**OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)**

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**APPROVAL TO PROGRESS**

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

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| **TITLE OF REPORT:** **PROPOSAL:** **SCHEME REF No:****REPORT AUTHOR:** | **Midford Village speed limit review.****The introduction of 20mph speed limit.****23-020 / LC****Lewis Cox**  |

**1. DELEGATION**

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 3**, **Section 4** of the Constitution under the **Delegation of Functions to Officers,** as follows:

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| **Section A** | The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility….” |
| **Section B** | Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to:serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within his/her area of responsibility. |
| **Section D9** | An Officer to whom a power, duty or function is delegated may nominate or authorise another Officer to exercise that power, duty or function, provided that Officer reports to or is responsible to the delegator. |

*For the purposes of this report, the Director of Place Management holds the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Traffic Regulation Orders.*

**2. LEGAL AUTHORITY**

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under Section 1 provides, generally, for Orders to be made for the following reasons, and in the case of this report specifically for the reason(s) shown below:

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| (a) | for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or | X |
| (b) | for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or |  |
| (c) | for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or | X |
| (d) | for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, |  |
| (e) | (without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or | X |
| (f) | for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs, or |  |
| (g) | for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality) |  |

**3. PROPOSAL**

To introduce 20mph speed limit on roads within the village of Midford, including the B3310.

The extents of the proposed 20mph speed limit are shown on the attached drawing.

**4. BACKGROUND**

The village of Midford is located on the B3110, which provides a relatively direct link between the A366 in Wiltshire with the A367 in Bath and North East Somerset. As a result, the road is well-used throughout much of the day.

The Two Tunnels Greenway, which forms part of the National Cycle Network (Route 244), passes over Midford on a reclaimed viaduct, but there are local links between the village and the Greenway. Consequently. the public house in the village is popular with pedestrians and cyclists, and there is regular walking, wheeling, and cycling activity within the village.

The speed limit throughout the village of Midford is currently 30mph, but the Parish Council, Ward Members, and residents continue to express road safety concerns. This review of the existing speed limits within the village environment is, therefore, considered to be appropriate, which is also likely to include improvements to the signing and road markings on the B3110 through Midford.

The draft proposals have been discussed with a representative of the Traffic Management Team at a recent meeting with the Parish Council and Ward Members.

# 5. SOURCE OF FINANCE

The scheme is funded through the 2023/24 Transport Improvement Programme.

**6. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

Theproposal requires informal consultation with the Chief Constable, Parish Council, Ward Members, and the Cabinet Member for Transport.

PROPOSAL(S) APPROVED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE, PARISH COUNCIL, AND WARD MEMBERS.

Paul Garrod Date: 30th August 2023

Traffic Management and Network Manager