



Officer Decision Report

Date:	28/10/2025
Title:	Churchway, Haddenham Proposed Speed Limit Reduction
Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Thomas Broom, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transport
Ward Member(s):	Councillor Maru Mormina Councillor Gregory Smith
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Ward(s) affected:	Haddenham & Stone
Decision:	Approval to proceed with Statutory Consultation for the making of a permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the extension of 30mph speed limit on Churchway Road, Haddenham.
Reason for decision:	For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic including pedestrians as part of developer led works under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980.

1. Background

- 1.1 A new housing development has been constructed adjacent to Churchway Road at Long Ditch Furlong.
- 1.2 The new development area has street lighting, which means it qualifies as a restricted road under Section 82 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and therefore does not need to be included in the TRO.
- 1.3 As part of this development, it is proposed to extend the 30mph speed limit on Churchway road northwards by approximately 160 meters beyond the lit area.

- 1.4 This proposed extension is based on discussions with the developer during planning and SSD requirements for a 50mph road ensuring visibility to the access point of the new development.
- 1.5 A formal speed limit assessment has not been carried out due to budget constraints.
- 1.6 The developer is responsible for relocating the existing 30/50mph terminal signs and updating the supporting Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) under Section 278 works.
- 1.7 As part of this request, the Parish Council has proposed the restriction as shown in Table 1:

Table 1 - Proposed Speed Limit Change

Road Name	Type of Restriction
Churchway Road, Haddenham (From Balancing Pond to Sewage Pumping Station)	Reducing the speed limit from 50mph to 30mph for the proposed length of circa. 160 meters

2. Authority to take this decision

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

3. Other options available, and their pros and cons

- 3.1 Any other options considered would also involve a Statutory Consultation process. Extending the existing 30mph speed limit is considered the most practical and consistent approach, aligning with the visibility requirements for a 50mph speed limit.

4. Local Councillors & Community Boards consultation & views

- 4.1 Local Members of Haddenham Parish Council were contacted for their views on 12th September 2025 and another follow-up email sent on 26th September 2025. The Cabinet Member for Transport was also copied into the email (see Appendix B).

5. Feedback from Initial Consultation

- 5.1 Table 2 below shows the responses of the Local Members and the Parish Council with their views on the proposal:

Table 2 – Responses from Members & Parish Council

Consultee	Response
Haddenham Parish Council	"The Planning Committee discussed the proposal and thought that it would be preferable to have 30mph all the way to the A418 rather than retain the short stretch of 50mph due to the long held concerns about the safety of the Churchway junction with the A418"

Councillor Maru Mormina	No Response
Councillor Gregory Smith	No Response

6. Financial & Legal Implications

- 6.1 The scheme is funded through Developer contributions secured under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- 6.2 Traffic Regulation Orders are made under the provisions of Sections 1, 2, and 4 of Part I, and Sections 81, 82, 83, and 84 of Part VI for the Road Traffic Regulation Act (RTRA) 1984.
- 6.3 Regulation 14 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulation 1996 states that an order making authority may modify an order, whether in receipt of any objections or otherwise, before it is then made.
- 6.4 When the decision is taken and recommendations agreed, a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be made. Correspondents to the consultation and those who will likely be affected will be informed of the decision taken.
- 6.5 If approved, this key decision will be the authority for Buckinghamshire Council to 'make' as well as publicise the TRO and advertise a Notice of Making in the local press in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

7. Your questions and views

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

8. Appendices

Appendix A – Map Tiles

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Appendix B – Responses from Members and Haddenham Parish Council

Approval Signature:



Dave Roberts, Head of Highways

Date: 29/10/2025