

Divisions affected: *Shrivenham*

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

12 DECEMBER 2024

LETCOMBE REGIS – PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

Report by Director of Environment and Highways

RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member is **RECOMMENDED** to:

- a) **Approve the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in Letcombe Regis, as advertised.**

Executive Summary

1. The report presents responses to a statutory consultation on the proposals to introduce 20mph speed limits within Letcombe Regis, as shown in **Annex 1**.

Financial Implications

2. Funding for consultation and the proposals themselves has been provided by the County Council's 20mph Speed Limit Project.

Legal Implications

3. The consultation that has been undertaken complies with the consultation requirements for the various elements as required by law including under the Highways Act 1980, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and any other related regulations.
4. If approved, the scheme would be introduced by Oxfordshire County Council as the Traffic Authority and Highway Authority.

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Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

Sustainability Implications

6. The proposals would help encourage walking and cycling within Letcombe Regis by making them safer and more attractive.

Formal Consultation

7. Formal consultation was carried out between 02 and 25 October 2024. A notice was published in the Oxfordshire Herald Series newspapers, and an email sent to statutory consultees & key-stakeholders, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators, countywide transport, access & disabled peoples user groups, Vale of White Horse District Council, the local District Cllrs, Letcombe Regis, Letcombe Bassett, East Challow, and West Challow Parish Councils, and the local County Councillor representing the Shrivenham division.
8. Relevant parish/town councils, and local Cllrs (including County, District, Parish, Town) were also encouraged to use the consultation documents provided to publicise the proposals locally amongst residents as necessary.

Statutory Consultee Responses:

9. Thames Valley Police re-iterated their views concerning OCC's policy and practice regarding speed limits and wish their response to be listed as 'having concerns' rather than an objection.
10. Letcombe Regis Parish Council expressed support for the 20mph limit for the village but would ask that the views of those villagers living outside the 20mph area should be taken into consideration, particularly in respect of the start of the limit on the lower road out of the village and include Bablakes Farmhouse in the 20mph limit as requested by the residents.

Other Responses:

11. 32 further responses were received via the online survey during the course of the formal consultation, comprising of eight objections (25%), four partially supporting (12%), 17 in support (53%), and three non-objections (9%).
12. Those who responded online, were also asked whether if the 20mph speed limit proposals were implemented, would it likely influence a change to their mode of travel in the area, the results of which are shown below:

Travel Change	Number
Yes – walk/wheel more	5 (16%)
No	24 (75%)
Other	3 (9%)
Total	32

13. Additionally, two emails were received, both of which were from local residents offering their support.
14. Three responses from members of the public expressing partial support requested that the length of Letcombe Road currently proposed to remain at 30mph is also reduced to 20mph on the grounds of safety.
15. The responses are shown in full at **Annex 2**, and copies of the original responses are available for inspection by County Councillors. Any comments received that include personal abuse are unacceptable, and as such will have been redacted.

Officer Response to Objections/Concerns

16. The main purpose of the scheme is to encourage greater use of active travel by reducing speeds; this will also reduce accidents. The aim of reducing speed limits is to change driver's mindsets to make speeding socially unacceptable and make more environmentally friendly modes of travel such as walking and cycling more attractive – and also reduce the County's carbon footprint. This forms part of a countywide programme of works that seeks to deliver 'a safer place with a safer pace'.
17. The concerns of Thames Valley Police comprise observations applicable to the overall 20mph project but no site-specific comments relating to the proposals for Letcombe Regis.
18. The requests received from Letcombe Regis Parish Council and three members of the public for the length of 30mph speed limit on Letcombe Road currently shown to remain at 30mph to be also considered for a 20mph speed limit are noted; taking account of the limited roadside development and the need to carry out a further statutory consultation should this be taken forward, it is recommended that the current proposals are approved with these requests being evaluated as part of the planned monitoring of the scheme.
19. The authority considers objections along the lines of it being unjustified, anti-car, a waste of money, not enforceable or pointless to not warrant amendments to a proposal. As such the authority has not addressed any specific comments made of this nature in this report.

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Director of Environment and Highways

Annexes Annex 1: Consultation plan
 Annex 2: Consultation responses

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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<p>Concerns – Thames Valley Police welcome the opportunity to engage on plans for road safety improvement and acknowledge that 20mph limits can be a useful tool in road safety. There are other reasons 20mph limits may be desirable for communities, such as environmental concerns, and creating a shared space environment to encourage greater diversity of road users.</p> <p>Compliance with 20mph limits is a challenging issue as there is a difference between the achievable results of the various available schemes. For example a sign-only scheme will only have a limited effect on the mean speeds, as opposed to other schemes that influence the road environment, which is recognised as being key to achieving compliance. If a speed limit is set too low and is ignored then this could result in the vulnerable road user being less safe. It can also cause a dis-proportionate number of drivers to criminalise themselves and could bring the system of speed limits into disrepute.</p> <p>Thames Valley Police have no policy to enforce based on arbitrary speed limits alone but will enforce based on threat of harm, risk and resourcing. 20mph limits are not excluded from this and will be enforced where appropriate. There should be no expectation that the police would be able to provide regular enforcement if a speed limit is set too low as this could result in an unreasonable additional demand on police resources and there are no additional resources available to support extra enforcement. Messages from partners that police will not enforce need to be discouraged. Such messaging can encourage non-compliance and should be avoided.</p> <p>The policy of Thames Valley Police is to use sound practical and realistic criteria (Setting local speed limits - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)) when responding to Highway Authorities in an effort to promote consistency and to reduce the burden of constant and unnecessary enforcement. The advice shown in Circular Roads 1/2013 states.</p> <p>The key factors that should be taken into account in any decisions on local speed limits are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • history of collisions • road geometry and engineering • road function • composition of road users (including existing and potential levels of vulnerable road users)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • existing traffic speeds (No data provided) • road environment <p>However I recognise Oxfordshire County Council now have their own Policy for Setting Speed Limits and I expect full compliance of that policy going forward in relation to both monitoring , future engineering and self-enforcement through Community Speed Watch .</p> <p>Our stance remains that primarily 20 mph speed limits and zones should be self-enforcing</p> <p>Speed limits should be considered as part of a package of measures to manage vehicle speeds and improve road safety. Changes to the highway (for example through narrowing, providing vertical traffic calming or re-aligning the road) may be required to encourage lower speeds in addition to any change in speed limit. Though these may be more expensive, they are more likely to be successful in the long term in achieving lower speeds without the need for increased Police enforcement to penalise a substantial number of motorists.</p>
Letcombe Regis Parish Council	<p>Support Letcombe Regis Parish Council are in favour of the 20mph limit for the village but would ask that the views of those villagers living outside the 20mph area should be taken into consideration, particularly in respect of the start of the limit on the lower road out of the village and include Bablakes Farmhouse in the 20mph limit as requested by the residents.</p>
(2) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Manor Field)	<p>Object – 30 mph is fast enough</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(3) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Mill Paddock)	<p>Object – This is a waste of money. However one enters the village, from Wantage, from Letcombe Bassett, or down Court Hill or Windmill Hill, one is met by a sharp bend and forced to slow down. It is impossible to drive through the centre of the village, past the Greyhound or by the Church, at over 20mph. Extra signage is a waste of money - use the money to mend potholes.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(4) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Post Office Lane)	<p>Object – As a resident of Letcombe Regis for nearly 40 years, I am unaware of any road traffic accident that caused serious injury or death (the stated aim being to lower these accidents). In fact, I don't think there have been any</p>

	<p>accidents involving vehicles and other users of the roads\footpaths in that time. There is already a 30mph restriction throughout the village which is sufficient especially as there are several right angled bends which naturally restrict vehicle speeds to less than 20mph. The road layout therefore keeps speeds at a level that reduces pollution and fuel consumption. Congestion does not occur on the village roads. There are footpaths for pedestrians in the areas of the village where a 20mph level is being considered.</p> <p>Hence it is a waste of public money to change the 30mph limit to 20mph. The money would be better spent on maintenance of the road surfaces, particularly potholes in South Street and the passing places on Court Hill Road, and cutting back encroaching vegetation on the approach roads, if it is earmarked for highways. At a time when education and social care budgets of the County Council are insufficient to meet needs, money should be directed at these vital core services.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(5) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, South Street)	<p>Object – This is a waste of money when a cash-strapped council has more important things requiring funding. If you do have to spend money on highways then repairing the roads would be a better use - and make a greater contribution to road safety. The area of Letcombe Regis where the 20mph would apply is already so encumbered with parked cars and bends that lowering the limit will not significantly lower the speed of cars. I have lived in Letcombe Regis for 40 years so of my own knowledge am aware that few if any accidents have occurred in the village during that time. Making the proposed change to the speed limit will not reduce accidents and so is not required</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(6) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, South Street)	<p>Object – 20 mph is too slow.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(7) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, South Street)	<p>Object – I am a resident of the village and regard the proposal as completely unnecessary. I know nothing of the "Parish", but if they are asking for a 20mph limit, then I believe they are misguided. I have not been asked by them for my view, nor been offered their reasoning.</p>

	<p>I regularly walk in the very small village on the narrow pavements and despite my advanced age I have never felt unsafe. The roads are already very narrow with some blind bends, so I have never seen anyone driving at what I would judge to be at or in excess of the national (30mph) limit or in excess of it. Virtually all drivers proceed at less than 20mph, and with even more caution when they encounter other vehicles or pedestrians. There are some short straight sections of road (with no pavements) at each end of the existing speed limited area and people do drive there in excess of 20mph, but they all seem to slow down when encountering oncoming traffic (when risk has arisen), because the roads are narrow. Pedestrians are only very rarely seen in those sections, because there are so few houses along them. So it is impossible to see how safety will be improved by lowering the limit.</p> <p>It is also bewildering that the County Council thinks a reduced limit will encourage use of other means of transport. The village is so small that between most premises it is much easier already to walk. Most users of the village roads are driving in and out of the village to/from numerous destinations that will require the use of motor vehicles. There are a few people driving between village premises, but they are delivering post and goods so they are hardly going to walk or use bicycles.</p> <p>The village is very pretty and it would be besmirched by repeater signs (and the narrow pavements obstructed) if the limit were to be reduced.</p> <p>It is quite shocking that money is being wasted on this exercise and it would be far better spent on undertaking the council's duty to maintain the roads properly.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
<p>(8) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Warborough Road)</p>	<p>Object – The congestion which occurs around Wantage due to the newly enforced 20mins limits is a nightmare. While it may improve safety from a speed perspective, it sees increased traffic volumes and queues at peak travel times. In a village where the road layout already helps dictate traffic speed, is a change really necessary? And if it comes into force, how will it be policed? People already ignore the 30mph limit up Warborough road, going incredibly fast up to the Ridgeway - yet that road isn't being considered as part of these proposals.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
<p>(9) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Warborough Road)</p>	

	<p>Object – 30 mph limit is not respected. No police presence to monitor. If multiple right angle bends, and blind corners, on road parking everywhere and potholes you could hide a caravan in are not reducing driver's speeds currently, please explain what impact a little diner plate with 20 written on it would have.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(10) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Anvil Lane)	<p>Partially support – What is the point? There is a 30mph limit at the moment - totally ignored. You have numerous vehicles speeding through LR with no concerns at all.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(11) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Letcombe Road)	<p>Partially support – I support the introduction of the 20 mph speed limit in Letcombe Regis, however am disappointed by the decision to keep the rest of Letcombe Road at 30mph instead of reducing it to 20mph along with the rest of the village. As a resident of Bablakes Farmhouse, which would remain in the 30 mph zone i would like to draw your attention to the fact that the majority of motorists already speed at well in excess of 30mph, particularly coming out of the village after the Windmill Hill junction. If drivers see that the limit increases here from 20 to 30 mph it will only encourage them to accelerate out of the village and likely go even faster than they do currently. Furthermore our driveway is a blind entrance and it is very difficult to exit our property, with people often coming into the village from the Wantage direction in excess of 50 mph and we have had numerous near misses. With a new driver and a learner driver in the family, excessive speeding past our house is a huge cause of concern and we would really welcome the boundary of the 20 mph zone being extended right up to the current 30mph boundary.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(12) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Letcombe Road)	<p>Partially support – I support the overall proposals, however I would propose that the new limit on Letcombe Road is extended to where the existing 30mph zone starts coming into the village ie there would no longer be a 30mph section. This section of road is currently dangerous and there are many near misses due to two factors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The road close to Bablakes House has both a bend and narrows slightly meaning cars regularly come close to hitting each other due to their speed in this section

	<p>2.The exit from Long Barn and Brook Barn is slightly uphill and blind and again a reduced speed limit in this section would considerably reduce the risk of a collision.</p> <p>I think this change would also make it clearer and simpler to motorists ie you are now entering the village and the speed limit is 20mph, rather than having multiple limits and changes within a short distance.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(13) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Long Barn)	<p>Partially support – I am a resident of Letcombe Regis even though the sign shows differently.I live in Long Barn. Long Barn has not been included in the 20 m.p.h. zone. Cars coming from Wantage cannot be seen easily from Long Barn as the road curves away into a dip (the area which was flooded) and then into another curve.Cars coming from the village can only be seen by slowly pulling out into the main road. We do not walk into the village because of the bend and the 3 way traffic.Reducing the speed would help a lot, It is taking your life in your hands putting the weekly rubbish out each week. 20m.p.h. would be a huge step forward.</p> <p>Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more</p>
(14) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Anvil Lane)	<p>Support – Slower speeds gives drivers more time to react to road hazards. There are lots of bends in Letcombe Regis. You do not know what is ahead and there could be someone or something around the bend in the road. Some drivers are not respecting the 30 mph top speed and have been overtaken by a speeding driver. I walk with a rollator and worry whether I have been seen by drivers. I am slow crossing the road and start to cross when the road is clear, but you do not know whether a vehicle can come round a bend. I support the 20 mph speed limit.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(15) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Bakery Lane)	<p>Support – Makes sense to have it as 20 through the village</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(16) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Basset Road)	<p>Support – The majority of roads within the village are narrow and built up with 90 degree bends and narrow pavements. I feel it's not safe to be travelling more than 20 mph in these areas.</p>

	<p>In the north east of the village, the road between Court Hill and Windmill Hill is a cut through/rat run for commuters. This road has no pavement and is dark with overhanging trees. Some people speed along this stretch. A lower speed limit here in particular would reduce the risk of an accident or injury. A lower limit would also remind commuters that this road is still part of our village and they should take care.</p> <p>Travel change: Other I like running around the village, this would make it safer and more enjoyable</p>
(17) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Bassett Road)	<p>Support – Narrow twisty roads. Many many vehicles traveling to the Maundrells car dealer speed through the village as do visitors to the football and cricket pitches. This might reduce their speed to a more appropriate level</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(18) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Bassett Road)	<p>Support – Much needed reduction of drivers exceeding the speed limit on Bassett Road by the recreation ground</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(19) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Castle Gardens)	<p>Support – Because a 20mph limit is so much safer. Cars tend to go too fast through the village inside of the series of 90 degree bends.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(20) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Court Road)	<p>Support – this is a small rural village with very tight bends, which people take far to quickly, especially on route to Richmond village. We have young and old families in the village .</p> <p>Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more</p>
(21) Local resident, (Letcombe regis, Kings Close)	<p>Support – I park roadside in Letcombe and it is shocking how fast cars go past. Last year our neighbours had 2 cars written off as they were crashed into by passing driver. I feel nervous for my children's safety and would also request</p>

	<p>reminder signage and speed tracking on our road (which is as you come into the village between Mill Paddock and Manor Close)</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
<p>(22) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Kings Close)</p>	<p>Support – Improve safety in the village for cyclists horse riders and walkers (not all the roads have footpaths so walkers have to use the road to walk)</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
<p>(23) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Letcombe Road)</p>	<p>Support – Cars driving between Court Hill Rd and Willmill Hill / the road to Wantage regularly break the speed limit. The road in-line with Court Hill Rd and Windmill Hill is narrowed by residents who necessarily must park their cars on the road. This combined with the lack of pavement makes it very dangerous for the local children who must navigate this stretch of road. This includes kids getting down to the cars parked in the road and also walking further into the village to get the school bus.</p> <p>Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more</p>
<p>(24) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Long Barn)</p>	<p>Support – The 30 limit is widely ignored which is dangerous. 20 might moderate speeds somewhat.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
<p>(25) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, South Street)</p>	<p>Support – Rat run and delivery drivers take no notice of current limits</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
<p>(26) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, South Street)</p>	<p>Support – This will help to prevent the speeding witnessed on the Bassett Road and Court Hill</p> <p>Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more</p>

<p>(27) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Warborough Road)</p>	<p>Support – Traffic through the village is too fast and with several 90degree bends should be slowed down to prevent accidents</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
<p>(28) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, South Street)</p>	<p>Support – Letcombe Regis has very narrow roads and some drivers go too fast, considering the road conditions. We have been hoping 20 mph would come as most other local villages have adopted this.</p> <p>Travel change: Other Drive more slowly</p>
<p>(29) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Wantage, Manor Fields)</p>	<p>Support – We have been residents in the village of Letcombe Regis for 29 years now. Over these 29 years we have seen a substantial increase in traffic using our village as a “rat run”. It is not purely the increase in traffic volume that concerns us but the speed which these drivers, who are using our rural roads, for commuting purposes, seem to consider appropriate.</p> <p>I would like to take Court Hill Road as an example, although this is not the only road affected. As I have no doubt you will be aware, Court Hill Road is a narrow, almost single track rural road, with a steep decline into the village below & steep ascent out of the village. Coupled with its camber, it is winding in places with a restricted view of oncoming vehicles or pedestrians.</p> <p>When we first moved to Letcombe Regis this road used to be a nice walk up to the Ridgeway at the top. Sadly you would now be risking your life to walk your dog, cycle, or take your children for a walk up Court Hill. I now walk my dog on the verge of the field that runs parallel to Court Hill Road. What I have witnessed whilst doing so deeply concerns me.</p> <p>It is a regular occurrence to see motorists hurtling up & down Court Hill & to hear the screeching of brakes, as they have to stop sharply, having not considered meeting an oncoming vehicle. Usually travelling at an equally ridiculously high speed</p> <p>But this could also be a pedestrian (admittedly now getting fewer on that stretch) or a horse rider. Early one Sunday morning I saw an elderly gentleman picking blackberries from the bushes at the side of the road.</p>

	<p>Getting to the point, I would like to voice my full support for the introduction of a 20mph restriction through the village. Although if I am totally honest I'm not sure how many of these drivers will observe it.</p> <p>What I would like to propose is that this 20mph zone is extended further up Court Hill Road (my example) & the other roads that lead into and out of the village.</p> <p>This is a rural village of exceptional beauty, where not only the residents of the village itself, but also the people of Wantage like to come for some recreational activities, cycling, walking, running etc The 20mph zone is great, but please consider a larger zone around the village & not just the current 30mph zone.</p> <p>Travel change: Other Not walk more, but have the reassurance to walk where I would otherwise avoid owing to speeding motorists</p>
(30) Local resident, (Stanford in the Vale, The Timms)	<p>Support – The area is very popular with walkers, cyclists and horse riders this proposal will make the local roads more pleasant and safer</p> <p>Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more</p>
(31) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Bassett Road)	<p>No objection – No objection but it is difficult to go over 20mph anyway in the village. If replacing the road signs will cost the local council money which will be passed onto the community it would be unnecessary.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(32) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Bassett Road)	<p>No objection – It's not really possible to safely drive any faster than the proposed limits in the proposed areas anyway so I already do very low 20s or lower due to narrow roads, sharp twists, pot holes etc. The change would make it easier for people not familiar with the village roads to hopefully nudge them to mind how they go.</p> <p>Travel change: No</p>
(33) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, South Street)	<p>No objection – Neutral on the proposal</p>

	<p>Travel change: No</p>
<p>(34) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Mill Paddock)</p>	<p>Support – We are fully in agreement with OCC proposals to introduce a speed limit of 20 mph throughout the village as described in the documents.</p> <p>We are very concerned that traffic coming down from Court Hill and passing along Main Street past the end of Mill Paddock on the way to Windmill Hill or the Wantage Road frequently exceeds 30mph. We hope that the 20 mph limit will reduce the speed of that traffic.</p>
<p>(35) Local resident, (Letcombe Regis, Mill Paddock)</p>	<p>Support – We have been residents in the village of Letcombe Regis for many years now. Over these years we have seen a substantial increase in traffic using our village as a “rat run”.</p> <p>It is not purely the increase in traffic volume that concerns us but the speed which these drivers, who are using our rural roads, for commuting purposes, seem to consider appropriate.</p> <p>I would like to take Court Hill Road as an example, although this is not the only road affected.</p> <p>As I have no doubt you will be aware, Court Hill Road is a narrow, almost single track rural road, with a steep decline into the village below & steep ascent out of the village. Coupled with its camber, it is winding in places with a restricted view of oncoming vehicles or pedestrians.</p> <p>When we first moved to Letcombe Regis this road used to be a nice walk up to the Ridgeway at the top. Sadly you would now be risking your life to walk your dog, cycle, or take your children for a walk up Court Hill.</p> <p>I now walk my dog on the verge of the field that runs parallel to Court Hill Road. What I have witnessed whilst doing so deeply concerns me.</p> <p>It is a regular occurrence to see motorists hurtling up & down Court Hill & to hear the screeching of brakes, as they have to stop sharply, having not considered meeting an oncoming vehicle. Usually travelling at an equally ridiculously high speed</p> <p>But this could also be a pedestrian (admittedly now getting fewer on that stretch) or a horse rider.</p>

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