

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	<p>OBJECTION REPORT</p> <p>A44 Monkland – Proposed extension of the existing 50 mph speed limit</p> <p>U93002 – Proposed speed limit reduction from National Speed Limit to 50 mph</p> <p>U93001 Pleck Lane, U93004 Baker Lea and U93005 Tagwell Lane – Proposed speed limit reduction from national speed limit to 30 mph</p>
Date of decision:	9 November 2018
Decision maker:	Assistant Director Highways and Transport
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 1 November 2018 Directorate: Economy and Place, section 61. To act on behalf of the council in respect of the legislation specified in the foregoing: Traffic Management Act 2004, Road Traffic Act 1988 Acting Assistant Director for Highways and Transport (Traffic Manager designate) and The Traffic Manager may in making arrangements to ensure that the authority has: (a) determined specific policies or objectives in relation to different roads or classes of road in their road network; (b) monitored the effectiveness of – 117</p>
Ward:	Leominster West, Leominster South
Consultation:	The responses to the Statutory Consultation received from the Police, Monkland and Stretford Parish Council, Ward Member (Councillor Marsh) and the local residents are provided in Appendix D.
Decision made:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>No person shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour:</p> <p>along the length of carriageway on the A44, Monkland from a point 83 metres west of its junction with the centre line of the U93006 for a distance of 1,568 metres in an easterly direction to a point 333 metres east of its junction with the eastern junction with the U93003 Old Road and;</p> <p>along the U93002 from its junction with the A44 for its entire adopted length.</p> <p>The speed limit on the U93001 Pleck Lane, the U93004 Baker Lea and the U93005 Tagwell Lane is not reduced from their current national speed limit to 30 mph.</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p><u>A44</u> The current 50 mph termination point on the A44 to the east of Monkland is located near to a bend running over a bridge. The proposed eastward extension of the existing 50 mph speed limit along the A44 from its current termination point will improve the</p>

	<p>forward visibility of the speed limit terminal signs. This should encourage westbound motorists travelling towards the village of Monkland to reduce their approach speeds into the new speed limit terminal signs location before they approach the sharp bend over the bridge.</p> <p><u>U93001 Pleck Lane, U93004 Baker Lea and U93005 Tagwell Lane</u> It was originally proposed to reduce the speed limit on the U93001 Pleck Lane, the U93004 Baker Lea and the U93005 Tagwell Lane from their current national speed limit to 30 mph as per the initial support of the Parish Council/Local Member. However, as part of the statutory TRO consultation, the majority of the residents who objected to the 30 mph speed limit on these roads indicated that the 30 mph speed limit repeater signs would result in an adverse visual impact on the area. For the 30 mph speed limit to be enforceable, it requires speed limit terminal signs (600mm minimum in diameter) to be erected at each end of the 30 mph speed limit and speed limit repeater signs (300mm in diameter) at regular intervals to ensure driver compliance and awareness, especially due to the fact that this area has little roadside development and passes through an expanse of common grassland. In order to mitigate this, it is recommended to not reduce the speed limit on these roads to 30 mph.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	None
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	That the existing 50 mph speed limit on the A44 through Monkland is reduced to 40 mph as per the preference of the Parish Council, the Local Member and majority of the local residents who responded to the Statutory TRO Consultation.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

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