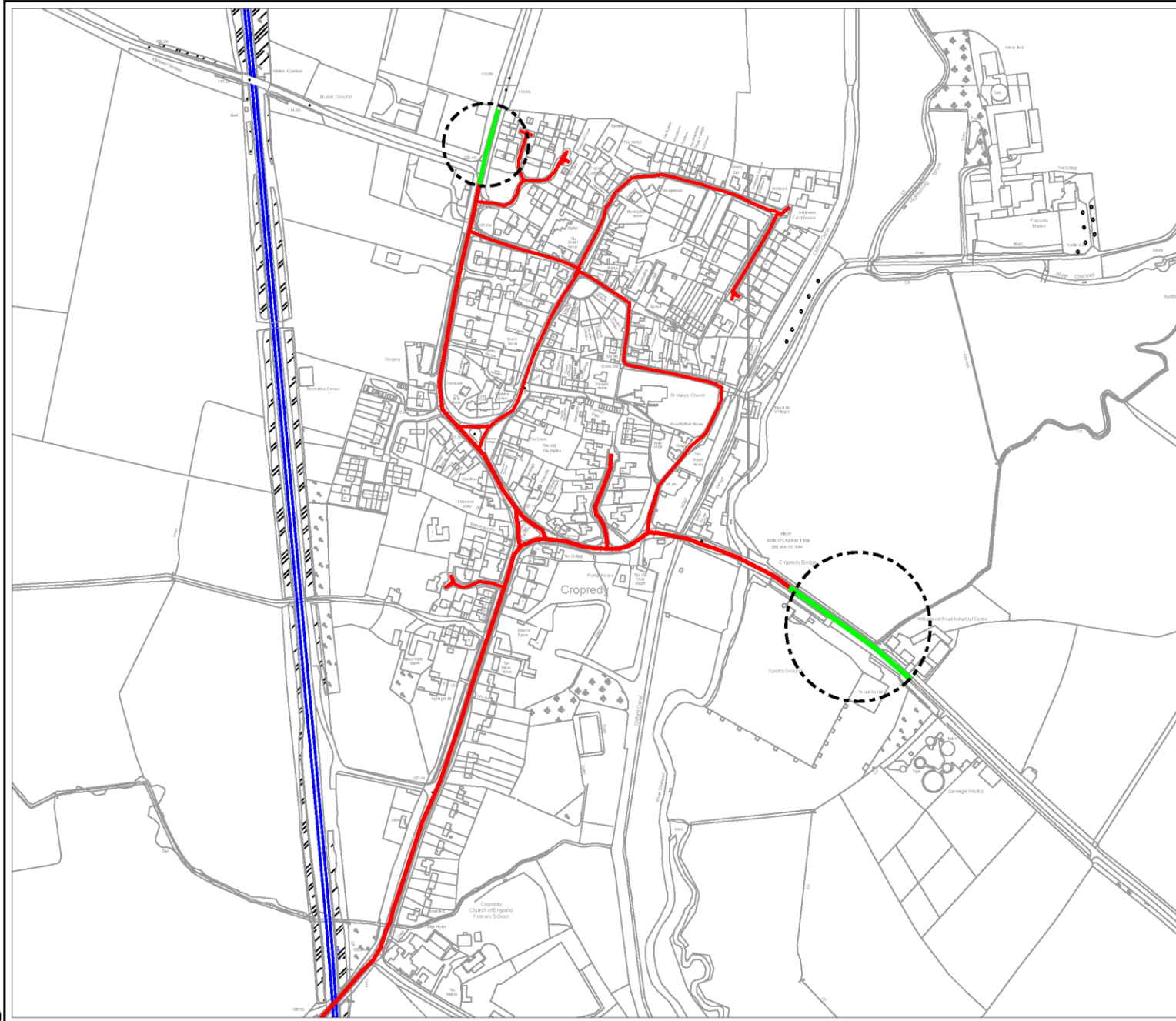
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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<p><b>Object</b> – The village is appropriately represented where the speed limit currently commences and moving it out further into the rural environment will lose that link. The perception some have that in doing this, drivers slow down earlier is usually lost where no link is made, and the message lost! Investment of village gateway visual impact improvement treatment would be better value in terms of safety at the current speed limit / village boundary in our view.</p> <p>The Department for Transport guidelines are clear on this aspect of setting speed limits which is being ignored. The presence of the playing field entrance and one commercial presence both set back from the road is insufficient to making this urban and speeds will in our view remain as now which will result in the limit being largely ignored. This is not a safety site for active Police mobile enforcement with no recorded collisions in the last 5 years.</p>