



Officer Decision Report

Title:	A355 Bowl Barrow Way (Beaconsfield Eastern Relief Road) Statutory Consultation
Cabinet Member(s):	Councillors Anita Cranmer, Jackson Ng, and Alison Wheelhouse
Contact officer:	Ujjwal Kakkar, Graduate Engineer, Design Services ujjwal.kakkar@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
Ward(s) affected:	Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye
Decision:	Implement a 40mph speed limit and Rural Clearway on A355 Bowl Barrow Way (Beaconsfield Eastern Relief Road) as advertised

Reason for decision:

- *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*
- *for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs*

1. Background

The A355 Bowl Barrow Way / Beaconsfield Eastern Relief Road (BERR) is the culmination of a long-term aspiration to improve north-south connectivity in Buckinghamshire, reduce congestion on the A355 and at the London End roundabout, Beaconsfield, as well as provide a more suitable route for HS2 construction traffic.

The northern section of the BERR was completed in 2019 and, following statutory consultation, a 40mph speed limit Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was put in place over its length. Unfortunately, this TRO was not included as part of the Council's TRO review in 2021 and has had to be readvertised for the speed limit to be enforceable.

In addition, the southern section of the BERR was completed early last year and the full length officially opened in April 2022. Prior to the opening, the Council's Highways Development Management team had liaised with the developer, Inland Homes, and agreed that a rural clearway was required along the entire length of the BERR.

Therefore, to realise efficiencies it was agreed that the TROs for both the 40mph speed limit (*from its junction with A355 Amersham Road southwards to the first street lighting column approximately 103 metres north of the roundabout with Minerva Way*) and the rural clearway (*between its northern junction with A355 Amersham Road to its southern junction with A40 Pyebush Roundabout*) be advertised together.

2. Authority to take this decision

2.1 The council scheme of delegation is contained within the Council's constitution.

3. Other options considered

3.1 None

4. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

4.1 All three ward members and the Council's Highways Infrastructure Projects team who are funding the statutory consultation) have been made aware of the proposals.

4.2 Councillor Jackson Ng responded by saying "Thank you for this - I have no objections to this and actually support it. Makes a lot of sense."

4.3 Councillor Alison Wheelhouse responded, "I am happy to agree with the proposals."

5. Feedback from Consultation

5.1 The statutory consultation took place for A355 Bowl Barrow Way (Beaconsfield Relief Road) between 16 December 2022 and 13 January 2023 to formalise the speed limit and rural clearway to stop parking in accordance with the planning conditions.

5.2 This consultation was advertised by hand-delivered letters and online via the Buckinghamshire Council website, asking the members of the public for views on the roads selected for parking controls.

5.3 In response to the advertised proposals, there were zero responses via our online survey, letters, and emails. It is therefore recommended that the proposals be introduced as advertised.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 Buckinghamshire Council's Highways Infrastructure Projects team is funding the statutory consultation. The cost of introducing the new rural clearway signing will be funded by the developer Inland Homes (the 40mph speed limit signing already exists on site and was previously provided by the developer).

7. Your questions and review

7.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper, please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose email address is given at the head of the paper.

8. Background papers

8.1 Details of the previous 40mph statutory consultation and subsequent decision are available on the following webpages:-

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/highway-projects/a355-amersham-road/>

<https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?MID=5613&RD=A355%20Improvements%20Project%20%28Decision%20to%20be%20taken%29&DF=26%2F03%2F2020&A=1&R=0>



Approval Signature

Dave Roberts

Head of Highways

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