

**Decision Record – THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (THE RIDGEWAY & BISHOPTON LANE, STRATFORD UPON AVON) (RESTRICTED ROAD) ORDER 2017;**

**AND**

**THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A422 ALCESTER ROAD, STRATFORD UPON AVON) (RESTRICTED ROAD) ORDER 2017**

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| <b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b>     | Cllr Jeff Clarke<br>Transport and Planning |
| <b>Date of Decision</b> (not before: 14 September 2018) | <b>17/09/2018</b>                          |

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| <b>Decision Taken</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning agrees that “The Warwickshire County Council (The Ridgeway & Bishopton Lane, Stratford upon Avon)(Restricted Road) Order 2017; and The Warwickshire County Council (A422 Alcester Road, Stratford upon Avon)(Restricted Road) Order 2017” be introduced as advertised. |

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| <b>Reasons for Decisions</b>                                                                           |
| The approval of the Portfolio Holder is required when objections have been received to traffic orders. |

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| <b>Background Information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>The revocation of The Warwickshire County Council (The Ridgeway, Stratford upon Avon) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 2004 has been proposed and, as a consequence, a 30mph speed limit will come into force by virtue of the street lighting. A plan showing the effect of this proposal is appended to the published report in Appendix A.</p> <p>Rather than pursue two separate consultation processes, it was deemed to be more efficient to combine “The Warwickshire County Council (The Ridgeway &amp; Bishopton Lane, Stratford upon Avon)(Restricted Road) Order 2017”; and “The Warwickshire County Council (A422 Alcester Road, Stratford upon Avon)(Restricted Road) Order 2017” and treat them as one. It is for this reason the report shows two Statement of Reasons.</p> <p>These proposals were published on 26 October 2017 in the Stratford Observer and notices were also displayed on site.</p> <p>The Statement of Reasons for both of the proposed speed limit changes is appended to the report in Appendix B. The Ridgeway Order also includes Bishopton Lane as far as Timothy’s Bridge Road and the A422 Alcester Road between The Ridgeway, to the A46.</p> <p>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 Circular was subsequently superseded by Circular 01/2013. The Circular covers three key areas: Education; Engineering; and Enforcement. The setting of speed limits is a key element of this strategy.</p> <p>The DfT Circular 01/2013 advises that the following criteria are applied when setting speed limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Analysing the existing speed data to identify the mean speed of drivers;</li> <li>(ii) To consider the environment and nature of the road; and</li> <li>(iii) To consider any relevant injury accident data.</li> </ul> |

The three roads each contain a significant length of frontage which is undergoing substantial planned housing development and a number of new access roads.

Along these routes there have been five personal injury collisions in the past three years. The relationship between speed and likelihood of collisions as well as severity of injury is complex, but there is a correlation. Lower speed limits will improve the safety of the three roads and the proposed new accesses.

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. The matters that the Council must take into consideration when making a decision upon making such an order are set out in Appendix C of the published report.

Consultation has been carried out with the Local Member, Local Borough Council, Warwickshire Police, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Road Haulage Association and other statutory consultees.

Public notices advertising the revocation of The Warwickshire County Council (The Ridgeway, Stratford upon Avon) (40mph Speed limit) Order 2004, "The Warwickshire County Council (The Ridgeway & Bishopton Lane, Stratford upon Avon)(Restricted Road) Order 2017; and The Warwickshire County Council (A422 Alcester Road, Stratford upon Avon)(Restricted Road Order 2017" were published in the Stratford Observer newspaper on 26.10.17. Notices were also displayed on street outlining the proposals. This resulted in the receipt of two representations, summarised in the table below;

| <u>Representations-</u><br>Objections 1, Comments 1, Support 0.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Officer Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <p><b>Objection - from the Police.</b></p> <p>. There are no engineering measures proposed to assist motorists to adhere to the new speed limit.</p> <p>. Proposal as a result of a S106 Planning Order, does not meet DfT Circular 01/2013 criteria for setting speed limits.</p> | <p>. As a result of the Police Objection, the Developer is looking at installing Speed Cushions, Ladder Markings or Buildouts. A plan has been generated to assist the Developer with this issue. See Appendix D.</p> <p>. The current road layout to The Ridgeway and Bishopton Lane is to change in the near future with the introduction of a new estate with up to 500 dwellings. This will introduce 3 new traffic junctions, 5 uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points, one of which will be the new signal control over the canal bridge and 2 Pelican crossings as highlighted in Appendix E.</p> <p>The Shottery Development, off the A422, is ultimately expected to accommodate nearly 800 dwellings and will also have at least 2 new traffic junctions onto the A422.</p> <p>With an expected increase in vehicular turning movements and pedestrians crossing the road, this will significantly change the current environment. Therefore, it would seem prudent to reduce the current speed limit to 30mph even though it may differ with the given DfT advice.</p> |

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| <b>Comment - from the Fire &amp; Rescue Service</b><br>. No Objection. | . Noted |
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The Ward Member Councillor Jenny Fradgley was advised of this Restricted Roads Order via email on the 31 October 2017.

**Financial Implications**

The funding for this scheme is within the current Capital Programme. It will be fully funded by a developer contribution as part of a Section 278 scheme. There are no alternative uses for the contribution and the addition of the scheme will not affect the overall level of available capital resources.

It has been identified that to assist the motorists to adhere to the lower speed limit certain traffic calming features may need to be installed, which would be introduced before occupancy of the first property is completed.

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| <b>Portfolio Holder</b>        | Councillor Jeff Clarke |

### Checklist

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| <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**

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cmis5/Calendarofmeetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4404/Committee/593/Default.aspx>

**List of Background Papers**

None

**Members and officers consulted or informed**

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jeff Clarke  
 Corporate Board  
 Legal – Ian Marriott  
 Finance – Vicki Barnard  
 Equality – Clare Bonnet  
 Democratic Services – Paul Williams

Local Member(s): Councillor Jenny Fradgley  
 Other members: Councillor Cockburn, Dirveiks, Shilton