**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:** | **A368 Speed Limit Route Review**  **20mph, 30mph, and 40mph speed limits**  **24-020 / 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 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 | X |
| (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 reduce the speed limits along sections of the A368 within Bath and North East Somerset (including a small section of North Somerset as agreed), from Marksbury though to Ubley, which includes the villages of Chelwood, Stowey, Bishop Sutton, and Compton Martin. The proposals include speed limits of 20, 30, and 40 miles per hour.

The proposals are shown on the attached drawings 1 to 6.

**4. BACKGROUND**

A number of road traffic collisions have occurred along the A368, and road safety concerns have been expressed by residents, Parish Councils, Ward Members, and the Police. As a result, a review of the existing speed limits along the route, from Marksbury to Ubley has been undertaken by the Traffic Management Team.

The Traffic Management Team will also review other signage along the route and remove / upgrade / improve where it is deemed necessary.

If the 20mph speed limit proposals are introduced and compliance with this becomes an issue it may be necessary to consider traffic calming measures along some sections of road in the future.

# 5. SOURCE OF FINANCE

2024/25 Transport Improvement Programme,

**6. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

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

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



Paul Garrod Date: 6th June 2024

Traffic Management and Network Manager