



Report to the Executive Member for Public Protection for Decision

Portfolio:	Public Protection
Subject:	Traffic Regulation Order - Proposed Speed Limit - Wickham Road, Fareham
Report of:	Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services
Strategy/Policy:	
Corporate Objective:	A safe and healthy place to live and work

Purpose:

To inform the Executive Member of the outcome of the statutory advertisement of a proposal to introduce a reduced speed limit and to obtain authorisation to implement a Traffic Regulation (Speed Limit) Order.

Executive summary:

In conjunction with a housing development at St Christopher Avenue, it is proposed to reduce the speed limit in Wickham Road from the present 40mph, to 30mph.

Recommendations:

That the speed limit is reduced as advertised and shown at Appendix A.

Reason:

To improve road safety.

Cost of proposals:

The cost of the proposal will be met from developer contributions.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this proposal.

Appendices [Appendix A - Scheme drawing](#)
[Appendix B - Measured speeds](#)



Executive Briefing Paper

Date: 19 February 2013

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Briefing by: Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services

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Supporting Information

Background

1. Wickham Road forms part of the A32 principal road which runs from Gosport, through Fareham and on to Alton in the North of Hampshire. As would be expected by virtue of this being an A class road it is heavily used, and from a local perspective Wickham Road is well used to serve the North Eastern part of the town of Fareham.
2. Concerns have been expressed by local residents and Ward Members in respect of traffic speeds in Wickham Road, and the impact that a new housing development will have on the safety of the area with the existing speed limit being 40mph.
3. Parking in Wickham Road has also been the subject of concerns, however this is being addressed by separate proposals which were agreed by the Executive Member for Public Protection in November 2012.
4. Traffic speeds have been measured at two locations by Hampshire County Council, opposite The Potteries (just to the south of St Christopher Avenue), and opposite Furzehall Avenue. These were by automatic data collection and showed that most speeds were in the range of 26-36mph, which is in the range that is appropriate for a speed limit of 30mph.
5. It has therefore been proposed that the speed limit is reduced from 40mph to 30mph along Wickham Road between its roundabout junctions with North Hill and Wallington Way.

Consultations

6. The Ward Councillors, County Councillor and the Police have been consulted on this proposal and all offered their support.
7. The Statutory Consultees have been consulted and no objections were received.

Representations

8. The proposal was formally advertised in January 2013, and three responses were received from members of the public.

9. One comment was to express concern that this was not appropriate since most of the road was more appropriate to higher speeds. It appeared that the responder had not realised that this proposal was in conjunction with development proposals which would make a lower speed limit more appropriate, with the extra traffic that this would generate. The responder was informed of this.
10. A second comment was that speeds in excess of 30mph were made difficult anyway due to the volumes of traffic and the presence parked vehicles. This only applies for part of the time, and the package of measures including the waiting restrictions already agreed, are appropriate for this area.
11. The third response was to express concern that the proposed waiting restrictions would increase speeds. However, the respondent had not realised that this was a package of measures, and they were not specifically opposed to the introduction of a reduced speed limit.

Conclusion

12. It is recommended that the speed limit in Wickham Road is reduced from 40mph to 30mph between (and including) its junctions with Wallington Way and North Hill as shown in Appendix A to this report.