

## Decision Record

### Wormleighton Village – Proposed 30mph Speed Limit

<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>	Cllr Peter Butlin Transport and Planning
<b>Date of Decision</b> (not before: 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2014)	25/02/2014

#### Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that the proposed Warwickshire County Council (Wormleighton Village) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 2013 is made as advertised.

#### Reasons for Decisions

Wormleighton is a village in Stratford-upon-Avon District. It is located between Fenny Compton Village and the Northamptonshire County Boundary. The main route through the village and the single side road are both subject to the national speed limit.

It is proposed to introduce a 30mph speed limit to the main road and side road where there are residential properties.

Wormleighton Road is the main road through route through the village. It has a series of double bends and a number of properties with access directly onto the road or across a narrow footway. It is proposed to introduce a 30mph speed limit in response to a request from residents concerned that the nature of the bends and their effect on visibility make it difficult for drivers to exit their property with confidence. Church Road is a no through road off Wormleighton Road which serves additional properties in the village. A 30mph speed limit is suitable for a village and is in accordance with the guidance from the Department for Transport (DfT).

#### Background Information

One resident of Church Road has raised objections to the proposed speed limit during the Statutory Consultation period.

#### Objection

The few people instigating the proposed limit are short term tenants.

#### Response

Concerns have been raised by a number of residents who live on the approaches to the double bends regarding the speed of approaching traffic within the village environs particularly relating to problems when exiting their drives and to the safety of vulnerable road users.

**Objection**

Traffic by your own survey averages 28mph.

**Response**

The speed quoted is an average speed of traffic on Wormleighton Road. Survey data shows that there are traffic speeds on the approaches to the double-bend that are higher: 37mph eastbound; 34mph westbound. Introducing the new speed limit will have an influence on these drivers.

**Objection**

The signs will cause a problem for farm vehicles that overhang the side of the road and will compromise verge and hedge maintenance

**Response**

The signs indicated on the consultation plan are the minimum legal requirement in order to render the speed limit enforceable. The signs at the village nameplate locations will not represent any significant additional inconvenience to verge or hedge maintenance as they merely replace existing signs. There is no evidence that these signs are proving vulnerable to farm traffic.

**Financial Implications**

Funding is available for the 2013/14 financial year.

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**Checklist**

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

**List of Reports considered - please include link to report**

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/2851/Committee/548/Default.aspx>

**List of Background Papers** - please include a contact for access to background papers

None.

**Members and officers consulted or informed** – please include any comments

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Peter Butlin

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