

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Adrian Gray
Title:	Proposed Traffic Order: Amendments to 20 / 30 mph speed limits at Rooksdown, Basingstoke
Reference:	C800

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That a traffic order be implemented under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which will be to extend the existing 20 mph speed limit on Rooksdown Avenue by approximately 30 metres, to a point 13 metres south-west of its roundabout junction with Gillies Drive and add the entire lengths of the following roads to the 20 mph speed limit zone:

Barron Place	Gander Drive	Gillies Drive
Florence Way	Gander Lane	Nightingale Gardens

- 1.2 In addition, the proposed order will also amend the following descriptions contained within the 2016 consolidation order:
1. Schedule I (v) 20 mph on Park Prewett Road to between a point 225 metres south-west of its junction with A340 Aldermaston Road and to include the entire circulatory route of Park Prewett Road, an approximate distance of 1,600 metres.
 2. Schedule I (viii) Rooksdown Avenue between its junction with A339 Kingsclere Road and a point approximately 13 metres south-west of its roundabout junction with Gillies Drive, an approximate distance of 213 metres move to Schedule II (xxiv) and replace with Rooksdown Avenue between its junction with Park Prewett Road and a point approximately 13 metres south-west of its junction with Gillies Drive, an approximate distance of 126 metres.
 3. Schedule II (xxv) Park Prewett Road is amended to between a point 64 metres south-west of its junction with A340 Aldermaston Road and a point 161 metres south-west of that point; and the length of 50 mph on Park Prewett Road between its junction with

A340 Aldermaston Road and a point 64 metres south-west thereof to be inserted at Schedule V (iii).

- 1.3 The proposed order shall revoke and re-enact the same provisions as contained in The Hampshire (Various Roads, North of Basingstoke) (Restricted Road, 20, 30, 40 and 50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) (Consolidation) Order 2016 save for the amendments in 1.1 and 1.2 above.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. It is proposed that the existing 20 mph speed limit on Rooksdown Avenue be extended to cover Gillies Drive, Florence Way, Nightingale Gardens, Gander Drive and Barron Place, to include the whole length of these roads. This level of speed limit reflects the character and use of these roads, which serve residential properties and access to Saxon Wood Special School. The routes also support the use by pedestrians and cyclists.

The County Council Member for Basingstoke North-West, Robert Taylor, supports the proposal and the Police have raised no objection. Furthermore, the Parish Council have expressed their support.

Routes for access and through Gillies Drive and Florence Way from Rooksdown Avenue are all residential roads with several bends where the road is currently subject to a speed limit of 30 mph, signified by street lighting. The road consists of several residential entrances and includes the entrance to Saxon Wood Special School.

The northern section of Florence Way / Nightingale Gardens is accessible for entry to this area from Rooksdown Lane as well as from the Park Prewett residential estate via Rooksdown Avenue, the north-eastern section of which is already 20 mph speed limit.

Traffic surveys were undertaken in September 2016. The surveys revealed that the mean average speed in Florence Way was 14.7 mph and due to the nature of the road it is proposed that the existing national speed limited be reduced to 20 mph. It is hoped this will alleviate any highway safety issues and help to improve the overall safety of the road.

The proposals are shown on dwg no. TM/RR20MPH

- 2.2 No objections were received in response to the public consultation which took place between 17 November and 08 December 2017 – notices were placed on site, the public notice in The Independent appeared on 17 November 2017 and copies of the notice, draft order, statement of reason, existing orders and drawings of the site are on

display at Basingstoke Discovery Centre, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council offices, where they will remain until six weeks after the order is sealed if the scheme goes ahead. These documents also appeared on the public notices website for the public consultation period.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. None

4. Scheme Funding:

4.1. Capital Traffic Management Programme

5. Conflicts of interest:

5.1. None

6. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

6.1. None

7. Supporting information:

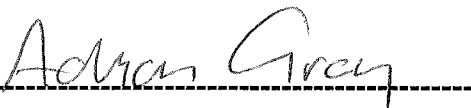
7.1. Local Member, Councillor Robert Taylor fully supports the proposal. The Parish Council is in unanimous support of the 20 mph proposal.

7.2. The Police have no objections.

7.3. DWG Ref. TMRR20MPH

Approved by:

Date:



8/2/2018

Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic Manager)

On behalf of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment