Decision Record – Proposed 30mph Speed Limit extension Milcote Road, Welford-on-Avon

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Jeff Clarke
	Transport and Environment
Date of Decision (not before 17 November 2017)	17/11/2017

Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment agrees that "The Warwickshire County Council (Various Roads, Welford on Avon Parish & Long Marston Parish) (30 mph & 50 mph Speed Limit) (Variation No. 1) Order 2017" be made as advertised.

Reasons for Decisions

Where objections are submitted to a TRO the Portfolio Holder is required to decide on it.

Background Information

An extension to the 30 mph speed limit along Milcote Road Welford-on-Avon is proposed. These proposals were published on 14 September 2017 in the Stratford Herald along with notices displayed on site. Objections were received.

Welford-on-Avon is a village located to the south of Stratford-upon-Avon. Within the village there are a number of residential properties, a primary school, a Church, shops and a public house.

Planning applications have been submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council and planning permission has subsequently been granted for the erection of up to 13 dwellings with associated infrastructure and new access from Milcote Road at Weston House. The permission requires the developer to implement a road safety scheme for Milcote Road prior to first occupation of the development and the safety scheme approved by the District Council comprises an extension of the existing 30 mph speed limit for a distance of approximately 325 metres.

In 2007, a new Speed Management Strategy was approved by the County Council as a result of the Speed Limit Circular 01/2006 issued by the Department for Transport (DfT). This has subsequently been superseded by Circular 01/2013. This covers three key areas: Education; Engineering; and Enforcement. The setting of speed limits is a key element of this strategy.

The DfT Circular 01/2013 advises that the following criteria are applied when setting speed limits:

- (i) Analysing the existing speed data to identify the mean speed of drivers;
- (ii) To consider the environment and nature of the road; and
- (iii) To consider any relevant injury accident data.

Milcote Road will have a significant change in environment once the development at Weston House is completed. The road is currently used to access the village from the East with two properties accessing the highway via Milcote Road within the proposed speed limit order. The addition of 13 dwellings will provide increased vehicular movements, along with increased pedestrian movements as these residents access the facilities within Welford-on-Avon. This speed limit order is required to provide a safe and accessible highway to all users of Milcote Road as a result of the changes to the environment that the Weston House development will bring.

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 enables the Council to make orders prohibiting the driving of motor vehicles on a road at a speed exceeding that specified in the order.



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Financial Implications

This scheme will be fully funded by a developer contribution. There are no alternative uses for the contribution and the addition of the scheme will not affect the overall level of available capital resources.

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cmis5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/4110/Committee/587/Default.aspx

List of Background Papers

Objections

Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder - Councillor Jeff Clarke

Corporate Board

Legal - Ian Marriott

Finance – John Betts

Equality - Polly Sharma

Democratic Services - Paul Williams

Councillors: Chattaway, Shilton, Clarke, Fradgley and Horner

Local Councillor: Brain

