

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Adrian Gray
Title:	The Hampshire (B3347 Ringwood to Sopley) (Restricted Road, 30, 40 and 50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Order 2016
Reference:	C775

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That a traffic order be implemented under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which will be to reduce the existing national speed limit to 50 mph on B3347 Christchurch Road / Ringwood Road between a point 520 metres south of its junction with Hampshire Hatches Lane and a point 511 metres south of its junction with Anna Lane, north-east of Avon, an approximate distance of 4,820 metres.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. No objections or representations were received in response to the public consultation which took place between 3rd and 27th June 2016.
- 2.2. This scheme originates from the county-wide review of speed limits on A and B roads.

It covers the section stretching from Ringwood to Avon and proposes the speed limit reduction from the current national speed limit down to 50 mph from the end point of the existing 40 mph at the northern end of Lower Kingston and Bisterne to the existing 30 mph speed limit through Avon.

To reinforce the proposed speed limits and make them more effective, they have been set as part of a package with other measures to manage speeds, such as gateways, visual narrowing including carriageway lining, signing and surface treatments to raise the driver's awareness of their environment.

As a package, the measures proposed are aimed at enabling the overall road experience to deliver speed limits and driven speeds that are safe and appropriate for the affected section of the road and its surroundings.

The benefits expected from the scheme include accident and casualty reductions as well as reduction in severance by fast moving traffic, reduced emissions plus improvements to the environment, reduction in public anxiety and improved conditions for other road users.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. None

4. Scheme Funding:

4.1. Traffic Management Capital Programme

5. Conflicts of interest:

5.1. None

6. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

6.1. None

7. Supporting information:

7.1. Local Member Councillor Rippon-Swaine and Sopley Parish Council support the proposal.

7.2. Police – do not object to the 50 mph speed limit proposal.

7.3. File C775, draft order and scheme drawings TM242/1152

Approved by:

Adrian Gray

Date:

30/6/2016

Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic Manager)

On behalf of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment