

Division(s): Faringdon

**CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 18 JUNE 2020**  
**BUCKLAND – CARSWELL LANE: PROPOSED 20MPH & 30MPH**  
**SPEED LIMITS**

**Report by Interim Director of Community Operations**

**Recommendation**

1. The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the 20mph and 30mph speed limits 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, local councils or other parties due to concerns over road safety.

**Introduction**

3. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 20mph speed limit and 30mph speed limit on Carswell Lane, Buckland in place of the existing national speed limit.

**Background**

4. The above proposals as shown at Annex 1 have been requested by St Hugh's School and, if approved, would be funded by the school.

**Consultation**

5. Formal consultation was carried out between 13 February and 13 March 2020. 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, the Vale of White Horse District Council, Buckland Parish Council, the local school and local County Councillor.

6. Five responses were received during the consultation. These are summarised in the table below:

Proposal	Support	Object	Neither	Total
20mph Speed Limit	3	0	2	5
30mph Speed Limit	3	1	1	5

7. The responses are recorded at Annex 2. Copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors.

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

8. Thames Valley Police, while expressing no objection to the proposed 20mph limit, objected to the 30mph speed limit proposals on the grounds that no speed data had been received in support of this proposal and that in their opinion it is not consistent with guidance on setting local speed limits issued by the Department for Transport and noting that the road is a narrow country lane with no property frontage leading to a farm and a small number of dwellings where it terminates. Additionally, the police commented that there is no evidence that it is regularly used by any vulnerable road users, with most users of the road likely to be local or to live at this location.
9. The Vale of the White Horse District Council did not object.
10. Three members of the public, all local residents, supported the proposals.
11. Noting the police response, Thames Valley Police were forwarded a copy of the speed surveys on the 18 February 2020. It is accepted that the proposed 30mph speed limit is not fully consistent with either the national guidance on setting local speed limits or the Oxfordshire County Council speed limit policy but in considering their recommendation to nevertheless approve the proposal, officers have taken into account the support expressed by local residents and noted also that the proposal relates to a very lightly trafficked unclassified road which is also not a through route.

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

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

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

13. Funding for the proposed speed limit has been provided by St Hughs School.

### **Equalities Implications**

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

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Background papers:        Plan of proposed speed limits.  
   Consultation responses

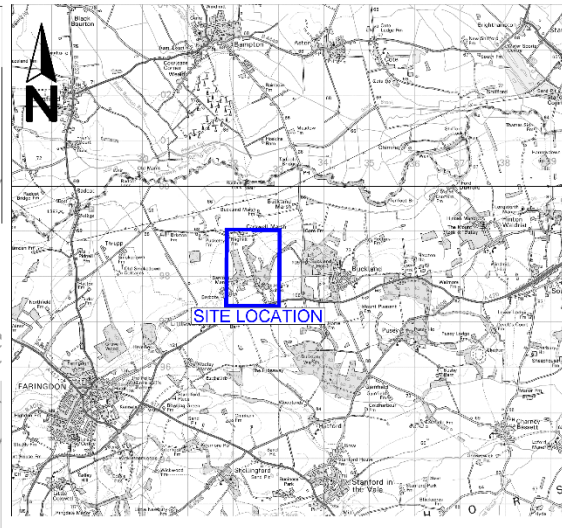
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**Key**

- Proposed 20 mph speed limit for a distance of 578 metres
- Proposed 30mph speed limit for a distance of 1100 metres
- Existing 50mph Speed Limit (to remain)



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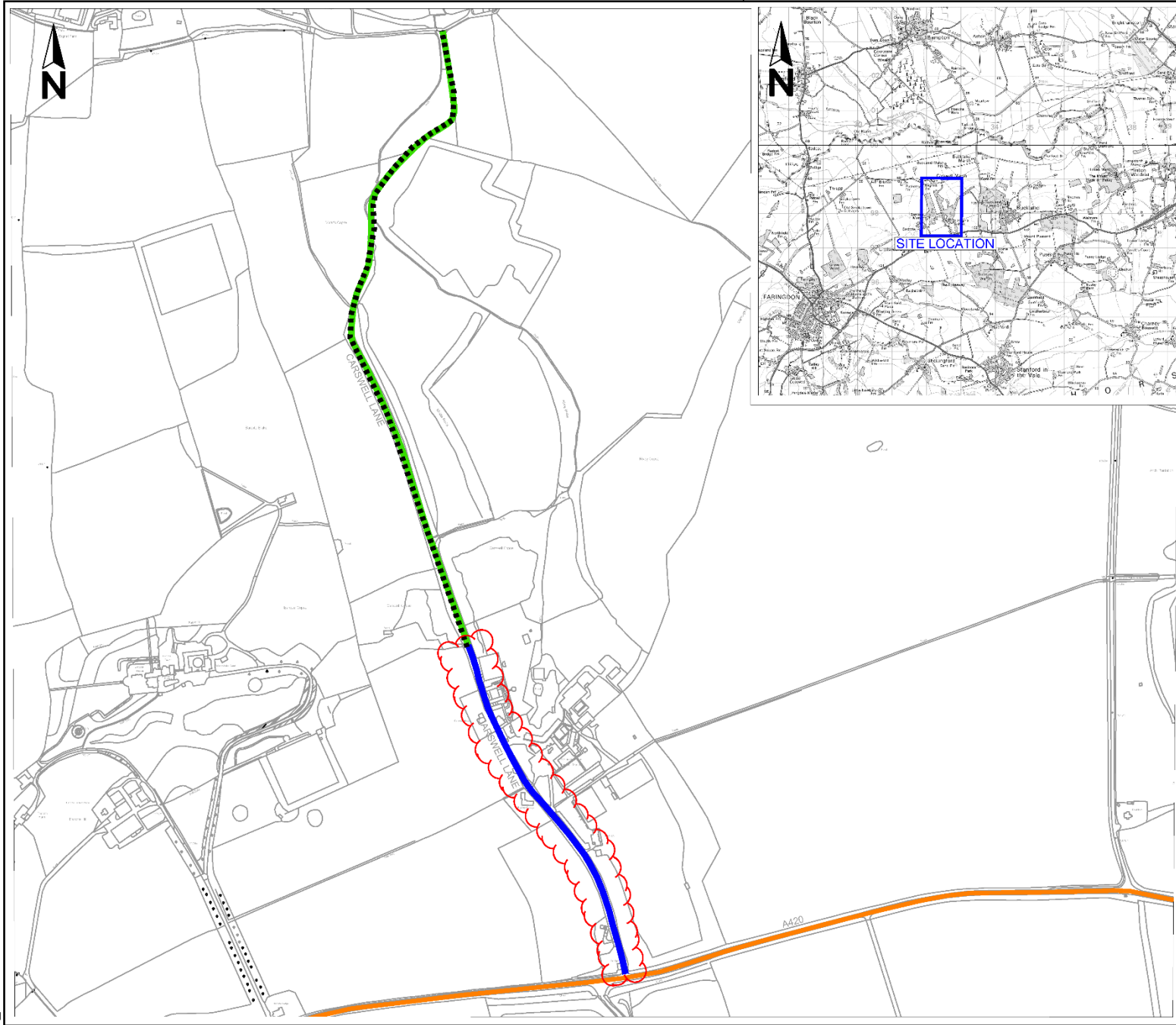
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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<p>20mph Speed Limit – <b>No objection</b>  30mph Speed Limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>I am aware this proposal has been subject to a number of previous site visits over a number of years. In principle I do not object to the 20mph speed limit adjacent to the School despite one of the speed surveys showing an average above 24 mph. I understand this scheme will include a Vehicle Activated sign to address this.</p> <p>In relation to the proposed 30 mph speed limit. I object (due to the following reasons):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. No speed data has been received to support this,</li> <li>16. The proposal completely ignores the advice contained within Circular roads 1/2013,</li> <li>17. The road is a narrow country lane with no property frontage leading to a farm and a small number of dwellings where it terminates,</li> <li>18. There is no evidence that it is regularly used by any vulnerable road users, and</li> <li>19. Most road users I expect are local or live at this location.</li> </ul>
(2) Vale of White Horse District Council, (Planning Services)	<p>20mph Speed Limit – <b>No objection</b>  30mph Speed Limit – <b>No objection</b></p>
(3) Local Resident, (Buckland)	<p>20mph Speed Limit – <b>Support</b>  30mph Speed Limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>The speed and volume of vehicles on the road has increased and it is only a matter of time before someone, most likely a child is hurt. Lots of people walk dogs up and down the lane around the bends and drivers do not pay any attention to this.</p>

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<p>(4) Local Resident, (Carswell)</p>	<p>20mph Speed Limit – <b>Support</b> 30mph Speed Limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>I live on Carswell lane and the traffic speed has become increasingly a problem.</p>
<p>(5) Local Resident, (Carswell)</p>	<p>20mph Speed Limit – <b>Support</b> 30mph Speed Limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p><i>No comments.</i></p>