

SUBJECT:PROPOSED MCC 20, 30, 40 &50 MPH SPEED LIMIT ORDERMEETING:INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISIONDATEOTH MADOU 2000

DATE: 9TH MARCH 2022

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: DIXTON WITH OSBASTON, DRYBRIDGE, WYESHAM, OVERMONNOW, DEVAUDEN, ST MARYS, ST KINGSMARK, LARKFIELD, ST CHRISTOPHERS, THORNWELL, SHIRENEWTON, CAERWENT, LLANOVER, LLANGYBI FAWR, PORTSKEWETT

1. PURPOSE:

1.1 To consider the proposed 20, 30, 40 & 50mph speed limit Orders subsequent to advertisement in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2.1 It is recommended to not hold a public inquiry, and to proceed to approve and implement the proposed Orders.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 In May 2019 the First Minister announced that 20mph should be the default speed limit for all residential roads in Wales. A task force was then established and reported back on an implementation plan for the legal process for the project to commence in 2023.
- 3.2 The proposals form a key part of the Welsh Government's policy for Road Safety and Active Travel by aiming to create a culture for slower speeds, reducing the number and severity of road casualties and supporting alternative travel modes such as walking and cycling by making the roads less intimidating to non-vehicle users.
- 3.3 The 20mph proposals are intended to reduce travelling speeds through the identified communities, which in turn will encourage the use of alternative travel modes, such as walking, cycling and scooting. It will also have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of these communities. The proposals will contribute to creating a safer, more welcoming highway environment for all highway users and lessen the severity of road collisions.
- 3.4 The speed limit proposals for the 30, 40 & 50mph limits are intended to lower travelling speeds through the identified communities and routes. These schemes will lower existing speed limits and encourage lower travelling speeds, therefore, contributing to improving highway safety and reducing the severity of traffic collisions.
- 3.5 A summary of consultation responses can be found in Appendix 1 together with Officer responses. None of issues or comments raised cannot be overcome or that change the Officer recommendation to proceed with making the speed limit changes.

4. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

4.1 The proposal aims to support the national policy for reducing speed and thereby improving road safety as well as contributing towards providing a safer environment to encourage

people to walk and cycle in line with the objectives of the Active Travel Act. The new lower speed limits will also protect the interest of groups such as those with limited mobility, additional learning needs, dementia and visual impairment.

5. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

5.1 Table One below therefore provides an options appraisal of the proposal:

Options	Benefits	Risks	Comments/Mitigati on
Do Nothing	Less demand on office time and resource	 Communities remain at risk from identified problematic traffic speeds. Walking and cycling is disincentivised due to real and perceived safety concerns, increasing car usage contrary to national and local policy objectives. 	The benefits outweigh the resource implications.
Delay progress until the statutory speed limit changes in 2023	 Less demand on office time and resource Potentially funded by Welsh Government, but this is not yet definite 	 Identified issues are not addressed and solutions not implemented. Communities feel let down having been advised the proposals will be delivered in 21/22. 	The reputational benefits of proceeding as promised, and safety benefits from the proposals, are considered to outweigh the unconfirmed financial benefit of delaying to see if future WG funding is available.
Adopt the proposals	 Ensure the speed limit reductions are introduced as planned. Collect traffic data to ascertain levels of compliance. Collect casualty data to understand the general effect of the lower speed limits Collect usage data to understand what impact lowered speed limits have in respect of modal shift 	• None	This is the preferred option.

6. REASONS:

6.1 The proposed speed limit orders will support Welsh Government's proposal of reducing the national urban speed limit to 20mph in 2023. And furthermore, where the 30, 40 & 50mph speed limits are proposed, this will contribute to creating a safer highway environment for all road users.

7. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

- 7.1 Unlike the Welsh Government funded 20mph pilots areas in Abergavenny and Severnside, the proposals subject of this report are funded by the Council's Highways budget.
- 7.2 Further £356k Welsh Government funding has been offered for 2022/23 but Welsh Government officers have recently confirmed that this funding is to be used in preparation for the proposed Wales-wide legislative change to make 20mph the new default speed limit in existing 30mph built up ('restricted') areas.

8. CONSULTEES:

- Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Neighbourhood Services
- Enterprise DMT
- SLT
- The Traffic Orders were publicised in accordance with the statutory process.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Appendix 1; Schedule of consultation responses (to be forwarded on completion of consultation period), Appendix 2: Notice of Intention, Appendix 3: Statement of Reasons, Appendix 4: Drawing no's 1926, 1848, 1927, 1928, 1925, 1929, 1930, 1892, 1901, 1876, 1899, Appendix 5: WFGE Impact Assessment

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Appendix 1: summary of consultation responses and the officer recommendation

Appendix 2: Notice of intention to make the Traffic Order

Appendix 3: Schedule of drawings and statement of reasons

Appendix 4: Drawings

Appendix 5: Wellbeing of Future Generations Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix 1: Summary of Consultation Responses

Name/Details	Representations	Officer's Response
1.Resident (Somewhat Support via website)	Crick 30/40mph I welcome the proposal to reduce speed on the A48 in Crick. However the plan shows the speed change point between 40 and 50 mph limits at the western end of Crick to be to the east of the old MOD railway bridge - opposite the old McAlpine depot. Past speed monitoring at this point showed 1 in 8 cars was travelling in excess of 55mph. I would suggest the change point would be better placed to the west of the old railway bridge so that cars entering the village environs would have already slowed before doing so.	The commencement point of the 40mph speed limit is at the beginning of the built up environment, and therefore, is considered appropriate. The immediate highway characteristics at this location suggest to the motorist that a change is apparent, which supports the proposed reduction in travelling speed.
2.Resident (Somewhat Support via website)	Crick 30/40mphRe Crick element of TRO- 40mph through Crick is an improvementbut it really needs to be recognised as aresidential settlement and have a speedlimit of 30mph applied. Crossing the A48on foot is akin to playing a game of CrossyRoad on a child's tablet in so far as onehas to scuttle to the centre of the road(avoiding being sucked into the slipstream of a HGV while waiting for a gap inthe traffic) and then dart across theremainder of the road when safe to do so the proposed 40mph limit starts aftercars will have entered Crick village whentravelling in an easterly direction. If youexamine the map you will note that thegreen shading starts after cars will havepassed the gardens of two residentialproperties. This decision seems illconceived and nonsensical. A moresensible and practical "on the ground"approach would be to start the new limitat or just before the railway bridge, whichI believe is where the Crick village sign is	The commencement point of the 40mph speed limit is at the beginning of the built up environment, and therefore, is considered appropriate. The immediate highway characteristics at this location suggest to the motorist that a change is apparent, which supports the proposed reduction in travelling speed. Additional highway infrastructure improvements such as pedestrian islands, can be considered separately to the speed limit reduction. However, the casualty record between 2016-2020 does not show any incidents involving pedestrians crossing the A48.

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	located. This would also help slow down	
	Caldicot bound cars in advance of the	
	busy right turn into Crick Rd.	
	So, I'm broadly supportive but don't	
	believe the speed limit reduction goes far	
	enough. Precedent exists elsewhere in	
	south east Monmouthshire to justify a	
	30mph speed limit. Caerwent, Pwllmeyric,	
	Tintern, Devauden, Shirenewton etc all	
	have main roads passing through	
	residential areas of the village and benefit	
	from a 30mph or lower speed limit.	
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	As an aside, any reduced speed limit in	
	Crick will need to be supported by	
	highway improvements. The A48 in the	
	between the Shirenewton and Crick Rd	
	junctions is incredibly wide. Some form of	
	central reservation with a pedestrian	
	crossing(s) should be installed to allow	
	pedestrians to cross safely, with the	
	option of taking refuge at a mid point.	
	This is especially important given	
	existence of a care home for the elderly in	
	Crick. I often see elderly residents going	
	for a walk (either on foot at an	
	understandably very slow pace or in a	
	wheel chair) with a friend, relative or	
	carer, and have witnessed them dicing	
	with death when crossing the A48.	
3.Resident	Crick 30/40mph	The A48 through Crick does
(Somewhat		not currently meet the criteria
Support via	1. It should be 30 mph to harmonise with	for a 30mph speed limit, with
••	the approaches of Shirenewton Road &	limited direct frontage
website)	Crick Road at their junction with the A48	development. However, school
	through Crick. Also to harmonise with the	pick up/drop off points have
	A48 at Pwllmeyric Hill & Caerwent. Why	now been amended so school
	are Crick residents any less important	transport now uses the
	when it comes to road safety. What	dedicated bus pull in opposite
	about the school children who cross the	the residential home.
		The commencement point of
	road outside Crick Nursing Home?	the 40mph speed limit is at the
	2. It should start in the easterly direction	beginning of the built up
	at least at the village sign and logically at	environment, and therefore, is
	the start of the double to single lane	considered appropriate. The
	hatching to slow traffic safely.	immediate highway
	3. With regard to the left spur just before	characteristics at this location
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	Shirenewton Road which is 60 yards long and is basically a common driveway to 3 households, what is the thinking behind making this 40 mph with presumably signage? Has anybody actually visited the site? I would recommend they do. 4. Old Shirenewton Road is a cul de sac, barely wide enough for two cars to pass, of 150 yards before it turns into a short track severing vehicle access to the last house. Again is it cost effective to put up a 30 mph sign? No responsible driver would ever drive down at this speed, it would probably be impossible to accelerate to such a speed anyway in 150 yards. Virtually all traffic down it is residents who live in it. Again has anyone visit site? I would recommend they do. In conclusion, speed reduction from 50 mph is well overdue but Crick deserves better than just knocking 10 mph off. The whole village should be 30 mph or don't the resident's lives and those of our children and those who work at the Nursing home count? Why is the A48 through Caerwent and Pwllmeyric already 30mph but not proposed for Crick?	suggest to the motorist that a change is apparent, which supports the proposed reduction in travelling speed. Whilst the 40mph speed limit covers the old road alignment, it is not anticipated that vehicles will travel along this section of highway at that speed. The volume of vehicles and the fact that is a no through road only serving 3 properties suggests minimal vehicular usage. It should be noted that motorists have a duty to drive to the prevailing highway conditions and that speed limits are not a target speed which motorists should be striving to achieve. Old Shirenewton Road was included as a 30mph due to the frontage development along the road.
4.Resident (Support via website)	Crick 30/40mphI live at the corner of A48/Shirenewton Road T Junction.We have lived here for 30+ years with constant horns being sounded, lights being flashed and sharp breaking noises heard and seen on a daily basis.Not sure if proposed speed reduction limit is going to be 40 or 30mph but in my opinion it should be 30mph through Crick Village but action is really needed for road safety and safer usage for all T Junctions and side/home access routes to homes on the A48One of the worst areas is when traffic travelling from Caerwent towards	The commencement point of the 40mph speed limit is at the beginning of the built up environment, and therefore, is considered appropriate. The immediate highway characteristics at this location suggest to the motorist that a change is apparent, which supports the proposed reduction in travelling speed.

		
	Chepstow comes off the end of the dual	
	carriageway usually travelling 50mph but	
	quite a lot come down at 55-60mph! :-	
	1. Buses slowing down for bus stop just	
	below Crick Garage get overtaken on	
	hatched/no overtaking road section	
	2. Traffic slowing down for Shirenewton	
	Road T Junction get overtaken on	
	hatched/no overtaking road section	
	3. I personally have a 270 degree turning	
	circle to get onto A48 when going to	
	Chepstow, so I might only be in 1st/2nd	
	gear for a short while where I constantly	
	get flashing lights from behind and horn	
	sounded as traffic comes so fast off dual	
	carriageway and must think I am just	
	going slowing rather than just joining to	
	road.	
	The speed limit on the A48 through	
	Caerwent is 30mph which has far fewer	
	junctions and side/home access routes	
	onto A48 than when travelling through	
	Crick!	
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6.Resident (Somewhat Support via website)	Crick 30/40mph The speed limit reduction should be down to 30 mph to be in keeping with the A48 at Caerwent and Pwllmeyric and should be implemented on the easterly approach where the start of the double to single lane hatching currently starts. Crossing the A48 in Crick can be a nightmare at busy times for pedestrians including the school children catching their buses. Also turning off the A48 to access our house safely can be extremely difficult with fast traffic coming from behind. In conclusion a reduction in speed limit to 40mph would be welcome but a further reduction to 30mph would be much better.	The A48 through Crick does not currently meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit, with limited direct frontage development. However, the commencement point of the 40mph speed limit is at the beginning of the built up environment, and therefore, is considered appropriate. The immediate highway characteristics at this location suggest to the motorist that a change is apparent, which supports the proposed reduction in travelling speed.
7.Resident (Support via website)	Mathern 20mph I fully support the proposed 40 and 20 mph speed limits for Mathern	Noted
8.Resident (Support via website)	Mathern 20mph Mathern is used as a 'rat run' which has meant a higher volume of traffic passing through in recent years and with that more than half of the motorists travelling through the village already exceed the 30mph limit already. It is becoming increasingly dangerous for the residents. It is not safe for children to cross the road to get to their school buses or the play park. We have a lot of road side parking which causes issues in itself but with the current speed of the traffic it makes it even more dangerous for all pedestrians trying to cross the road and other motorist exiting side streets/junctions. The 20mph limit should be enforced in the village to make it safer for everybody. It is a busy village with lots of activity. I am also strongly in favour (whether it is rightly changed to 20mph or remains at 30mph) of more being done to force	The proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit are intended to improve road safety and lessen the severity of road traffic collisions. The proposals will encourage the use of alternate modes of transport, such as walking, cycling and scooting, and contribute to overall improvements of general health and wellbeing. Reduced speed limits through this community should positively impact on community cohesion and improve opportunities for active travel. The proposals are being introduced in advance of the Welsh Government's intention to reduce the national urban speed limit from 30mph to 20mph in 2023.

	drivers to adhere to the speed limits	
	(speed bumps/ camera) and of a pedestrian crossing being considered near	
	the play park and village bus stop.	
9.Resident (Somewhat	Mathern 20mph We support the imposition of the 20mph	The commencement point of the 20 mph speed limit on Chapel Lane is correctly
Support via website)	speed limit but would suggest the 20moh limit should extend all the way up Chapel	located where the urbanised developed residential
	Lane from Mathern to Pwllmeyric. Also	properties commence at Mathern village it is not
	that the 20moh limit should extend all the way from Baileys Hay to The Buftons.	considered appropriate to extend the proposed 20 mph
		limit further to encompass the remainder of Chapel Lane environment which is rural in
		character, nature and setting prior to reaching Pwllmeyric.
		The start point of the 20 mph speed limit on Chapel Lane
		entering Mathern is located where there is a clear change
		in environment which is
		apparent to the motorist that they are entering an urbanised
		developed village environment. This also applies
		to the Buftons/Baileys Hay and it is not permissible to extend
		the proposed 20 mph speed limit further along Baileys Lane
		(beyond that point shown on the consultation plan) into
		open countryside which is rural in nature and character and is not set in an urbanised
		environment. Responsibility will always be
		for drivers to drive within the prevailing highway conditions
		at all times as stated in the Highway code and therefore
		to reasonably anticipate that they may encounter pedestrians, cyclists,
		pedestrians and other road
		users on any rural or urban road and to drive accordingly
		and this would apply also referring to Chapel Lane.

10.Resident	Mathern 20mph	Noted
(Support via		
website)	I live on the main road through Mathern	
	village & virtually every time I walk along	
	the main road there are cars speeding	
	through the village at speeds of 40 or 50mph & more. It's only a matter of time	
	before someone is seriously hurt or	
	worse. There is a children's nursery in the	
	village as well as a children's play area	
	next to the village hall. Add to that the	
	elderly residents, cyclists, horse riders,	
	dog walkers, runners & many more	
	people going about their daily lives.	
	Cars coming from the A48 traveling legally	
	at 60mph fail to slow down at the 30mph	
	sign at the entrance to the village. I would	
	suggest that this section of road between	
	the A48 & Mathern village be changed	
	from 60 to 40mph as well as 20mph	
	through the village itself.	
	The traffic calming scheme introduced	
	several years ago clearly doesn't work so I	
	would welcome the proposal for a 20mph	
	speed limit through the village. Best Regards	
	Dest Regards	
11.Resident	Llanhennock 30mph	The commencement point of
(Somewhat		the 30mph speed limit is at the
Support e-mail and	I would like to see the 30mph TRO	beginning of the built up
website)	extended to the junction with Usk Road, a	environment, and therefore, is considered appropriate. The
	20mph speed limit introduced between	immediate highway
	the Llanhennock village signs and a	characteristics at this location
	reduction of speed (40mph) along the	suggest to the motorist that a
	route north of the village towards Usk.	change is apparent, which
	Footfall from the junction with Usk Road	supports the proposed reduction in travelling speed.
	towards Llanhennock is high. The road is	The highway from the point of
	currently subject to a national speed limit	the commencement of the
	and has no footway nor verge for	proposed 30 mph in
	pedestrians.	Llanhennock to the Usk Road is
		rural in nature and character with no direct urbanised
	A significant number of employees use	frontal development and
	the road to access the Leonard Cheshire	therefore, is not considered
	Disability Home, walking wither from the	appropriate as a 30 mph speed
	Usk Road bus stop or Caerleon.	limit area.
	Employees working shifts at the home are	The highway along the ridge to the north of Llanhennock is
	required to walk the route during both	similarly rural in nature and

doulight and night times hours	above story with your (
daylight and night time hours.	character with very interspersed properties (some
	set back off the highway itself)
Regular walkers and residents are also	this area is outside the village
required to walk the route.	of Llanhennock and is not
	compliant for a 30 mph speed
There are a number of residential	limit.
dwellings with families, accessed along	There is a responsibility also on
the Tredunnock Road. I would consider	drivers as stated in the
extending the 30mph speed limit past the	Highway Code to drive within
Granary as shown on the attached plan.	the prevailing road conditions and to reasonably expect and
	to anticipate encountering
I would request that the speed limit	other highway user including
through Llanhennock be reduced to	pedestrians, cyclists and to
20mph between the village signs. There	drive accordingly. Therefore
are a considerable number of residents,	drivers can reasonably expect
lack of footway and no safe pathway to	to encounter cyclists ,
access amenities such as the church,	pedestrians and other users at
village hall and Wheatsheaf pub.	any point on the highway network.
It should also be noted, that currently	The proposals are being
within the village, there are 9 children	introduced in advance of the
under the age of 11 years of age as well as	Welsh Government's intention
a number of older children. Whilst as a	to reduce the national urban
parent I take every precaution for my	speed limit from 30mph to
children to behave safely and not to	20mph in 2023. Llanhennock
approach the road unaccompanied, I have	will be assessed and reviewed
experienced a number of near misses with	again at that time in accordance with the criteria
car drivers travelling excessively quickly	set at that time required for a
through the village.	20 mph speed limit.
The route north of the village along the	
ridge towards Usk, is a popular walking	
route. The road is narrow with a	
significant drop to the one side and few	
passing places for vehicles. Whilst the	
national speed limit does not require	
drivers to drive at 60mph, it does	
encourage higher speeds. A more	
reasonable limit, that would represent an	
improvement on road safety for all, would	
be 30 or 40mph along this section of road.	
I understand that Welsh Government	
propose to introduce a default 20mph	
speed limit in place of the current 30mph	
limit. I would assume that if this proposal	
were to be implemented in the near	
future, proposed 30mph through	
Llanhennock would become 20mph. If	
that were the case, a buffer zone reducing	
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	from 60mph on the Usk Road before Llanhennock village, may be required. To introduce this using the current amended TRO would seem a reasonable proposal.	
12.Resident (Support via website)	Devauden 20mph As residents of Devauden and in our seventies we wholeheartedly support the 20mph limit proposal (Devauden not listed in the dropdown). Although a lovely idea it seems quite pointless, the present 30mph limit might as well be a 60mph limit judging by the majority of the traffic. The new limit would be quite pointless unless it was enforced. A fixed speed camera, even at 30 mph would solvethe problem instantly !	Noted
13.Resident (Somewhat Support via website)	Llanhennock 30mph I feel the order should be more extensive as pedestrians frequently use top road where there are no pavements or verges. The is also a cheshire home in village with wheelchair users frequenting top road. There should be a 30 mph limit extending from the junction of the Usk road up to the village sign. Then it should change to 20mph extending to the north end of Glen View garden. The road by Glen View is a particularly dangerous section due to the hill and bend reducing visibility for drivers and giving pedestrians and cyclists little warning of proximity to each other. Currently the national speed limit applies. Then there should be a 40 mph limit for the rest of top road until the junction at Croesllewarch. For Glen Usk road a similar situation exists for pedestrians and there should be 30Mph limit to Pencraig farm.	The commencement point of the 30mph speed limit is at the beginning of the built up environment, and therefore, is considered appropriate. The immediate highway characteristics at this location suggest to the motorist that a change is apparent, which supports the proposed reduction in travelling speed. The highway from the point of the commencement of the proposed 30 mph in Llanhennock to the Usk Road is rural in nature and character with no direct urbanised frontal development and is therefore not considered appropriate as a 30 mph speed limit area.
14.Resident (Somewhat	Crick 30/40mph I am pleased that the speed limit is being reduced but it is not low enough. It needs	The A48 though Crick does not currently meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit, with limited direct frontage

Support via website)	to be 30mph. I live on the main road and the house shakes when lorries/ cars speed past! Myself and my children cross the road to walk the dog and each time we take our lives in our hands. Why is it 30 mph through Pwllmeric and Caerwent and not Crick? With the nursing home and children crossing the road it is so dangerous. Just turning into our house off the main road is dangerous with the speed some people drive down the A48. I have been beeped and harassed by drivers for slowing down to turn in to the house. 30 mph would help with all of this. Please reconsider. Best wishes	development. However, school pick up/drop off points have now been amended so school transport now uses the dedicated bus pull in opposite the residential home. The commencement point of the 40mph speed limit is at the beginning of the built up environment, and therefore, is considered appropriate. The immediate highway characteristics at this location suggest to the motorist that a change is apparent, which supports the proposed reduction in travelling speed.
15.Resident (Somewhat Support via website)	<u>Crick 30/40mph</u> We live in the left spur before Shirenewton Road, which is a common driveway for three houses, leading straight on to the A48. Lowering the speed limit is a welcome change, but with limited vision when pulling out of the drive, we feel it should be further reduced to 30MPH. In addition to a narrow footpath along the A48 towards the care home, a further reduction is in the best interest for residence and motorists.	The A48 though Crick does not currently meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit, with limited direct frontage development. However, school pick up/drop off points have now been amended so school transport now uses the dedicated bus pull in opposite the residential home. The commencement point of the 40mph speed limit is at the beginning of the built up environment, and therefore, is considered appropriate. The immediate highway characteristics at this location suggest to the motorist that a change is apparent, which supports the proposed reduction in travelling speed.
16.Resident (Somewhat support via website)	<u>Crick 30/40mph</u> I totally agree that the speed limit on the A48 through the village of Crick needs to be reduced. However, I feel it should be reduced to 30mph. At a limit of 30mph, Crick would then have the same limit as the villages either side of Crick on the A48 - Pwllmeyric and Caerwent. I do not understand why the residents and	The A48 though Crick does not currently meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit, with limited direct frontage development. However, school pick up/drop off points have now been amended so school transport now uses the dedicated bus pull in opposite the residential home.

businesses of Crick, including a care home, are not afforded the same level of consideration to road safety as other villages in this area. The plans showing the proposed changes do not go far enough - the length of road that falls within the new speed limit area on the A48 needs to be extended in both directions. The traffic, including many HGVs and tipper trucks regularly speed through the village - the reduction of 10mph will not stop this. My house, a listed building, literally vibrates due to the reckless speed these vehicles are driven at. I repeat my offer for people from the council to come and witness this for themselves. Old Shirenewton Road does not need a 30mph speed limit - we do not need extra signage that spoils the environment, is pointless and a waste of funds in a cul de sac that leads only to a few houses - this road is an access road to private dwellings only. This is also the case with the 'shared driveway acess' that runs parallel to Shirenewton Road - this does not need a speed limit or signage - as far as I am aware it is not even an adopted highway. This short cul de sac leads to three homes only.	The commencement point of the 40mph speed limit is at the beginning of the built up environment, and therefore, is considered appropriate. The immediate highway characteristics at this location suggest to the motorist that a change is apparent, which supports the proposed reduction in travelling speed. Old Shirenewton Road was included as a 30mph due to the frontage development along the road.
The occasional speed checks that have been administered along the A48 have never been carried out IN the village of Crick, rather in plain view on the dual carriage way section between the two villages. This will not and has not provided a true picture of how traffic operates through the village. It is dangerous, particularly at the junction with the A48 and Shirenewton Road. We have children in the village who need to cross the roads not least for their school bus. Clear vision is obscured for drivers by walls and the bridge.	
The junction at the A48 and Crick Road is	

	also extremely dangerous - traffic does not approach the junction from Crick Road at the current 30mph limit. There is no footpath on this stretch and it is perilous for pedestrians. Someone needs to visit Crick and spend some time observing the traffic and speaking to the residents - PLEASE.	
17.Resident (Support via website)	Crick 30/40mph Volume of traffic has significantly increased over the past 5 years. Many heavy vehicles use the road outside our house, including ******** who moves topsoil and aggregates and ************************************	The commencement point of the 40mph speed limit is at the beginning of the built up environment, and therefore, is considered appropriate. The immediate highway characteristics at this location suggest to the motorist that a change is apparent, which supports the proposed reduction in travelling speed. The enforcement of the proposed speed limits can currently only be undertaken by Gwent Constabulary and it has been duly consulted as part of this legal consultation process. The provision of fixed or mobile speed camera sites is assessed by GoSafe, all requests for a fixed camera site or a mobile speed camera enforcement site should be forwarded to them who will duly assess it in accordance with its protocols.

18.Resident	Mathern 20mph	Noted
(Support via website)	Amendment Order No2 includes a 20mph zone for Mathern, a village with one central road on which there is a children's nursery, bus stop for local schools, a village hall and a play park. As it is a straight road there are often speeding cars and a high risk of an accident with cars travelling at 30mph, let alone at the speeds they often travel through the village at. A 20mph zone would add greatly to village life, safely and welbeing.	
19.Resident (Support via website)	Mathern 20mph Mathern often has young children walking between friends houses along the pavement and with a straight road through the village there are often speeding cars. We have a nursery, a bus stop for schools and a play park.	Noted
20.Resident (Support via website)	Mathern 20mph Traffic speed reduction is vital for safety in Mathern however suggest that the 20 mph limit should be applicable to all of Chapel Lane due to limited lighting, narrow lanes and housing	The commencement point of the 20 mph speed limit on Chapel Lane is correctly located where the urbanised developed residential properties commence at Mathern village it is not considered appropriate to extend the proposed 20 mph limit further to encompass the remainder of Chapel Lane environment which is rural in character, nature and setting prior to reaching Pwllmeyric. The start point of the 20 mph speed limit on Chapel Lane entering Mathern is located where there is a clear change in environment which is apparent to the motorist that they are entering an urbanised developed village environment.

21.Resident	Crick 30/40mph	Noted
(Support via		
website)	This is without a doubt needed as the	
,	road is getting busier, meaning more and	
	more cars exceeding the current 30 limit	
	creating a dangerous environment for our	
	children and elderly residents. The	
	increase in road use is due to more cut	
	through traffic due to the congestion on	
	the A48 and will only become worse once	
	the houses on crick road are built.	
	Currently the 60 to 30mph is a big issue as	
	lots of cars enter the village still doing in	
	access of 40! The proposed change of 40	
	to 20mph, I believe will make a huge	
	difference to the entrance speed in to the	
	village. I would like to hope this will make	
	people think twice about their speed	
	through the residential area regardless of	
	how late they are running for work or	
	nursery drop off/pick up. The reduction of	
	60 to 40 on the approach to the village	
	will also make walking and cycling to the	
	garden centre/garage safer for residents.	
	In addition to encouraging walking and	
	cycling it will improve access to the bus	
	stop and therefore may also e courage	
	people to use public transport. These	
	changes need to happen before and not	
	after there is a fatality on this road. Let's	
	act now to try and prevent rather than	
	waiting and acting in response as so often	
	is sadly the case.	
22.Resident	Amendment 2	The consultation documents
(Objection via e-		were made available for
mail)	I wish to object to the proposed order on	members of the public to view
	the ground that the statutory process has	by appointment at County Hall.
	not been followed. The deposited	
	documents do not include those required by paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the 1996	
	Regulations - namely, a copy of the	
	proposed order and a copy of the	
	consolidation order (as amended by	
	previous amending orders). The	
	consultation process needs to start again.	
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23.Elected	Mathern 20mph	The commencement point of
Member for		the 20 mph speed limit on
Shirenewton (via	I am pleased to see that the Mathern	Chapel Lane is correctly
email)	20mph speed limit is being progressed	located where the urbanised
	and fully support 20mph being introduced	developed residential
	for Mathern. However, I would like the	properties commence at
	traffic order extended to cover up to the	Mathern village and it is not
	Buftons and Chapel Lane as shown in the	appropriate to extend the
	map sent in October/ November last	proposed 20 mph limit further to encompass the remainder
	year.	of Chapel Lane environment
	The Buftons and the properties along	which is rural in character and
	there near the Mill would benefit also	nature and setting prior to
	from a lower speed limit particularly in	reaching Pwllmeyric. The start
	view of how hazardous it is to get into and	point of the 20 mph speed
	out of the Buftons due to it being so close	limit on Chapel Lane entering
	to the A48 junction and I would be	Mathern is located where
	grateful if consideration be given to	there is a clear change in
	looking at the reduction.	environment apparent to the
		motorist that they are entering
	There were indicative maps	an urbanised developed village
	for Abergavenny and elsewhere in	environment. This also applies
	the pilot areas and I did ask if we could	to the Buftons/Baileys Hay and
	be sent one prior to the legal process	it is not permissible to extend
	being started in the workshops we had on	the proposed 20 mph speed
	it.	limit further along Baileys Lane
		(beyond that point shown on
	Chapel Lane is proposed to be 20mph only	the consultation plan) into
	on the Mathern side of it for the small	open countryside which is rura
	number of houses there but there are	in nature and character and is
	very good reasons to make it 20mph along the whole length of Chapel	not set in an urbanised environment.
	Lane (with streets off it the same) from	There is also a responsibility
	Mathern to the A48 junction.	for drivers to drive within the
		prevailing highway conditions
	Chapel Lane has no street lights where the	at all times as stated in the
	small number of houses are near Mathern	Highway code and therefore
	,which is proposed to be 20mph, then a	to reasonably anticipate that
	terminal sign, there is then a farmers field,	they may encounter
	then a 30mph sign prior to the Pwllmeyric	pedestrians, cyclists,
	sign with Orchid Meadow off it, then it	pedestrians and other road
	becomes a single track one way lane and	users on any rural or urban
	then more houses until you get to the	road and to drive accordingly
	A48.	and this would apply also
		referring to Chapel Lane.
	Chapel Lane is a rural lane used by	There is No vehicular Entry
	walkers, runners, dog walkers, school	permitted southbound along
	children and the elderly as the main lane	Chapel Lane in Pwllmeyric
	connection from Pwllmeyric to Mathern	from a point from its junction
	village for all of the village amenities or	with Chapel Close to its
	when school children come off the bus on	junction with Orchid Meadow
	the A48 or off the bus at Mathern and	therefore pedestrians and
	walk home down the lane in	cyclists and other vulnerable
	Pwllmeyric or up the lane from Mathern.	road users in the remainder of
	It can be particularly hazardous at night	Chapel lane south of its
	time when walking along it.	junction with Chapel Close will

	Unlike Mathern there are no pavements along its entire length except at the very edge junction of the A48 which is the A48 path. It is assumed that the terminal sign on Chapel Lane would become 30mph but this is not clear as the small field gap has no street lights so it would be sensible to clarify that this is also 20mph as opposed to anything higher as it is assumed that it is 30mph currently as opposed to a national speed limit as there are no terminal signs from the current 30mph at Mathern and it is assumed that the one for Pwllmeyric is a 30mph repeater sign? However the field gap would not become 20mph in 2023 due to the lack of street lights and so it would be sensible to have Chapel Lane as 20mph along its entire length. I believe that there is local support for that proposal. I would be very grateful if the traffic order being made for Mathern could be extended to take full account of making it safer for pedestrians and encourage Active Travel by reducing the speed limit to 20mph not only on the Mathern side	not encounter vehicular traffic coming off the A48 via Pwllmeyric which will increase their level of safety in using Chapel lane south of its junction with Orchid Meadow. It is understood that, Primary and secondary school children up to and including 16 years of age living in Mathern including the Mathern end of Chapel Lane are bussed to and from school from Mathern village and would not have to walk along the rural section of Chapel Lane which is outside the proposed 20 mph speed limit for Mathern. School children living in Pwllmeyric are bussed to and from School from Pwllmeyric also.
	of Chapel Lane, but for the whole as opposed to just part of Chapel Lane which is used as a main walking route between Pwllmeyric and Mathern and also extended as indicated, at the start of this email.	
24.Resident (Objection via e- mail)	Amendment No2 Dear Sirs I write to record my objection to your proposals to impose 20mph speed limits, and other speed reductions, in a number of locations throughout the County. 1. You state that "the proposal is intended to reduce travelling speeds which will encourage the use of alternative travel modes such as walking, cycling and scooting". You have provided no evidence to support your assertion. Please do so. Moreover, scooting, in particular, is badly regulated, with scooter users riding often their equipment on footpaths creating a danger to pedestrians and, I submit, should be discouraged until proper regulations are available and they are enforced.	1. The proposal to reduce speed limits are intended to encourage alternative travel modes by contributing to making the roads a safer environment for all users. It is recognised that pedestrians and cyclist do feel safer whilst travelling through a reduced speed limit, which in turn should encourage the use of these methods of transportation, whilst also meeting the Welsh Governments Active Travel agenda. The reference to scooting is in relation to push scooters

2. You state that "the proposals will contribute to creating a safer, more welcoming highway environment for all highway users". Again, you have offered no evidence to support your contention. I submit that travelling at such low speeds is likely to engender frustration amongst motorists resulting in the potential for rash, ill-considered manoeuvers which will jeopardise road safety.

3. You state that the proposals will ... lessen the severity of road collisions". Once more, you fail to support your contention with evidence. Please state how many collisions have been recorded at each site, and with what severity? I submit that this is just a blanket proposal made without consideration for need. That is a misuse of public money at a time when financial prudence is required, and many households face hardship and a cost of living crisis

4. You state that the proposals will "have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the community". Yet again, the bland statement is made without any attempt at justification. Please provide a detailed explanation for your claim.

5. You state that the proposals follow "representations received from the local community". By whom in each local community? Is this simply a case of a handful of zealots taking it upon themselves to speak for their communities without real support? What detailed consultations have been carried out amongst the affected communities to ensure that the purported support exists?

6. Driving at 20mph implies driving in lower gears than would be the case under existing speed limits. As a general rule, the lower the gear the greater the fuel consumption and consequently the greater pollutants emitted by the vehicle. How does that square with the Council's environmental policies and its aspiration to see reduced carbon emissions? How does it relate to the stated purpose of the proposals being to create "a safer, more welcoming highway environment"?

In summary, your proposals are illconceived and not fully thought through, and certainly put forward without any attempt at serious justification. They represent a waste of public money at a time when the Council is operating under significant financial constraints. They are yet another example of the anti-motorist bias that regrettably pervades the public bureaucracy. and not the motorised versions.

- 2. The lower speed limits will reduce travelling speeds and contribute to creating a safer environment for all users. Whilst it is acknowledged some motorists may disregard Highway Law, the Police as the enforcement authority can take action.
- It is acknowledged that lower speeds result in fewer vehicular collisions and reduced severity of injuries.
 "The Welsh 20mph Task Force Group Final Report" published by Welsh Government in July 2020 substantiates these findings.
- Increased levels of walking/cycling will positively contribute to the overall health and wellbeing of the respective communities.
- 5. Representations were received from a mixture of Local Elected Members, Community Councils and members of the public.
- 6. There is relatively little evidence for the effect of 20mph speed limits on air quality. However, a 2017 study which modelled the impacts of a 20mph default speed limit for restricted roads across Wales concluded there would be an overall improvement in air quality. The researchers also calculated gains of 54 lives saved and a decrease of 647 years of life lost due to reduced PM2.5 and Nitrogen Dioxide emissions.

Whilst it is appreciated that lower travelling speeds through communities will not

	For the reasons set out above, and other considerations, I object to the proposals	be welcomed by all, the overarching benefits appear to outweigh the negatives. Indeed in 2023 Welsh Government has committed to reducing the national urban speed limit from 30mph to 20mph.
25.Elected Member for Shirenewton (via email)	Shirenewton 20mph I fully support the introduction of a reduced speed limit of 20mph in Shirenewton and Mynyddbach villages, thank you for the opportunity to respond.	Noted.
26.Resident (Support)	<u>Monmouth 20mph</u> Supports a 20 mph speed limit in the Drybridge Street area of Monmouth.	Noted.
27.Resident (Support via e- mail)	Monmouth 20mph 20mph has to be introduced from lights to Bridges asap! Old people live in this st and a lot of children and young moms walk past.	Noted.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A PERMANENT ORDER

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TRAFFIC REGULATION, SPEED LIMITS AND PARKING REGULATIONS CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2019 (AMENDMENT ORDER NO 2) 2022

PROPOSED PROVISION AND AMENDMENTS TO TRAFFIC ORDERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN DIXTON WITH OSBASTON, DRYBRIDGE, WYESHAM, OVERMONNOW, DEVAUDEN, ST MARYS, ST KINGSMARK, LARKFIELD, ST CHRISTOPHERS, THORNWELL, SHIRENEWTON, CAERWENT, LLANOVER, LLANGYBI FAWR, PORTSKEWETT IN MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monmouthshire County Council of County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA ("the Council") propose to make a Road Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

EFFECT OF THE ORDER: to introduce 20, 30, 40 & 50mph speed limits within the localities identified on which are available to view at County Hall, Usk or online the plans, via http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/public-consultation-traffic

Further details of the proposed Order, comprising plans and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined via pre-arranged appointment at County Hall, Usk NP15 1GA (appointments can be arranged by e-mailing <u>traffic@monmouthshire.gov.uk</u>) or online via http://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/public-consultation-traffic or the via the below QR code

Any objections in respect of this proposal should be made in writing, stating the grounds on which the objection is being made and should be sent to Traffic Section, Monmouthshire County Council, County Hall, Usk NP15 1GA not later than the 23rd of February 2022 or via scanning the QR code below and selecting "How to comment on a proposed TRO", where the public consultation response form can be accessed.



Date: 2nd February 2022

Mark Hand, Head of Placemaking, Regeneration, Highways and Flooding, Monmouthshire County Council, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, Monmouthshire. NP15 1GA

Appendix 3:

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Monmouthshire County Council Traffic Regulation, Speed Limits and Parking Regulations Consolidation Order 2019 (Amendment Order No 2) 2022

Proposed provision and amendments to traffic orders at various locations within Dixton with Osbaston, Drybridge, Wyesham, Overmonnow, Devauden, St Marys, St Kingsmark, Larkfield, St Christophers, Thornwell, Shirenewton, Caerwent, Llanover, Llangybi Fawr, Portskewett in Monmouthshire County Council

Statement of General Effect

The effect of the Order will be to implement 20, 30, 40 and 50mph speed limits through the residential enclaves identified. The proposal is intended to reduce travelling speeds and contribute to providing a safer highway environment for all users.

DRAWING	ROADS	DETAILS
1926	20, 30 & 40mph Speed Limits, Various	The Welsh Government are to
	Roads, Devauden village	introduce a national default 20mph
		speed limit for residential restricted
		roads in Wales by August 2023. In
		advance of this initiative, and following
		representations received from the
		local community MCC propose to
		introduce a community wide 20mph
		speed limit. The Welsh Assembly
		Government's Circular 24/2009
		provides national guidance for Setting
		local speed limits in Wales. MCC has
		considered paragraph 5.6 to 5.11 of
		the Welsh Assembly Government's
		Circular 24/2009 in particular 5.7 and
		5.10. A decision has been made to
		depart from this guidance for the
		following reasons; The proposal is
		intended to reduce travelling speeds
		through the community, which in turn
		will encourage the use of alternative
		travel modes, such as walking, cycling
		and scooting. It will also have a
		positive impact on the health and
		wellbeing of the community . The
		proposals will contribute to creating a
		safer, more welcoming highway

Statement of Reasons

		environment for all highway users and lessen the severity of road collisions.
1848	20mph Speed Limit, Various Roads, Larkfield, St Christophers & Thornwell, Chepstow	The Welsh Government are to introduce a national default 20mph speed limit for residential restricted roads in Wales by August 2023. In advance of this initiative, and following an experimental 20mph speed limit introduced in 2019/20, it is proposed to now make a permanent 20mph to replace the experimental order. The proposal is intended to reduce travelling speeds through the community, which in turn will encourage the use of alternative travel modes, such as walking, cycling and scooting. It will also have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the community . The proposals will contribute to creating a safer, more welcoming highway environment for all highway users and lessen the severity of road collisions.
1927	20mph Speed Limit, Various Roads, Larkfield, St Kingsmark, St Marys, Chepstow	The Welsh Government are to introduce a national default 20mph speed limit for residential restricted roads in Wales by August 2023. In advance of this initiative, and following representations received from the local community MCC propose to introduce a community wide 20mph speed limit. The Welsh Assembly Government's Circular 24/2009 provides national guidance for Setting local speed limits in Wales. MCC has considered paragraph 5.6 to 5.11 of the Welsh Assembly Government's Circular 24/2009 in particular 5.7 and 5.10. A decision has been made to depart from this guidance for the following reasons; The proposal is intended to reduce travelling speeds through the community, which in turn will encourage the use of alternative

1928	20 & 40mph Speed Limits, Various	travel modes, such as walking, cycling and scooting. It will also have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the community . The proposals will contribute to creating a safer, more welcoming highway environment for all highway users and lessen the severity of road collisions.
	Roads, Mathern Village	introduce a national default 20mph speed limit for residential restricted roads in Wales by August 2023. In advance of this initiative, and following representations received from the local community MCC propose to introduce a community wide 20mph speed limit. The Welsh Assembly Government's Circular 24/2009 provides national guidance for Setting local speed limits in Wales. MCC has considered paragraph 5.6 to 5.11 of the Welsh Assembly Government's Circular 24/2009 in particular 5.7 and 5.10. A decision has been made to depart from this guidance for the following reasons; The proposal is intended to reduce travelling speeds through the community, which in turn will encourage the use of alternative travel modes, such as walking, cycling and scooting. It will also have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the community . The proposals will contribute to creating a safer, more welcoming highway environment for all highway users and lessen the severity of road collisions.
1925	20mph Speed Limit, Various Roads Drybridge, Dixton with Osbaston, Wyesham and Overmonnow, Monmouth	The Welsh Government are to introduce a national default 20mph speed limit for residential restricted roads in Wales by August 2023. In advance of this initiative, and following representations received from the local community MCC propose to

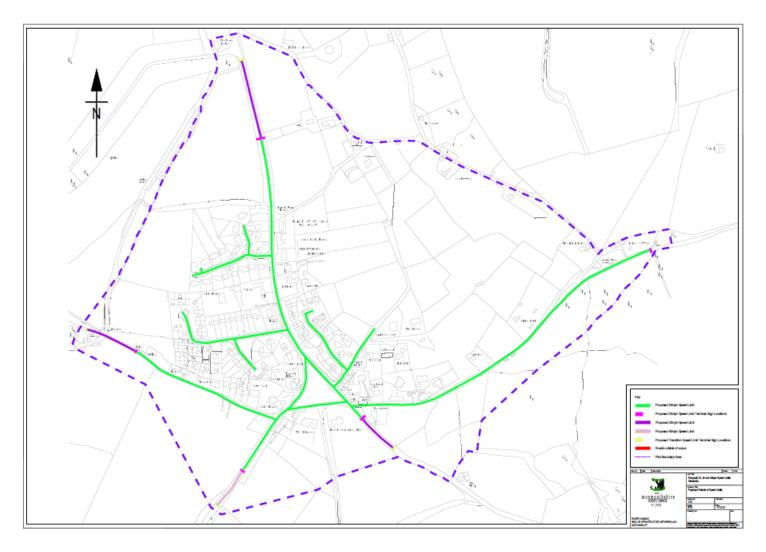
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1929	20, 30 & 40mph Speed Limits, Various	The Welsh Government are to
	Road, Shirenewton, Mynydd Bach, Shirenewton	introduce a national default 20mph speed limit for residential restricted roads in Wales by August 2023. In advance of this initiative, and following representations received from the local community MCC propose to introduce a community wide 20mph speed limit. The Welsh Assembly Government's Circular 24/2009 provides national guidance for Setting local speed limits in Wales. MCC has considered paragraph 5.6 to 5.11 of the Welsh Assembly Government's Circular 24/2009 in particular 5.7 and 5.10. A decision has been made to depart from this guidance for the following reasons; The proposal is intended to reduce travelling speeds through the community, which in turn will encourage the use of alternative travel modes, such as walking, cycling and scooting. It will also have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the community . The

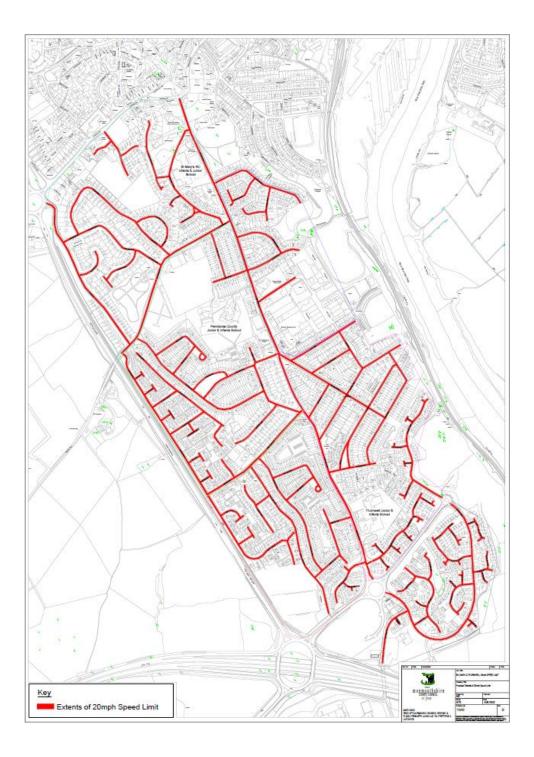
		proposals will contribute to creating a safer, more welcoming highway environment for all highway users and lessen the severity of road collisions.
1930	30mph Speed Limit, A466, Buckholt, Dixton with Osbaston	The proposal is intended to reduce the current speed limit from 40mph to 30mph to encourage lower travelling speeds through the community, which in turn will encourage the use of alternative travel modes, such as walking, cycling and scooting. It will also have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the community . The proposals will contribute to creating a safer, more welcoming highway environment for all highway users and lessen the severity of road collisions. The proposed 30mph speed limit encompasses a bend with a sharp deviation where there is an history of vehicles leaving the carriageway causing damage to adjacent residential properties.
1892	30mph Speed Limit, C24.14 Access road into The Bryn, Llanover	The proposal is intended to reduce travelling speeds into community, which in turn will encourage the use of alternative travel modes, such as walking, cycling and scooting. It will also have a positive impact on the

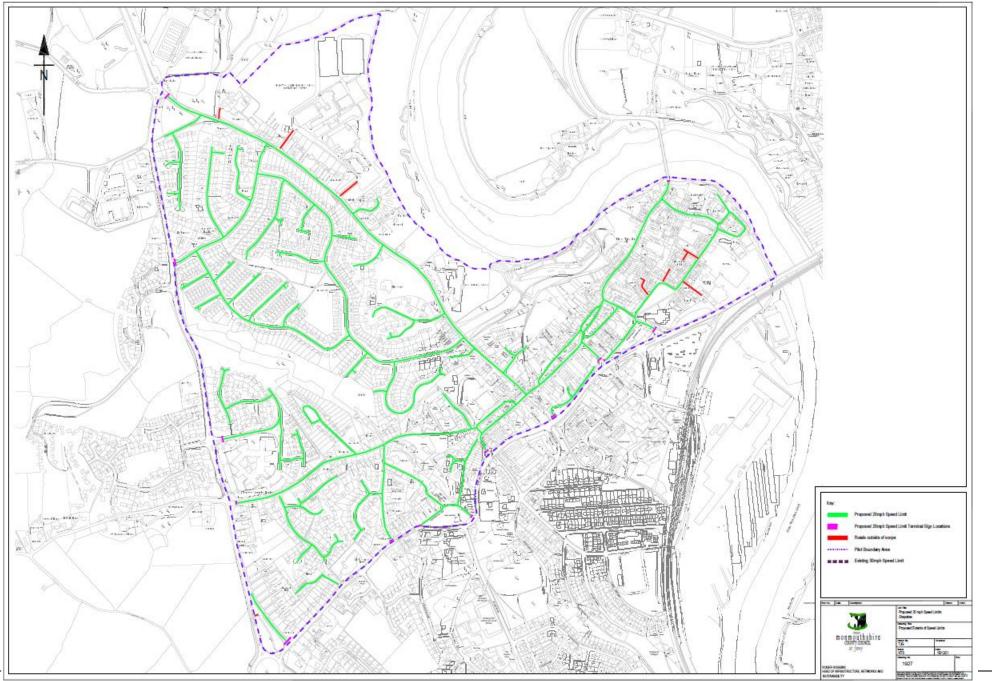
		health and wellbeing of the community. The proposals will contribute to creating a safer, more welcoming highway environment for all highway users and lessen the severity of road collisions.
1901	30mph Speed Limit, Llanhennock village, Llangybi Fawr	The proposal is intended to reduce travelling speeds through the village, which in turn will encourage the use of alternative travel modes, such as walking, cycling and scooting. It will also have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the community. The proposals will contribute to creating a safer, more welcoming highway environment for all highway users and lessen the severity of road collisions.
1876	30 & 40mph Speed Limits, Various Roads, Crick, Caerwent	The proposal is intended to reduce travelling speeds through the village, which in turn will encourage the use of alternative travel modes, such as walking, cycling and scooting. It will also have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the community. The proposals will contribute to creating a safer, more welcoming highway environment for all highway users and lessen the severity of road collisions
1899	50mph Speed Limit, A48, at Shirenewton, Portskewett, Caerwent	The proposal is intended to reduce travelling speeds along the A48 from the current national speed limit to 50mph. The proposals will contribute to creating a safer, more welcoming highway environment for all highway users and lessen the severity of road collisions.

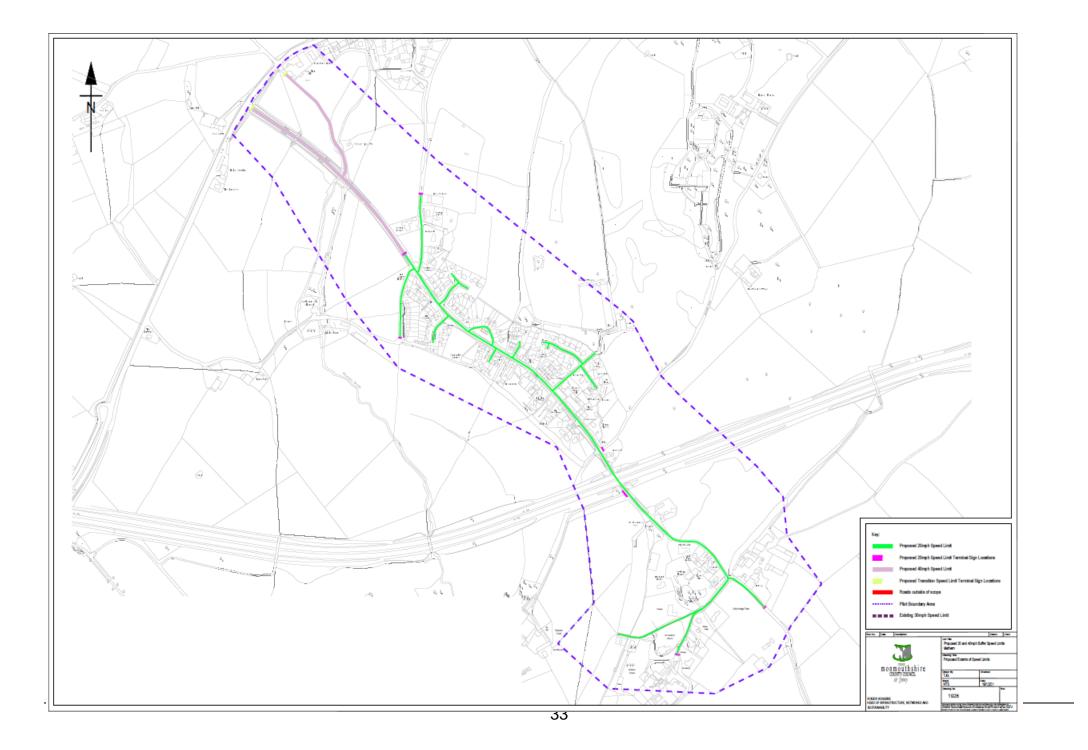
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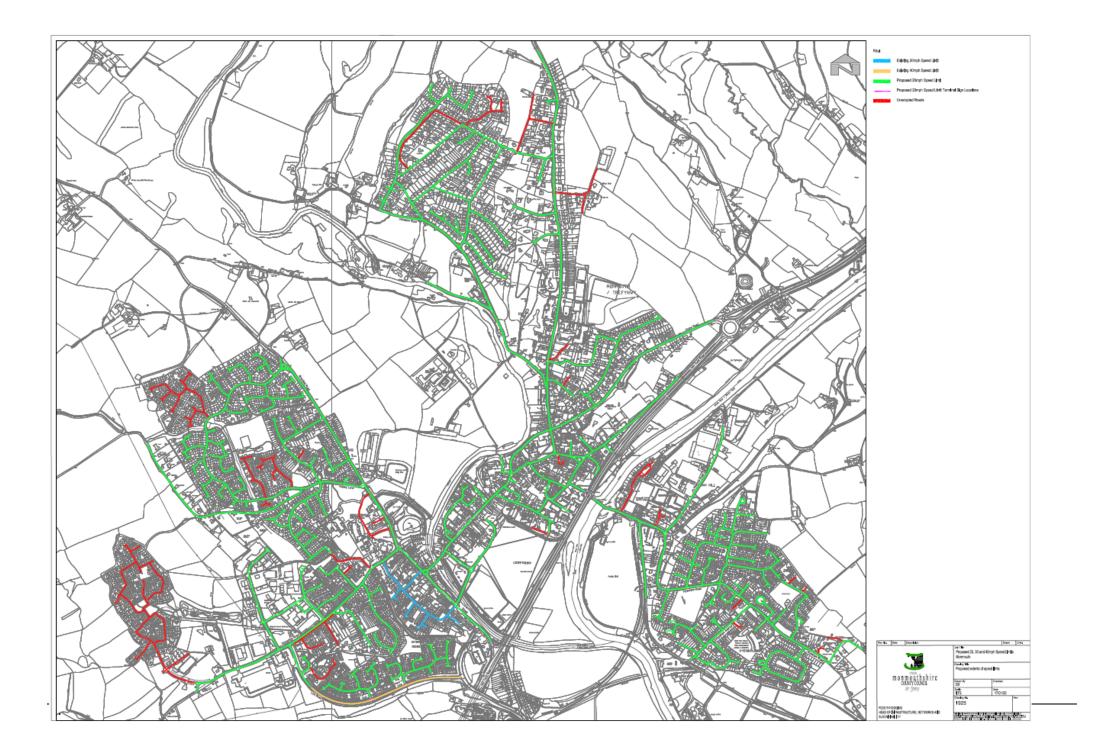
Appendix 4: Drawings

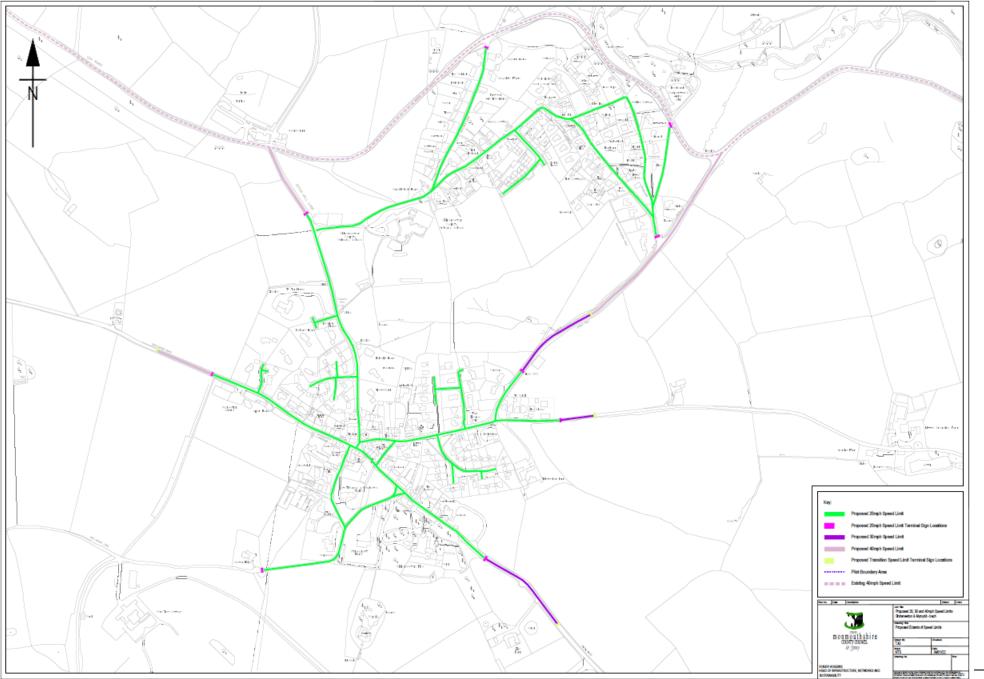


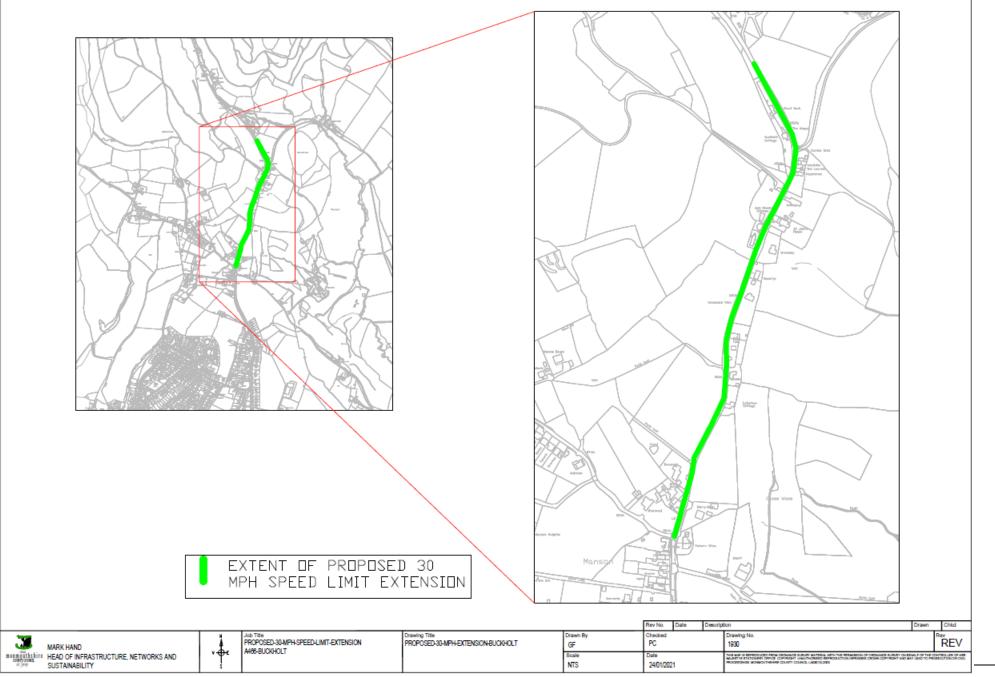


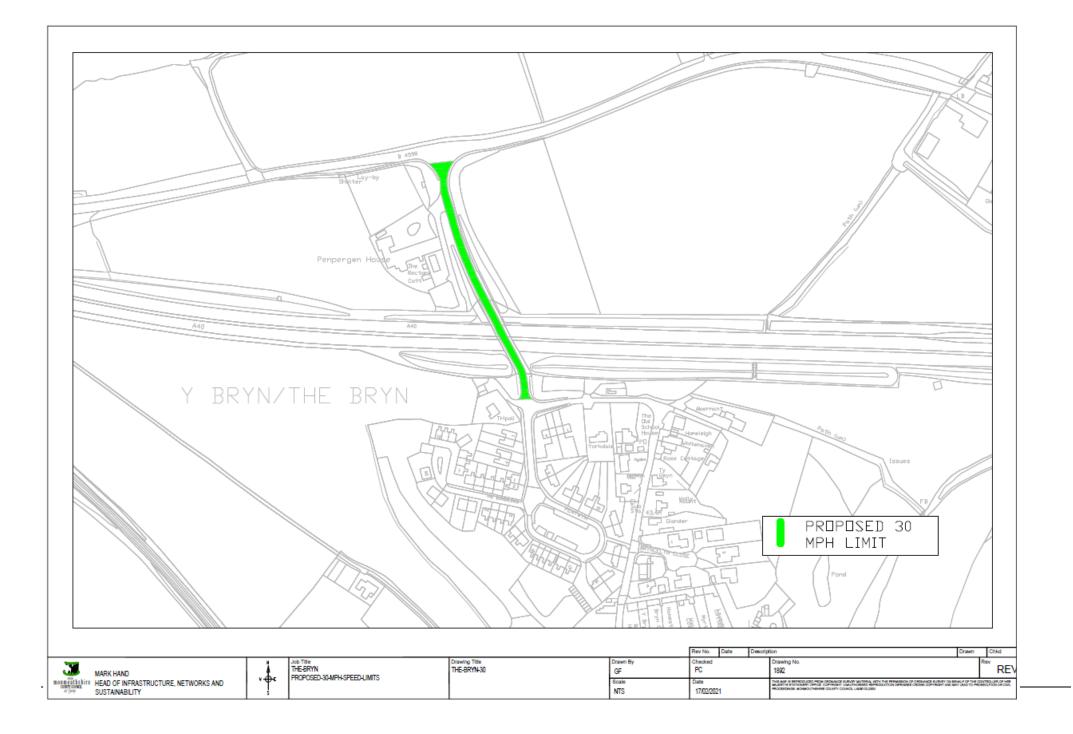


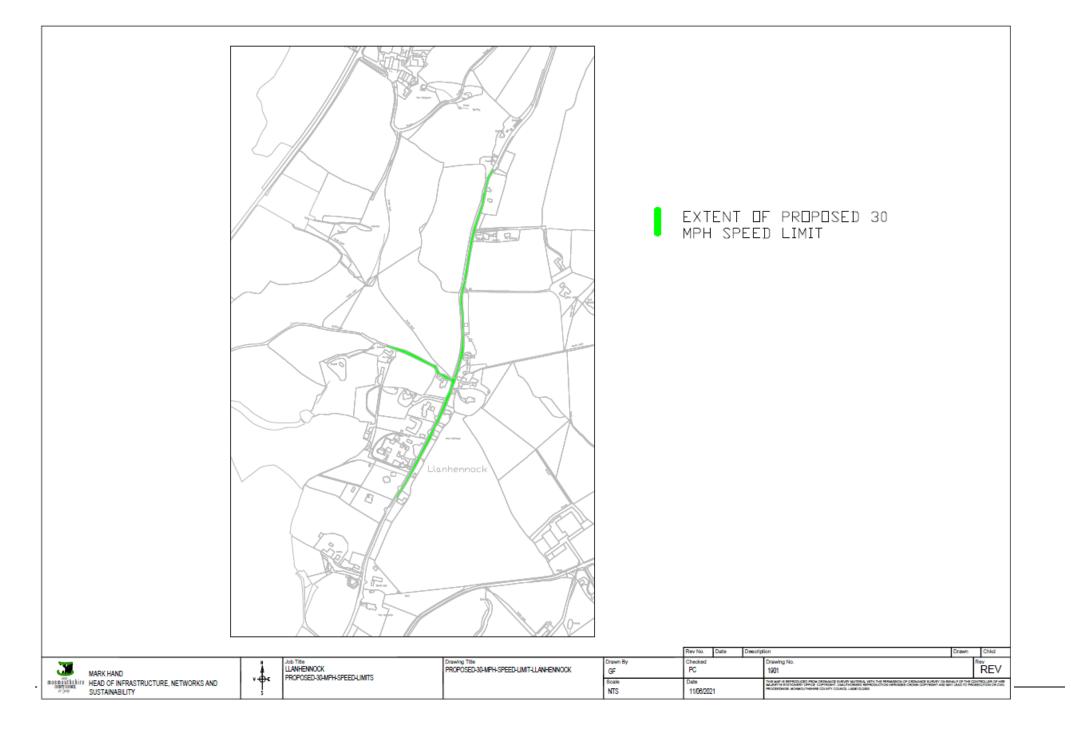


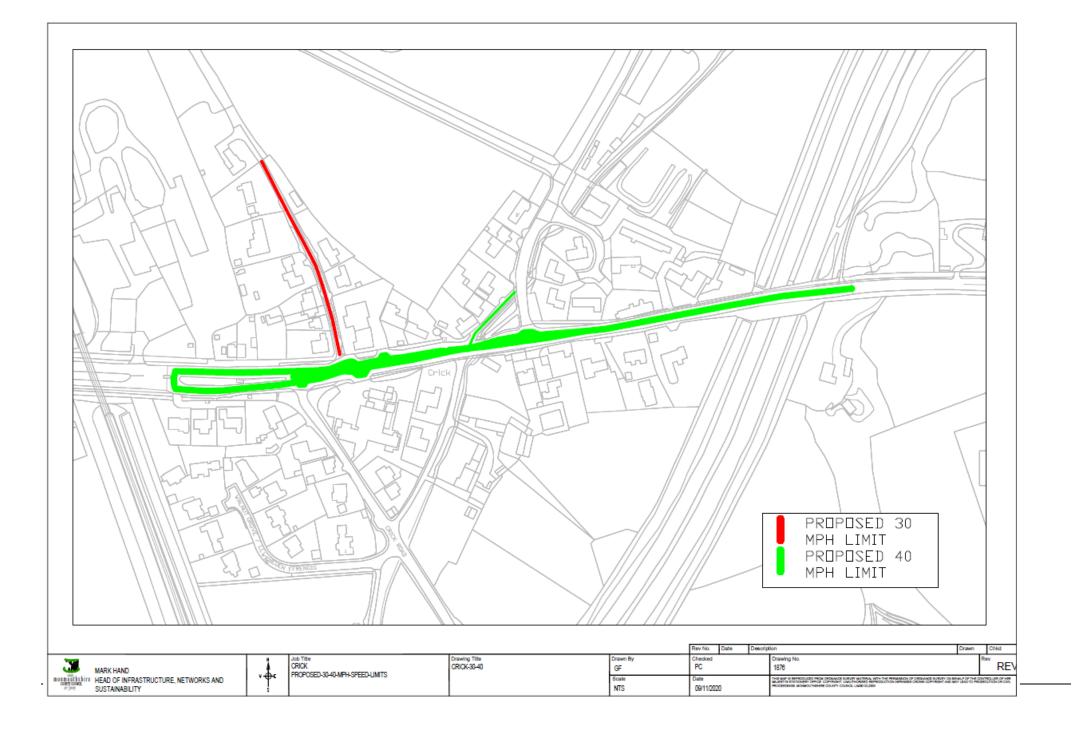


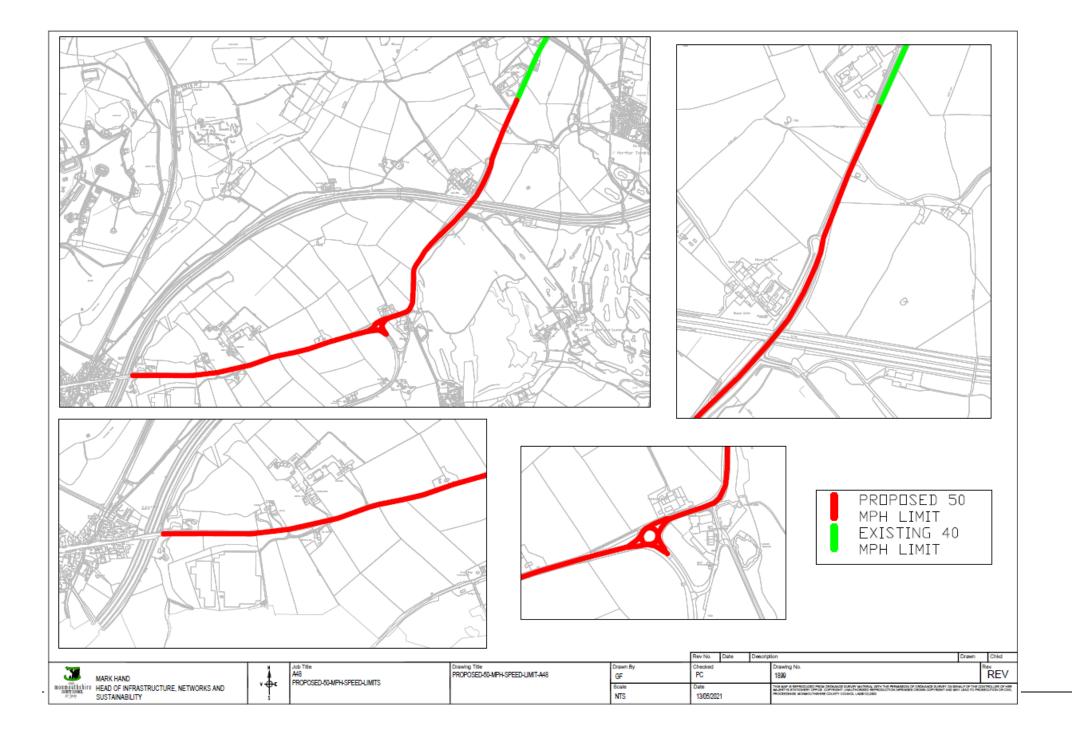












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Name of the Officer completing the evaluation Paul Keeble Phone no: 01633 644773 E-mail: paulkeeble@monmouthshire.gov.uk	Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal To consider the proposed reduction in speed limits to 20,30, 40 & 50mph through the residential and rural routes identified.
Name of Service area Placemaking, Regeneration, Highways and Flooding	Date 18 th February 2022

1. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below.

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	This proposal will reduce the travelling speeds of all vehicles through the settlements and along the routes identified. Which in turn will contribute to making the streets safer and reduce the severity of collisions. All highways users should feel safer negotiating the highway, due to the reduction in travelling speeds. Particularly those vulnerable members of society, such as older, younger and people with disabilities.	None	N/A

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Disability	This proposals will reduce the travelling speeds of all vehicles through the settlements and along the routes identified. Which in turn will contribute to making the streets safer and reduce the severity of collisions. All highways users should feel safer negotiating the highway, due to the reduction in travelling speeds. Particularly those vulnerable members of society, such as older, younger and people with disabilities.	None	N/A
Gender reassignment	None	None	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	N/A
Pregnancy or maternity	None	None	N/A
Race		None	N/A
Religion or Belief	None	None	N/A
Sex	None	None	N/A
Sexual Orientation	None	None	N/A

The Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice

The Socio-economic Duty requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to reduce inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage when taking key decisions This duty aligns with our commitment as an authority to Social Justice.

	Describe any positive impacts your	Describe any negative impacts	What has been/will be done to
	proposal has in respect of people	your proposal has in respect of	mitigate any negative impacts or
	suffering socio economic	people suffering socio economic	better contribute to positive
	disadvantage	disadvantage.	impacts?
Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice	None	None	N/A

How does your proposal impact on the following aspects of the Council's Welsh Language Standards:	Describe the positive impacts of this proposal	Describe the negative impacts of this proposal	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts
Policy Making	All new highway signs and carriageway	N/A	N/A
Effects on the use of the Welsh language,	markings will be bi-lingual with Welsh appearing in front of English as per		
Promoting Welsh language	current guidance		
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably			
Operational	None	None	N/A
Recruitment & Training of workforce			
Service delivery	None	None	None
Use of Welsh language in service delivery			
Promoting use of the language			

4. Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below? Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal. There's no need to put something in every box if it is not relevant!

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	Neutral	N/A
A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)	Positive: lower travelling speeds should contribute to enhancing biodiversity by reducing dependency on motorised vehicles and encourage more sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling and scooting.	N/A
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood	Positive: lower travelling speeds will contribute to making the streets safer and more attractive for alternate transport modes such as cycling, walking and scooting.	N/A
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Positive: lower travelling speeds will contribute to making the streets safer and encourage community cohesion.	N/A
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Positive: lower travelling speeds should contribute to enhancing general wellbeing by reducing dependency on motorised vehicles and encourage more sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling and scooting.	N/A
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	Neutral	N/A

Well Being GoalDoes the proposal contribute to this goal?Describe the positive and negative impacts.		What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	Positive: lower travelling speeds should contribute to encouraging more sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling and scooting and thereby less reliance on motorised transport.	N/A

3. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

	Development ciple	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Long Term	Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future	Welsh Government intend to reduce the national urban speed limit to 20mph in 2023. The 20mph elements of this proposal will support WG's future national roll out of 20mph.	N/A
Collaboration	Working together with other partners to deliver objectives	Collaboration with partners in Gwent Police/GoSafe and Welsh Government has taken place in developing this proposal. Ongoing partnership working will be necessary to understand compliance levels.	N/A
Involvement	Involving those with an interest and seeking their views	Statutory consultation has been undertaken with all necessary stakeholders including the general public.	N/A

Sustainable I Princ	•	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Prevention	Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse	N/A	None
Integration bodies	Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other	The proposal should have a positive impact on wellbeing, safer streets should encourage the use of alternative travel modes such as walking, cycling and scooting and less reliance on motorised vehicles.	None

4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on the following important responsibilities: Social Justice, Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect any of these responsibilities?

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Social Justice	N/A	N/A	N/A
Safeguarding	N/A	N/A	N/A
Corporate Parenting	N/A	N/A	N/A

- 5. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?
- The 20mph proposals are intended to evaluate and understand what will be necessary when Welsh Government introduce a Country wide reduction in the national urban speed limit in 2023
- Traffic data will be collected following implementation to ascertain levels of compliance.

6. SUMMARY: As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?

Positive impacts: The proposed reduction in speed limits will have an overall positive impact on the communities. Lower travelling speeds will encourage the use of alternative travel modes and lessen the severity of road traffic collisions. The proposals will contribute to making the

roads safer for all users. Ongoing monitoring will inform Welsh Governments proposal to reduce the national urban speed limit to 20mph in 2023.

7. ACTIONS: As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible
Implement to speed limit proposals as advertised	Following the making and publication of the traffic regulation orders	Traffic Team (Graham Kinsella, Phaedra Cleary, Gareth Freeman)

8. VERSION CONTROL: The Equality and Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stage, such as informally within your service, and then further developed throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process to demonstrate how you have considered and built in equality and future generations considerations wherever possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
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