Divisions affected: Kirtlington & Kidlington North/Woodstock

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT – 16 DECEMBER 2021

WOODSTOCK: SHIPTONROAD - PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is RECOMMENDED to approve as advertised the proposed 30mph speed limit at Shipton Road Woodstock.

Executive summary

2. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 30mph speed limit in place of the existing national speed limit on Shipton Road in Woodstock, for a distance of approximately 190 metres, south and eastwards of the existing 20mph speed limit in the vicinity of the new junction at Cowells Road.

Financial Implications

3. Funding for consultation on the proposals has been provided by the developer of land off Shipton Road who will also fund the implementation of the proposals should they be approved.

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 and safe movement of traffic.

Consultation

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 21 October and 19 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, West Oxfordshire District Council, Woodstock Town Council and local County Councillors.

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- 7. Four responses were received during the formal consultation. One objection, one expression of support and two non-objections. The responses are shown at Annex 2 with copies of the original responses available for inspection by County Councillors.
- 8. Thames Valley Police and local members did not object to the proposal.
- 9. The Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery & Environment expressed strong support for the proposal.
- 10. One objection was received from a member of the public, not a resident of the area, on the grounds that they could not see any reason why the residential development warranted a change from the national speed limit or any logical reason to suggest elevated risk here (noting also that none of the new houses were directly adjacent to the road) and considered the Statement of Reasons provided as part of the consultation documents to be deficient in providing arguments to support the proposal.
- 11. Noting the above, it is accepted that the Statement of Reasons is brief, stating that "as a result of the development of land for residential purposes, the County Council is proposing for road safety reasons to introduce a 30mph speed limit in place of the existing national speed limit on Shipton Road, Woodstock". However, this is considered to accurately reflect the aim of the proposal as it will help ensure safety for all users travelling between the built-up area of Woodstock and the new access.

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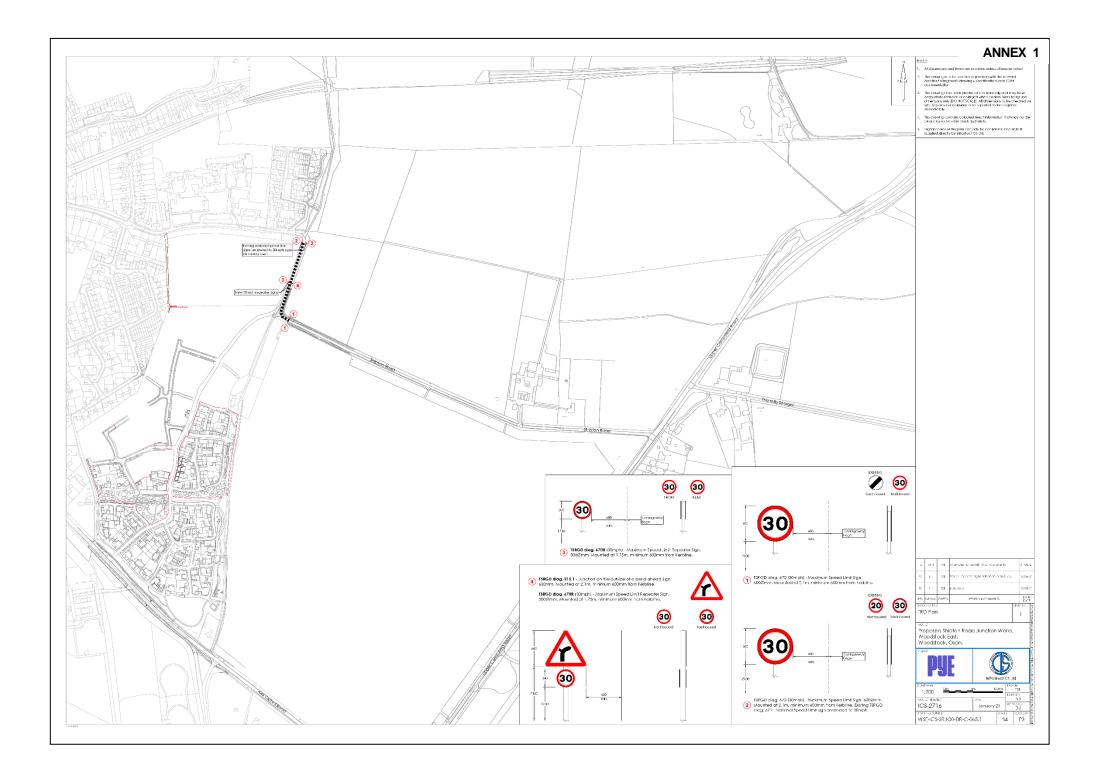
Annexes Annex 1: Consultation Plan

Annex 2: Consultation responses

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ANNEX 2

RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection
(2) Local County Cllr, (Woodstock Division)	No objection
(3) Local County Cllr, (Cabinet Member for Climate Change Delivery & Environment)	Support - I think this is excellent.
(4) Resident, (Oxford)	Object - I cannot see any reason why the residential development (which doesn't even see houses back onto this road) warrants a change from the national speed limit. There is no logical reason to suggest elevated risk here and the Statement of Reasons is deficient in providing arguments to support this.