

**Hampshire County Council**

**Report to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment**

**September 2016**

**Traffic Order – B2146 Sussex Road, Petersfield**

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**1. Summary**

**1.1 The following decision is sought:**

That a traffic order be implemented under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to impose a 40mph speed limit (existing de-restricted) on that length of B2146 Sussex Road at Petersfield between a point 929 metres south-east of its junction with Heath Road West (i.e. the south-eastern end of the existing 40mph) and a point 620 metres south-east of that point.

The order will also revoke and re-enact with no change of substance the provisions contained in The Hampshire (B2199 Pulens Lane/Heath Road East and B2146 Sussex Road, Petersfield) (Restricted Road and 40 Miles per Hour Speed Limit) Order 2006, save for the addition described above.

**2. Reason**

**2.1** At the County Council's Highways Workshop meeting in autumn 2014, the County Councillors covering the East Hampshire area agreed to include B2146 Sussex Road and 40mph speed limit proposals in the 2015/2016 East Hampshire Traffic Management scheme programme. The B2146 Sussex Road and 40mph speed limit proposals intended to investigate and, where appropriate, resolve concerns expressed about the speed of vehicles using this road in the East Hampshire area

**2.2** The scheme supports the safer and more secure for all, maximising well-being and enhancing our quality of place corporate strategies.

**3. Other Options Considered and Rejected**

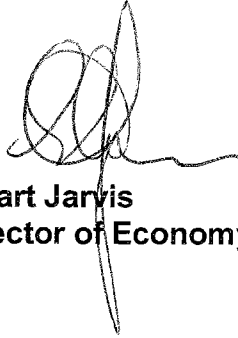
Other options have been considered, but have been rejected – see appendix to this report.

4. **Conflicts of Interest Declared by the Decision Maker or Other Executive Member Consulted – None.**
5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel – None.**
6. **Reason(s) for the Matter being dealt with if Urgent – None.**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

23/9/16

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**Stuart Jarvis**  
**Director of Economy, Transport and Environment**

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**1. Introduction**

1.1 This report considers a 40mph speed limit (existing de-restricted) on that length of B2146 Sussex Road at Petersfield between a point 929 metres south-east of its junction with Heath Road West (i.e. the south-eastern end of the existing 40mph) and a point 620 metres south-east of that point.

**2. Recommendation**

2.1 That a Traffic Order be made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to impose a 40mph speed limit (existing de-restricted) on that length of B2146 Sussex Road at Petersfield between a point 929 metres south-east of its junction with Heath Road West (i.e. the south-eastern end of the existing 40mph) and a point 620 metres south-east of that point.

2.2 The order will also revoke and re-enact with no change of substance the provisions contained in The Hampshire (B2199 Pulens Lane/Heath Road East and B2146 Sussex Road, Petersfield) (Restricted Road and 40 Miles per Hour Speed Limit) Order 2006, save for the addition described above.

**3. Justification and Details of Proposal**

3.1 At the County Council's Highways Workshop meeting in autumn 2014, the County Councillors covering the East Hampshire area agreed to include B2146 Sussex Road and 40mph speed limit proposals in the 2015/2016 East Hampshire Traffic Management scheme programme. The B2146 Sussex Road and 40mph speed limit proposals intended to investigate and, where appropriate, resolve concerns expressed about the speed of vehicles using this road in the East Hampshire area

- 3.2 As part of the process to implement the new/revised speed limits, the opportunity has been taken to revoke and re-enact and therefore simplify this speed limit order. As a result, some of the restrictions that have been included within the advertised Traffic Order, as part of the proposals, are already in place.
- 3.3 The scheme supports the safer and more secure for all, maximising well-being and enhancing our quality of place corporate strategies.
- 3.4 During the five year period ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015, there has been one injury accident in the length of Sussex Road B2146 under consideration.
- 3.5 Attached are:
- (i) the traffic order;
  - (ii) a location plan.

#### 4. **Consultation**

- 4.1 Consultation with local interested parties (including the local County Councillor Ken Moon – East Hampshire District Council, Petersfield Parish Council and the Police) was carried out during April 2016.
- 4.2 In response to the public advertisement of the Traffic Order, a total of 15 representations were received. Ten of these representations supported the proposal. A summary of the other five representations, together with comments, is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 4.3 In earlier consultations, the Police indicated that they did not support the proposed speed limits. Hampshire and Thames Valley Police have a new joint Roads Policing Strategy which is based on the National Police Chiefs Council's (NPCC) priorities of policing roads in partnership. In supporting this strategy, the Police will require any new speed limit proposal to fully meet the requirements of the Department of Transport's Circular 01/13 "Setting Local Speed Limits" with mean speeds used as the basis for determining local speed limits within the guidelines and a priority on reducing injury collisions. Unless these factors are met, the response to the proposal will be to object in principal to any change in speed limit. Recent traffic surveys showed mean average speeds in the region of 34mph to 42.5 Mean average speeds at or around the proposed lower speed limit are typically a good indicator of the likely effectiveness of the proposal. As per paragraph 3.4 above, the injury accident record during the five year period ending 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 shows one injury accident in the length of road under consideration.

5. **Local Member's View**

5.1 The local County Councillor supports the proposed way forward outlined in the attached appendix and the conclusion below.

6. **Cost**

6.1 The cost of implementation will be met from the ordinary Traffic Management Programme.

7. **Conclusion**

7.1 That the proposed 40mph speed limit (existing de-restricted) on that length of B2146 Sussex Road at Petersfield between a point 929 metres south-east of its junction with Heath Road West (i.e. the south-eastern end of the existing 40mph) and a point 620 metres south-east of that point is implemented as advertised.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

**The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)**

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Scheme file	Economy, Transport and Environment Department, Hampshire County Council, Elizabeth II Court West, The Castle Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8UD.

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

- 1.1 The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. The website contains a summary [assessment of the impacts](#) on Hampshire's highway network and transport systems.
- 1.2 It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

No significant impact.

### **3. Climate Change:**

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?  
No significant impact.
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?  
No significant impact.