

Divisions affected: *Chalgrove and Watlington*

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT – 18 NOVEMBER 2021

EWELME: PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is RECOMMENDED to approve as advertised the 20mph speed limit at Ewelme.

Executive summary

2. The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 20mph speed limit at Ewelme in place of the current 30mph speed limit as requested by Ewelme Parish Council.

Financial Implications

3. Funding for consultation on the proposals has been provided by Ewelme Parish Council

Equality and Inclusion Implications

4. No implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.

Sustainability Implications

5. The proposals would help facilitate walking and cycling within the village and safe movement of traffic.

Consultation

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 07 October and 05 November 2021. A notice was published in the Oxford Times newspaper and an email sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators, South Oxfordshire District Council, Ewelme Parish Council, Benson Parish Council and local County Councillors.
7. Seven responses were received during the formal consultation. One objection, five expressions of support and one non-objection. The responses

are shown at Annex 2 with copies of the original responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

Response to objections and other comments

8. Thames Valley Police did not object.
9. The objection received from a member of the public not resident in the village or its vicinity stated that the reduction in speed limit was unnecessary and would impair traffic flow. In response, it should be noted that the objective of the scheme is to improve the safety and amenity of pedestrians and cyclists in particular but also for the residents and all road users travelling within the village.
10. Traffic speed surveys were undertaken between 7th and 13th October 2019 when the mean vehicle speed in both directions on High Street was recorded at 23.7mph and by the School at 19.6mph.
11. The proposals were supported by the Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery & Environment, the local member and by two residents of the village.

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Corporate Director, Environment and Place

Annexes

Annex 1: Consultation Plan

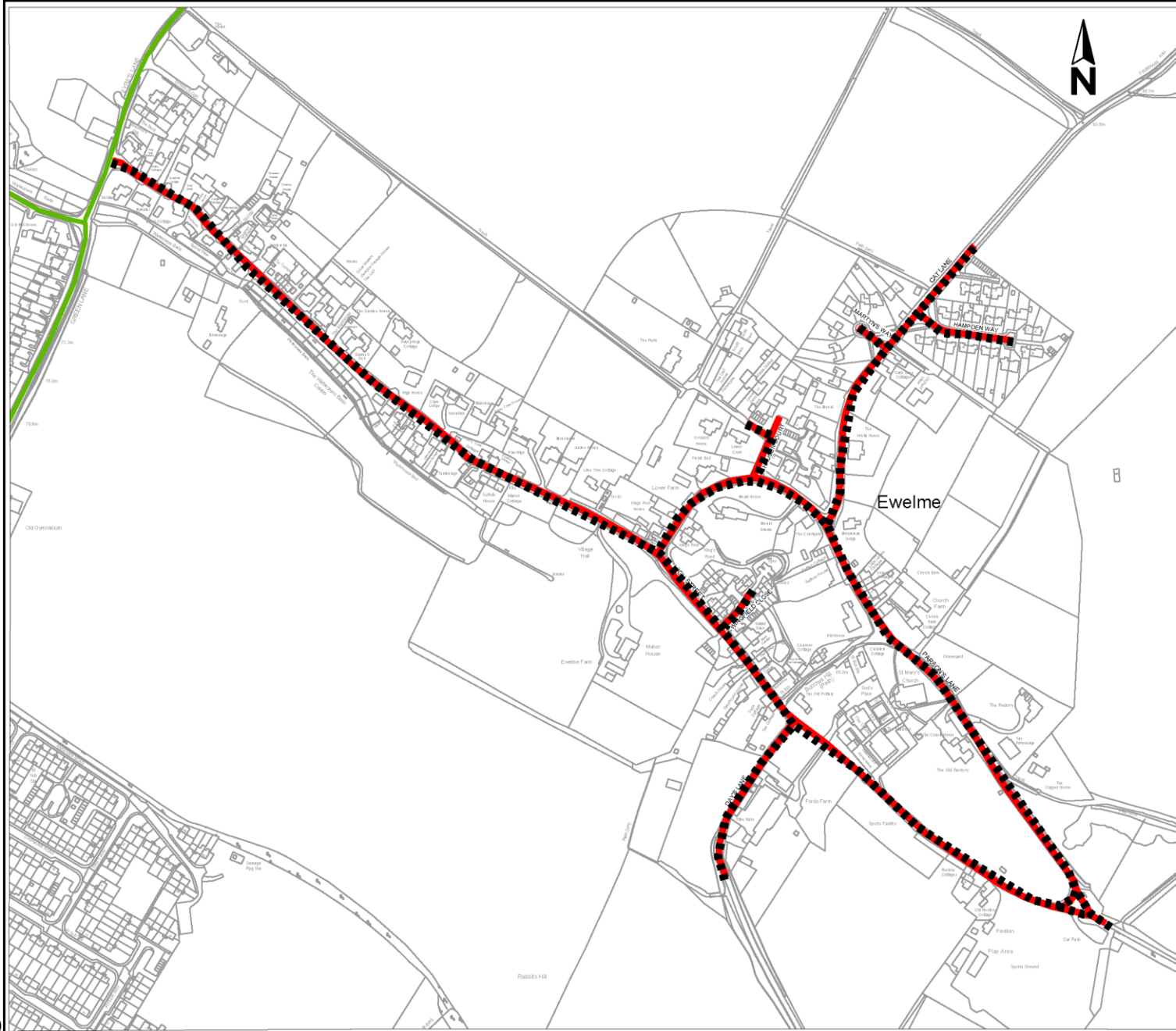
Annex 2: Consultation responses

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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection – The Police have no objection but their stance remains that 20s should be self-enforcing with no expectation by the parish that they will enforce this new limit.
(2) Local County Councillor, (Chalgrove & Watlington Division)	Support – I support the proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit throughout Ewelme village. Ewelme is a small village in South Oxfordshire where many local roads lack a segregated footpath and so mixing vulnerable road users (cyclists, pedestrians, equestrians etc.) with motor vehicles. The proposals will improve the safety of the roads for all road users and improve the well-being of local residents. I congratulate the parish council for bringing forward the proposals with the support of local residents.
(3) Local County Councillor (Member for Climate Change Delivery & Environment)	Support – I'm in favour of 20mph wherever Parish Councils request it.
(4) Individual, (Oxford, Rymers Lane)	Object – This reduction in speed limit is unnecessary and will impair traffic flow.
(5) Local Resident, (Ewelme, Britwell Road)	Support – Huge increase in traffic in village in recent years. Lots of cars using it as a short cut. No pavement for pedestrians.
(6) Local Resident, (Ewelme, Britwell Road)	Support – Too many cars speeding through the village
(7) Local Resident, (Wallingford, McMullan Close)	Support – It's a suitable speed limit for this road - it's winding and thin with lots of parked cars, and lots of bicycles use it.