

RECORD OF DECISION MADE BY THE CABINET MEMBER WITH THE PORTFOLIO FOR ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT

SUBJECT:- Experimental Speed Limit Order
DECISION:- To make and implement the Traffic Regulation Order : BOURNEMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL (SPEED LIMIT ORDER) (EXPERIMENTAL) (A338 WESSEX WAY)(VARIATION NO.1) ORDER 2009
CALL-IN AND URGENCY:- This decision is subject to the Council's Call-in Procedure

Background:-

Some 198 people were injured in road accidents from 2004-2008 on the A338 Wessex Way, between County Gates and the approach to St Paul's Roundabout (near the railway station). This proposal is intended to mitigate clusters of accidents occurring throughout this length of principle road.

Issues:-

- It is well established that reduced vehicle speeds lead to fewer and less severe accidents.
- The Experimental Speed Limit Order will be subject to public consultation until June 2010.
- Road accident and speed data together with views submitted as part of the consultation will be used to inform the decision on whether to make the lower speed limit permanent.
- Vehicle activated warning signs will also be installed to warn of merging traffic at the Richmond Hill eastbound on-slip where there is a cluster of accidents.
- All existing speed cameras within the effected area will be recalibrated to reflect the lower limit.

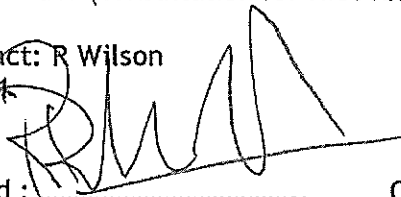
Options:-

Closure of the eastbound nearside lane of the Wessex Way on a section between Bournemouth West Roundabout and St Paul's Roundabout was considered but rejected. Further traffic modelling work of the scenario would be required to fully assess the implications of this option is which would likely cause substantial delays.

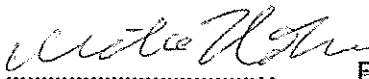
Consultation:-

Dorset Police are in full support of the proposals.
 Experimental Order (consultation for first six months of operation of Order)

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