

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	B4214 Tenbury Road, Bromyard – Proposed Extension of Existing 30 mph Speed Limit and Reduction of National Speed Limit to 40 mph
Date of decision:	22 May 2019
Decision maker:	Head of Highways & Community Services
Authority for delegated decision:	Herefordshire Council's constitution - Scheme of Delegation Part 3 Functions Scheme, Section 7 Officer Functions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3.7.6 Delegation to Chief Executive 2. 3.7.13 Sub delegation by Chief Executive to officers <p>Row 77 of the ECC Scheme of delegation</p>
Ward:	Bromyard Bringsty Bromyard West
Consultation:	<p>In November 2017, an initial consultation letter and plan was sent to 'official' consultees (Appendix F), including both the Ward Councillors, Bromyard & Winslow Town Council, the Police, Fire and Ambulance services, the Road Haulage Association and the Freight Transport Association. This initial consultation proposed the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit along the section of road referred to above. The responses received from the Town Council and the Ward councillor for Bromyard West supported the proposal.</p> <p>At that time, the response from the Police confirmed they had no formal objections to the 30 mph proposal. However, on examination of speed data from a subsequent speed survey, the Police changed their opinion concluding that they would be more supportive of a 40 mph speed limit (Appendix G).</p> <p>In December 2017, following the Police support for a 40 mph limit a subsequent proposal to reduce the national speed limit to 40 mph was put to the Town Council and both Ward Councillors with the recommendation that 40 mph limit would be a more appropriate than 30 mph limit (see Appendix H)</p> <p>The Town Council and Ward Councillor for Bromyard West responded that their preference was still for a 30 mph speed limit.</p> <p>The proposal to extend the 30 mph speed limit for a distance of 73 metres in a northerly direction in conjunction with the proposed zebra crossing is a further recommendation. This proposal has gained support of the Police.</p> <p>The Ward Councillor of Bromyard and Bringsty responded via email on 10th April whereby he wished to know what proportion of the B4214 which is subject to change of speed limit had street lighting. He also stated that DfT' Circular 01/2013 requires a minimum length of the speed limit to be 600 metres. Given the proposed length of the 40 mph speed limit was below this, he suggested to either increase the length of the 40 mph section to 600 metres, or reduce the limit of the entire section to 30 mph. The Ward Councillor's questions were duly answered. The point</p>

	<p>relating to the minimum distance of 600 metres is covered in paragraph 19 and that relating to reduction of the entire section to 30 mph is covered in Key Considerations above.</p> <p>The full responses are given at Appendix I.</p>
Decision made:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>subject to the consideration of any objections received as part of the statutory consultation the existing County of Hereford and Worcester (Restricted Roads) (No 6) Order 1987 on the B4124 Tenbury Road at Bromyard is revoked and a new 30 mph and 40 mph speed limit Order made under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 is introduced the effect of which will be to introduce:</p> <p>(a) a 30 mph speed limit on the B4124 Tenbury Road from a point 41 metres southeast of the centre line of the junction with the U65438 to a point 118 metres northwest of the centre line of the junction with the U65438.</p> <p>(b) a 40 mph speed limit on the B4124 Tenbury Road from a point 118 metres northwest of the centre line of the junction with the U65438 for a distance of 472 metres in a generally northerly direction</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>To consider the introduction of a new Speed Limit Order; the effect of which will be to extend the existing 30 mph speed limit from its current northernmost termination point on the B4214 Tenbury Road Bromyard for a distance of 73 metres and to reduce the existing National Speed Limit to a 40 mph speed limit thereafter for a distance of 472 metres northwards to promote safer speeds in the vicinity of the vehicular access to the new residential development at Porthouse Farm. All as indicated on the consultation drawing 3409-22B contained in Appendix A.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>None</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>That, contrary to the reasoning below the proposed 30 mph and 40 mph speed limit order is not implemented which would consequently not resolve the issue mentioned in the "Reasons for Recommendations" and "Key Considerations" sections below.</p> <p>Councillor Seldon and Bromyard and Winslow Parish Council, (BWPC) are supportive of a reduction to 30 mph for the full extent of the highway under consideration rather than a reduction to 40 mph as recommended in this report.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	<p>None</p>

Signed

Date: 22 May 2019

