

## ANNEX 3

Further to the recent discussions regarding the proposed 20mph speed limit changes in Carterton, I am writing to confirm the outcome of Carterton Town Council's consideration of Oxfordshire County Council's amended proposals.

As you will be aware, the Town Council's Road Safety Working Group has been engaging with yourselves on this matter over the past 18 months. During this period, the Town Council has sought to work constructively with the County Council to review the proposals and provide local feedback where possible.

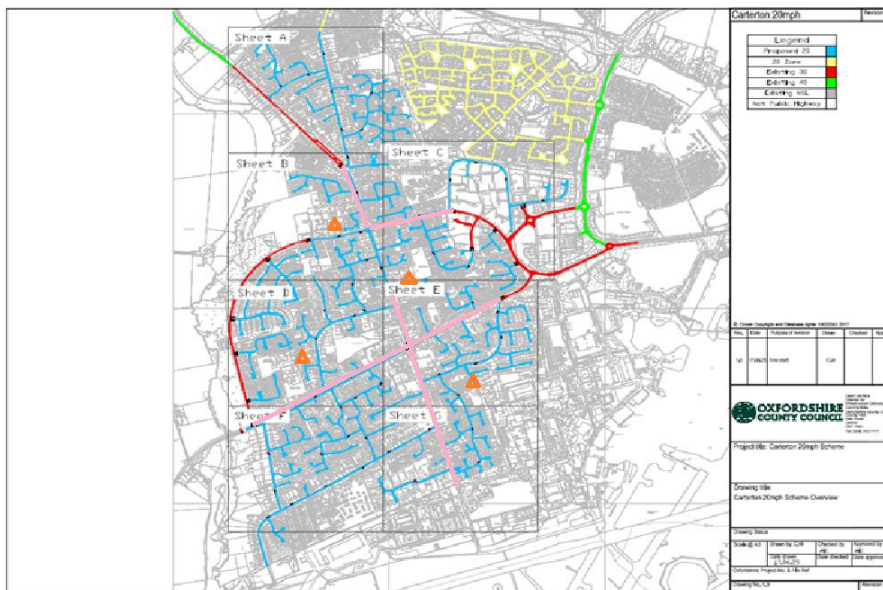
Following the initial consultation, the Town Council noted the significant level of public opposition expressed by residents, with approximately 87% of respondents objecting to the scheme. In light of this, the Town Council requested a further meeting with OCC officers in order to discuss the concerns raised locally and to better understand the revised options being considered by the County Council.

The amended proposals were subsequently considered by the Economic Regeneration and Environment Committee and then by Full Council in March 2026.

The following motion was approved by Council:

*"To consider the recommendation of the Economic Regeneration and Environment Committee that the Town Council respond to Oxfordshire County Council's amended proposals confirming that Option 2 is the Council's preferred option, with the additional request that further safety measures be considered on Alvescot Road outside the side entrance to Edith Moorhouse Primary School, such as: (a) a barrier to prevent children running from the path into the road; and/or (b) a zebra crossing; and/or (c) an advisory or permanent 20mph speed limit for that section of road.*

*IT WAS RESOLVED that Council support Option 2 of Oxfordshire County Council proposals, with additional safety measures requested on Alvescot Road near Edith Moorhouse Primary School (barrier, crossing, and/or 20mph limit)."*



 **School**

**Reduced 20mph:**

**Option 2:**



**Roads previously proposed to be 20mph to stay 30mph**

In particular, the Town Council gave detailed consideration to Alvescot Road and the area surrounding the side entrance to Edith Moorhouse Primary School.

Members recognised that Alvescot Road is a long, relatively straight section of road with good forward visibility, wide verges and properties generally set well back from the highway. As a result, there was concern that introducing a 20mph limit along the road may be inappropriate for the character of the road environment and could potentially lead to issues with driver frustration and reduced compliance.

However, the Town Council also acknowledged the legitimate safety concerns associated with the well-used side entrance to Edith Moorhouse Primary School, particularly at school drop-off and pick-up times.

For this reason, rather than seeking a reduction of Alvescot Road to 20mph, the Council's preferred approach is to retain the existing 30mph limit on the main stretch of road whilst exploring targeted additional safety measures in the vicinity of the school entrance. This is why the Council requested that Oxfordshire County Council consider measures such as a pedestrian barrier, zebra crossing, and/or an advisory 20mph restriction in that specific location.

For clarity, the Town Council recognises that road safety and the implementation of highway speed limits are matters for Oxfordshire County Council as the Highway Authority, and understands that these proposals sit within the wider context of the County Council's Vision Zero approach to road safety.

Whilst acknowledging the strength of local feeling regarding blanket 20mph measures, the Town Council has sought to engage positively with the process and to help shape a pragmatic local solution which, where possible, retains 30mph limits on key through-routes whilst prioritising lower speeds within residential areas and near schools and other sensitive locations.