

Divisions affected: Banbury Grimsbury and Castle

**CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 21 JANUARY 2021**

**BANBURY – A361 NORTH OF BANBURY - PROPOSED 40MPH & 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND BUS STOP CLEARWAYS**

Report by Interim Corporate Director Communities

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. The Cabinet Member for Environment is **RECOMMENDED** to approve proposed 40mph and 50mph speed limits and bus stop clearways on the A361 North of Banbury as advertised.

**Executive summary**

2. Speed limits and bus stop provision 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. The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 40mph speed limit and 50mph speed limit on the A361 in place of the existing national speed limit and also bus stop clearways at new bus stops being provided in conjunction with the development of adjacent land.

**Financial Implications**

3. Funding for the proposals has been provided by the developers of adjacent land.

**Equality and Inclusion Implications**

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

**Sustainability Implications**

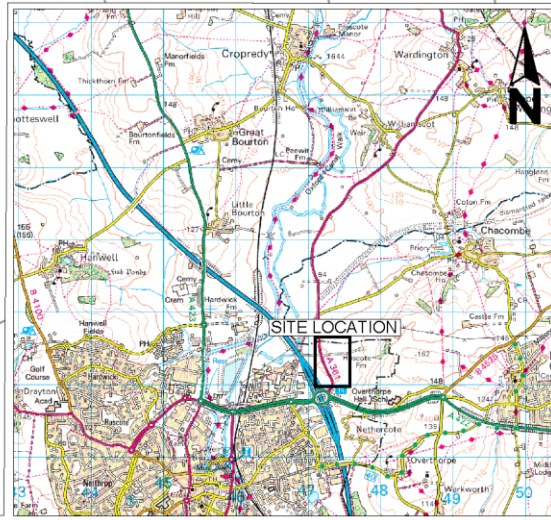
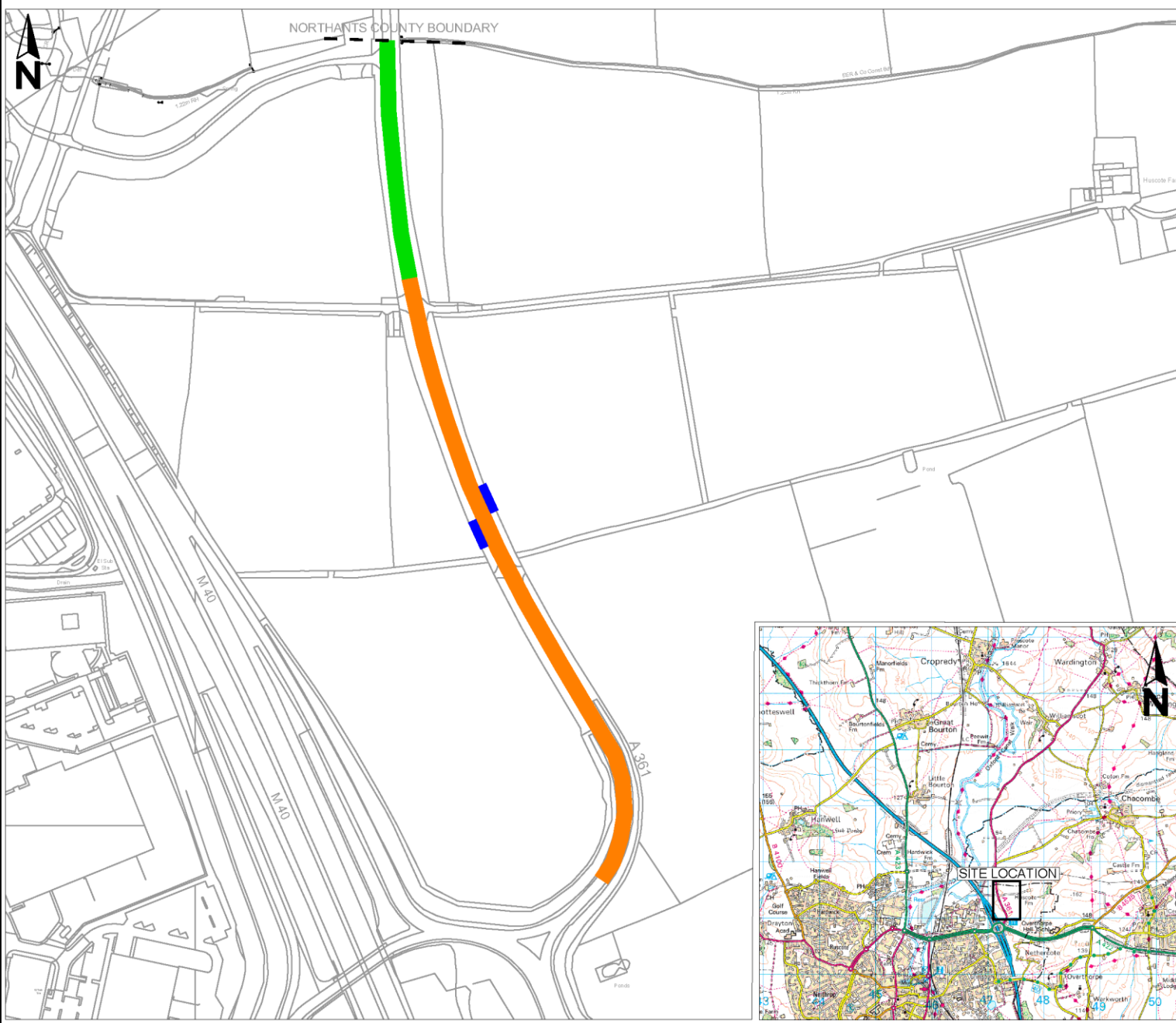
5. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic and provide for the development site to be safely accessed by bus users.

**Consultation**

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 12 November and 11 December 2020. A notice was published in the Banbury Guardian newspaper and an email sent to statutory consultees including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Cherwell District Council, Banbury Town Council and local County Councillor.



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Proposed 40mph speed limit in place of existing national speed limit for a distance of approx. 550 metres									
Proposed 50mph speed limit in place of existing national speed limit for a distance of approx. 180 metres to the Northants County Boundary.									
Proposed Bus Stop locations - 'No Stopping Except Buses'									
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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<b>No objection</b> – I was not in favour of extending the proposed 40 for the new junction layout and access all the way to the Northants border where a 50 is already in place. I am pleased the temptation to do that where the road is unchanged has been resisted. The new proposal here is appropriate in my view to accommodate commercial and retail outlets whilst tying into the higher limit seamless into Northants.
(2) Cherwell District Council	<b>No objection</b>
(3) Local Resident, (Great Bourton)	<b>Object</b> – I have no objection to the bus stops proposed. However, I believe that the A361 between the M40 junction should be 40mph throughout to the north of Wardington. The reason for this is that there are several dangerous junctions with minor roads leading from Chacombe, Cropredy/Williamscot and Upper Wardington which have led to a number of serious accidents over the years, including fatalities.
(4) Local Resident, (Banbury)	<b>Support</b> – I drive this section every day, usually at 50mph and am regularly dangerously overtaken by people so, therefore, support a lower and enforced limit.
(5) Local Resident, (Oxford)	<b>Support</b> – This is necessary for road safety due to the proposed introduction of turning traffic entering and leaving this major new development.