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Sent: 30 June 2026 16:19
Subject: General review of speed limits on Oxfordshire's rural A and B class road network - Stakeholder consultation - West Oxfordshire district

Dear Stakeholder

The above review of speed limits is being carried out as part of the Council's Vision Zero road safety programme and we'd be grateful to receive your comments on possible changes – while emphasising that the main focus of the review is reducing the risks to all road users, other benefits may include an improved environment including reduced emissions and noise etc.

As with the last such general review completed in 2011, we will be applying the current Department for Transport (DfT) guidance on setting local speed limits – see Setting local speed limits - GOV.UK and specifically the section on Rural speed management (paras 115 – 134).

The guidance acknowledges that each road has its own specific characteristics and functions both for local and longer distance journeys by all road users and also that although largely rural in character, these roads also often have residential and other premises directly accessing them.

The **attached document** provides a summary of the roads included in the review and comments by the Vision Zero team on possible changes within the West Oxfordshire district area, taking account of our interpretation of the DfT guidance; to note that as with the last general review of rural speed limits a small number of unnumbered roads are also included, with one of these being in West Oxfordshire (Lower Road between the A40 at Eynsham and the A4095 at Hanborough) .

Work as part of this review (including stakeholder and then statutory consultation) has already been carried out on sections of some of the roads referenced in the document.

The table below sets out the overall planned timescales for this review:

Stage	Comprises:	Outline timescales
Stakeholder Consultation	County Councillors, parish and town councils, Thames Valley Police, bus operators, stakeholders representing specific road user groups	July – mid September 2026
Review of stakeholder responses by Vision Zero team		August – September 2026

Statutory Consultation	A general consultation including all stakeholders and the public via the Council's Let's Talk web pages	Later 2026
Decision Making	Reporting of the statutory consultation to the decisions meeting(s) of the Cabinet Member for Transport - these meetings are open to the public and any interested party may apply to address the meeting	Early 2027
Implementation of approved changes		From mid- 2027

Later this summer we will also be contacting all County Councillors and parish and town councils for feedback on the 20mph programme as part of the work described under the Monitoring heading in The 20mph transformation programme | Oxfordshire County Council ; there may be in some cases a small degree of over-lap with this review of rural speed limits.

A response to the above by 18 September would be appreciated, and to add that I'd be happy to answer any queries you may have during your preparing a response etc.

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