

OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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INFORMAL CONSULTATION (with the Chief Constable, Parish Council, and Ward Members)

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT:	A39 Wells Road, Corston
PROPOSAL:	Speed Limit Review
SCHEME REF No:	24-008
REPORT AUTHOR:	Gina West

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:

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:

(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	
(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	
(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 existing 30mph speed limit through Corston Village to 20mph, including a small section of Ashton Hill from its junction with A39 Wells Road to a point just west of its junction with Church Farm Business Park to reduce the section of de-restricted speed limit to 50mph.

The proposals are shown on the attached drawing.

4. **BACKGROUND**

Funding has been secured to introduce a 20mph speed limit through Corston Village. The section of the A39 where the 20mph is proposed is built up on both sides of the road, which narrows through an S-bend where the footways are also narrow.

Our collision data shows that there have been several collisions resulting in injuries on the de-restricted stretch of the A39, notably at the junction with Wheatsheaf Lane, so it is considered that reducing the existing national speed to 50mph will improve road safety.

A traffic speed survey recently carried out on the A39 Wells Road through Corston Village (June 2024) shows that the average speeds in both directions are between 25 - 26 mph. Therefore, as this falls within the guidance of signed-only 20mph speed limits in terms of achieving compliance, it is considered that a 20mph speed limit through Corston Village is likely to have a positive impact.

5. **SOURCE OF FINANCE**

The scheme is included in the 2024/25 Transport Improvement Programme.

6. **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

The proposal requires informal consultation with the Chief Constable, Ward Members, Parish Council, and the Cabinet Member for Highways.

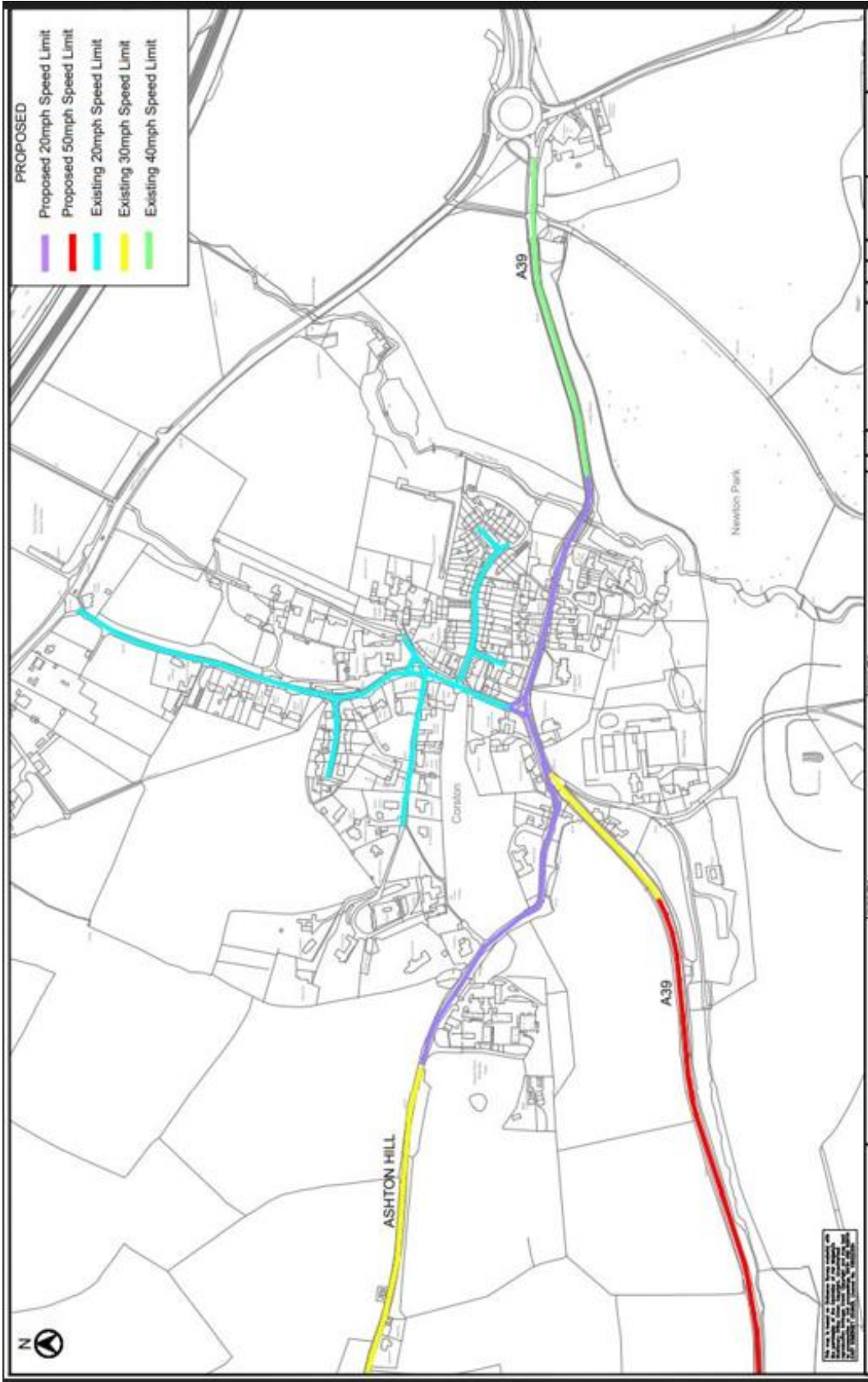
PROPOSAL APPROVED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE, PARISH COUNCIL, AND WARD MEMBERS.

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Paul Garrod
Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 4th July 2024

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