

Hampshire County Council

Report to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

November 2015

Traffic Order – The Hampshire (Various Roads, Blackwater, Yateley, Hawley and Farnborough) (Restricted Road, 30 and 40 miles per hour Speed Limit) Order 2015

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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 30 mph speed limit - restricted road, by virtue of a prescribed system of street lighting - (currently 40 mph) on that length of B3272 Hawley Road/Hawley Lane between a point 60 metres north of its junction with Fernhill Lane and a point 60 metres west of its roundabout junction with A325 Farnborough Road, an approximate distance of 1,700 metres.

In addition, the Order shall contain the same provisions as set out in The Hampshire (Various Roads, Blackwater, Yateley, Hawley and Farnborough) (30 and 40 Miles per Hour Speed Limit) Order 2012 (except the change above) and shall revoke that Order.

2. Reason

2.1 The proposal has originated from the countywide assessment of speed limits on the A and B road network. The outcomes of the A and B Road Speed Limit Review and the proposed program were reported to Councillor Kendal, Executive Member for Environment and Transport, and consequently approved on 17 January 2012.

2.2 The proposed speed limit changes are focused on the B3272 because of its safety record.

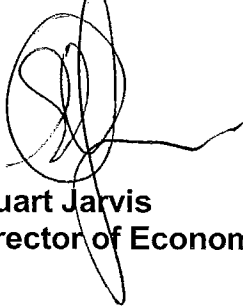
2.3 Traffic speed surveys showed that the existing vehicle speeds along the B3272 were aligned to the proposed 30 mph limit, with mean average speeds ranging between 28.8 and 33.5 mph.

2.4 This proposal also supports the Corporate Strategy 'Hampshire safer and more secure for all'.

3. **Other Options Considered and Rejected**
 - 3.1 To do nothing is not recommended because the collision rate per 100 million vehicle kilometres for this section of the B3272 Hawley Lane/Hawley Road in Farnborough was above the DfT threshold.
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:

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Stuart Jarvis
Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report considers the outcome of the statutory consultation associated with the proposal to introduce a new 30 mph speed limit along the B3272 Hawley Road / Hawley Lane in Farnborough.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That a traffic order be implemented under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to impose a 30 mph speed limit - restricted road, by virtue of a prescribed system of street lighting - (currently 40 mph) on that length of B3272 Hawley Road / Hawley Lane between a point 60 metres north of its junction with Fernhill Lane and a point 60 metres west of its roundabout junction with A325 Farnborough Road, an approximate distance of 1,700 metres.
- 2.2 Additionally, the proposed Order shall contain the same provisions as set out in The Hampshire (Various Roads, Blackwater, Yateley, Hawley and Farnborough) (30 and 40 Miles per Hour Speed Limit) Order 2012 (except the change above) and shall revoke that Order.

3. Justification and Details of Proposal

- 3.1 The scheme has been prepared to introduce a lower speed limit on B3272 Hawley Road / Hawley Lane in Farnborough. The proposal is in response to recommendations from the countywide A and B Road Speed Limit Review. The review process took into account various factors including the accident rate, recorded mean speeds, road user activity along the route and the highway environment.

- 3.2 The speed limit review followed Department for Transport (DfT) guidelines applying the DfT collision rate threshold analysis. This is the injury accident threshold for upper tier roads, which reflects expected levels associated with a road carrying a given level of traffic and an appropriate balance between safety and mobility. The DfT recommended threshold is a collision rate of 35 per 100 million vehicle kilometres. Lower speed limits should be considered where the accident rate is above this threshold.
- 3.3 The collision rate for the recommended speed limit change identified through the A & B Road Speed Limit Review process for the B3272 Hawley Road / Hawley Lane in Farnborough between its junction with the A325 Farnborough Road Roundabout and a point north of Fernhill Lane was 58 per 100 million vehicle kilometres.
- 3.4 Speed surveys were undertaken during December 2013 and these revealed that the mean average speed ranged between 28.8 and 33.5mph for the proposed 30 mph limit. The mean traffic speeds are in line with reducing the speed limit to 30 mph.
- 3.5 Due to the number of personal injury accidents occurring along the B3272 Hawley Road / Hawley Lane in Farnborough, it was felt that lowering the existing speed limit to 30 mph would help to reduce the number of accidents whilst improving the overall road safety for all road users.
- 3.6 This proposal also supports the Corporate Strategy 'Hampshire safer and more secure for all'.
- 3.7 Attached are:
 - (i) the traffic order;
 - (ii) a location plan; and
 - (iii) a descriptive plan of the area.

4. **Consultation**

- 4.1 The formal advertisement of the proposed traffic order was undertaken between 11 September 2015 and 2 October 2015.
- 4.2 The proposed speed limits have the support of the Police.
- 4.3 As a result of the formal consultation and public advertisement, two letters of representation were received. Further details are given in the attached Appendix.

5. **Local Member's View**

5.1 The local Member, Councillor Roz Chad, was consulted and supports the proposed speed limit changes.

6. **Cost**

6.1 The cost of implementation will be met by Capital allocation for the A & B Road Speed Limit Review programme.

7. **Conclusion**

7.1 It is considered that reducing the speed limit along the B3272 Hawley Lane/Hawley Road in accordance with the proposal will set appropriate speed limits for this road, whilst helping to improve the overall road safety record. As the proposal is supported by the Local Member and the Police, it is recommended that the Traffic Regulation Order be implemented as advertised.

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
A and B Road Speed Limit review	3513	17 January 2012

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.
Traffic management measures benefit all sectors of the community in terms of safety.
- 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:

- 2.1 There should not be any impact to crime or disorder as the implementation of the proposed speed limit will encourage safer driving on the specified road. This is based on the assumption that the speed limits implemented remain coherent with the existing vehicular mean speeds.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
Not applicable
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?
Not applicable.

**Representations received for the proposed 30 mph speed limit,
Restricted Road, on the B3272 Hawley Road / Hawley Lane,
Farnborough.**

Name and Address	Point of Comment	Officer Comment
<p>Mr H Wren wrenhy@ btinternet.com</p>	<p>“The Parish of Blackwater & Hawley has not been included in the consultation.”</p> <p>“the proposal should make a continuous 30MPH speed limit along the full length of the B3272 Hawley Road from Farnborough to the A30. This implies reducing to 30mph the existing 40mph speed limit between Medlar Drive and Fernhill lane, in between the existing and the proposed 30mph sections.”</p>	<p>The boundary to Hart District with Blackwater and Hawley sits about 150m west of the proposed 30/40mph speed limit terminal and formal consultation was therefore not required. However representatives were notified of the details of the proposal at the pre-consultation stage. Details of the proposal were sent to Councillor Collett and Blackwater and Hawley Town Council for information on 21st May 2015. Cllr Collett fully supports the proposal.</p> <p>The section of the B3272 Hawley Road where the 40 mph speed limit is to be retained is more rural in nature with very little frontage development scattered along its length.</p> <p>The section of 40 mph to be retained is approximately 600m in length, which is considered to be the desirable minimum length of a 40 mph speed limit.</p> <p>Evidence has shown that an arbitrary lower speed limit in areas where it is not justified is unlikely to be respected by many motorists and risks bringing it and other speed limits into disrepute.</p> <p>Additionally, a continuous 30 mph limit between the A325 Roundabout junction and the A30 Roundabout junction, would negate the need for speed limit gateway features highlighting the entry to both Hawley and Farnborough. The impact of the</p>

		gateways would significantly be reduced in terms of both size and impact on drivers' awareness of the speed limit.
<p>Cllr Barry Jones Cherrywood Ward Rushmoor Borough Council, 96 Somerset Road, Farnborough GU14 6DS 01252 652906</p> <p>Barry.jones@ rushmoor.gov.uk</p>	<p>"have you considered extending the 30mph limit to include the A325 Farnborough Road between the B3272 roundabout and Chingford Avenue? With the new experimental changes to the bus priority scheme, cars now exit the roundabout from both lanes at some speed and many need to change lanes between the roundabout and the junctions with Ship Lane and Prospect Avenue. A reduction in the speed limit might make this less hazardous."</p>	<p>The speed limit on the A325 was included within the Countywide review of speed limits undertaken in recent years on all A and B class roads, from which the proposed speed limit reduction along the B3272 Hawley Lane originated. The purpose of this review was to assess all speed limits on the County maintained A and B road network in relation to the road traffic collision rate of each route.</p> <p>There were no initial recommendations for changing the existing speed limit arrangements on the A325 through Farnborough and at present there are no further plans to review the current speed limit regime along this particular section of the A325.</p> <p>Monitoring of accidents throughout the County is ongoing and will inform us whether there is need to consider a reduction of the speed limit on A325 on safety grounds in the future.</p>