

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Adrian Gray
Title:	Traffic Order Proposal – Amendments to Speed Limits at Bordon, Whitehill and Sleaford
Reference:	

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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 amend existing and impose new speed limits in the Bordon, Whitehill and Sleaford areas as follows:

1. 30mph (by virtue of a prescribed system of street lighting) – existing derestricted

- (i) New Whitehill/Bordon relief road between its roundabout junction with A325 Petersfield Road and a point 983 metres south-west thereof.
- (ii) A325 Petersfield Road – extension of the existing 30mph limit by 128 metres, i.e. the restriction will be in effect between a point 336 metres north of its junction with B3002 Station Road and a point 272 metres south of its junction with C114 Liphook Road/Firgrove Road, an approximate distance of 3238 metres (including the circulatory carriageway of the roundabout at the junction with the relief road).

2. 40mph – existing derestricted

A325 Petersfield Road between a point 336 metres north of its junction with B3002 Station Road and a point 338 metres north of that point.

3. 50mph – existing derestricted

A325 Petersfield Road/High Street/Camp Road/Farnham Road between a point 188 metres south of its junction with B3004 Broxhead Farm Road and a point 645 metres south of that point.

1.2. The order will also revoke and re-enact the provisions contained in The Hampshire (Various Roads, Sleaford) (40 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Order 2000; and The Hampshire (A325, Whitehill/Bordon) (Restricted Road) Order 2006 with no change of substance save for the amendments and addition above.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The speed limit at the new roundabout and on Phase 1 of the new relief road will be 30mph so the existing 30mph zone on the A325 needs to be extended northwards to include this.
- 2.2. Currently this part of the A325 has a National Speed Limit. The proposals allow for a 40mph buffer zone on the southbound approach to the new 30mph limit end in order to more effectively slow traffic speeds before the roundabout.
- 2.3. The first option considered was to give a 40mph limit to the whole length of the A325 between the roundabout and Sleaford but there is a possibility that this would be ignored on such a straight length of rural road and then the impact of the reduction to 30mph at the roundabout would be diminished.
- 2.4. As a result, the proposal was to create a 50mph limit south of Sleaford to a point immediately south of the access to Lion Court. It is considered that a 50mph limit would also be more appropriate than the NSL in the vicinity of this access.
- 2.5. No objections or representations were received (save for the comments made by the Police as detailed in no. 7.2 of this report) in response to the public consultation which took place between 18 December 2015 and 11 January 2016.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. None

4. Scheme Funding:

- 4.1. Capital

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 Carew supports the proposals.
- 7.2. The Police supported the proposal for the 30 mph speed limit, but initially raised concerns about compliance with the proposed 40 mph and 50 mph speed limits, and possible enforcement complexity arising through temporary speed limits orders in place here. Following discussions and an analysis of existing speed and accident data, the Police subsequently confirmed they are content with the proposals, including the sections of 40 mph and 50 mph speed limit.
- 7.3. File C743, draft order, map and relevant e-mails.

Approved by:

Date:

Adrian Gray

22/4/ 2016

Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic Manager)

**On behalf of the Director of Economy, Transport and
Environment**