

# OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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## OUTCOME OF TRO PROCESS – OBJECTIONS RECEIVED

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

**TITLE OF REPORT:** A368 Speed Limit Route Review  
**PROPOSAL:** 20mph, 30mph, and 40mph speed limits  
**SCHEME REF No:** 24-020  
**REPORT AUTHOR:** 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:

<b>Section A</b>	The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility....”
<b>Section B</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.
<b>Section D9</b>	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	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 Local Active Travel and Safety Programme.

### 6. **INFORMAL CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

Informal consultation was carried out with the Chief Constable, Parish Councils, Ward Members, and the Cabinet Member for Highways.

The responses to the informal consultation can be found in TRO report number 3.

### 7. **OBJECTIONS / COMMENTS RECEIVED (following the public advertisement of the proposal(s))**

A total of 366 responses have been received in response to the public advertisement of the speed limit proposals for the A368 with B&NES.

The objections received have been summarised in Appendices A and B, which are attached.

Appendix A:

- Support all of the proposals - 231 responses have been received.
- Support some of the proposals - 50 responses have been received.
- Other - 5 responses have been received which did not specifically indicate support or objection.

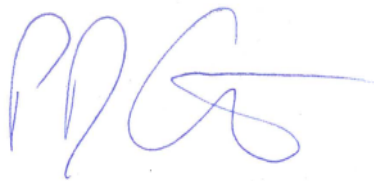
Appendix B:

- Object to all of the Proposals - 43 responses have been received.
- Object to some of the Proposals - 32 responses have been received.
- Other - 5 responses have been received which did not specifically indicate support or objection.

8. **APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION TO WARD MEMBERS AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS**

Please note that this report has been circulated to provide you with an opportunity to consider any comments and/or objections which have been received in response to the public advertisement of the proposals, along with the officer response to each, as detailed in Appendix 1 and 2.

Any comments which you may have will be added to the report to be considered by the Director for Place Management, Chris Major, prior to his decision regarding the sealing, or otherwise, of this TRO.



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Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 14/11/2024