

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Adrian Gray
<b>Title:</b>	Traffic Order Proposals - 30 and 40mph Speed Limits at Whiteley
<b>Reference:</b>	

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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 at Whiteley as follows – all distances are approximate and measured in metres:

#### (a) **New 30mph Speed Limit (by virtue of prescribed systems of street lighting)**

<i>Road</i>	<i>distance</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>distance</i>
(i) Acanthus Court	76	(ii) Arbour Court	88
(iii) Haflinger Drive	95	(iv) Jasmine Court	61
(v) Kingswood Close	94	(vi) Lavender Court (spine & spur)	97
(vii) Maple Rise	175	(viii) Oak Coppice Road	152
(ix) Rowan Close (spine & head)	79	(x) Silver Birch Way	125

#### (b) **40mph (existing 50mph)**

Reduce the existing 50mph limit to 40mph on that length of A3051 Whiteley Way between its roundabout junction with the M27 at Junction 9 and a point 293 metres north thereof (i.e. at the southern terminal of the existing 40mph limit).

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. No objections or representations were received in response to the public consultation which took place between 17 October and 7 November 2014.

2.2. M27 Junction 9 is a six arm partially signalised roundabout. The junction suffers from high levels of daily congestion, with queues occurring on all four signalised arms. Queues on the eastbound off-slip extend onto the M27 mainline causing further congestion. Hampshire County Council (HCC) raised concerns about congestion on the approach to the roundabout along Whiteley Way from the north.

A traffic modelling and economic assessment of the junction has been undertaken which reviewed a number of improvement options. The preferred option includes widening of the M27 eastbound and westbound off-slips, and widening of Whiteley Way.

Whiteley Way is a dual carriageway running north/south between Junction 9 roundabout to the south and Parkway South Roundabout to the north. The northern 115m section of Whiteley Way is currently subject to a 40mph speed limit with the remaining 293m being subject to a 50mph speed limit.

As part of the M27, Junction 9 Improvement scheme, it is proposed to extend the short 3 lane approach on the Whiteley approach to the junction roundabout by approximately 155m. Due to land constraints it is proposed to use 3 x 3.3m wide lanes instead of the standard 3.65m wide lanes. In order to help reduce vehicle speeds along the section of road with the narrow lane widths, it is proposed to extend the existing 40mph speed limit southwards by approximately 265m towards the motorway junction roundabout, replacing the current 50mph speed limit.

To regularise and consolidate existing 30mph speed limits on the roads in the Bluebell Way area to the north it is proposed to include these in the proposals.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. None

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. None

**5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:**

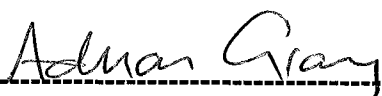
5.1. None

**6. Supporting information:**

6.1. File C709

**Approved by:**

**Date:** 20 / 11

  
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**Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic Manager)**

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