

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 27 MARCH 2014

PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT OXFORD ROAD, KENNINGTON (THROUGH BAGLEY WOOD)

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. An objection has been received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to extend the permanent 40mph speed limit on the Oxford Road at Bagley Wood to include the site of a major maintenance scheme following the collapse of part of the embankment. The proposed permanent limit shown at Annex 1 replaces a temporary speed limit that applied immediately following the re-opening of the road in December 2013.

Background

2. The proposals arise from a risk assessment of the above length of road taking account of the hazards presented by its alignment and the limited scope to provide roadside protection for vehicles that might leave the carriageway in the event of an accident.
3. A speed survey carried out in January 2014 just within the southern end of the current temporary limit showed average and 85th percentile speeds were respectively 41mph and 46mph (these apply to both directions). These values are consistent with the speeds typically seen in a permanent 40mph limit.

Consultation

3. Consultation on the proposals was carried out between 12 December 2013 and 17 January 2014.
4. One objection was received from a resident of a property in Radley adjacent to the road (but south of the proposed change) on the grounds that a 40mph limit would be appropriate for the whole length of the Oxford Road and was concerned that the current proposals reflected an unsatisfactory and piecemeal approach.
5. Radley Parish Council have responded that they have no objection to the proposal and may be willing to fund a future extension of the 40mph limit further south (in consultation with Kennington and Sunningwell Parish Councils) subject to consultation.
6. As the remainder of the road is subject to a 50mph limit (introduced in 2011 following extensive local consultation) and no objections were received from

other parties, including Thames Valley Police, it is recommended that the proposed speed limit as advertised is approved.

How the Project supports LTP3 Objectives

7. The proposals would help reduce the risk of accidents and improve road safety.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

8. Signing was installed for the temporary 40mph limit in place on the re-opening of the road and no additional works are required. Maintenance of the signs will be met from the highways maintenance budget.
9. The appraisal of the proposals and consultation has been undertaken by Environment & Economy officers as part of their normal duties.

RECOMMENDATION

10. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve implementation of a 40 mph speed limit on the Oxford Road, Kennington (through Bagley Wood) as advertised.**

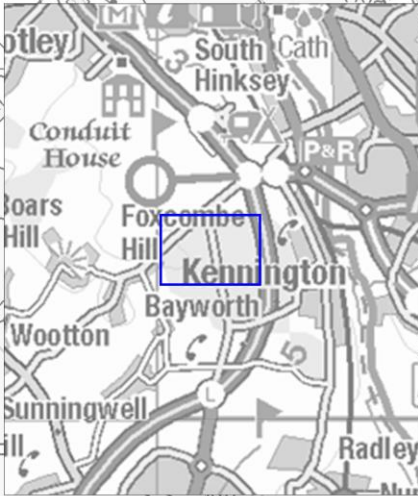
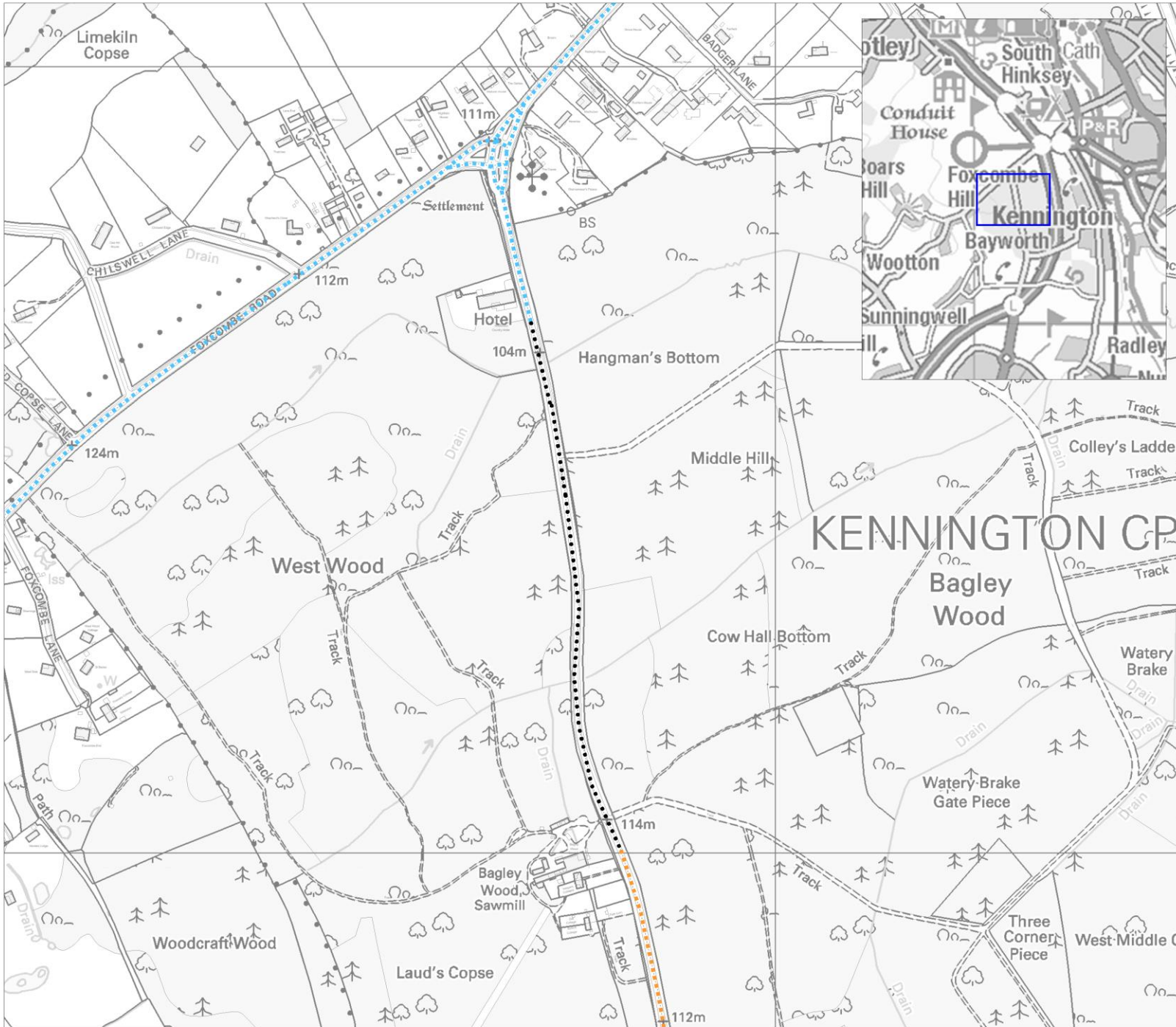
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Background papers: Annex 1: Plan of proposed works

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- Existing 40mph speed limit
- Proposed 40mph speed limit extension in place of current 50mph speed limit
- Existing 50mph speed limit

Site Location

note1:
Current terminal point of 40mph limit is 202 metres south of its junction with Hinksey Hill / Foxcombe Road

note2:
Proposed terminal point of extended 40mph limit is 937 metres south of its junction with Hinksey Hill / Foxcombe Road (length of extension is 735 metres)

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