



Andover Town Council

Item No.

- To **receive** and **note** the following report:
Old Winton Road Speed Limit Reduction
- To **review** the new HCC 20mph Speed Reduction policy and guidelines.
- To **approve** the process to apply for the 20mph Speed reduction Limit on Old Winton Road
- To **instruct** Officers to proceed (if approved)

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By: Deputy RFO

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Purpose of the Report:

To revisit a previous request for a speed limit reduction from 30mph to 20mph on Old Winton Road.

Background:

In October 2025, Andover Town Council (ATC) had received a request from a resident of Old Winton Road, for a speed limit reduction from 30mph to 20mph, via email as follows:

"Good afternoon

I was hoping to get a 20mph speed limit installed on Old Winton Road.

I have looked at applying, the price for the survey is £175. It suggests speaking to the town council to get them to apply. The road is single carriageway due to parked cars. Some people are driving incredibly fast and it is a danger to the residents, children, our pets and wildlife. It sadly won't be long until there is a serious accident. Support is high in the area, with many people voicing concerns on the Old Winton Road Facebook page. We have personally nearly been hit on a number of occasions by people speeding past us whilst unloading our baby. I also sadly found a dead hedgehog recently which could have easily been avoided with a 20mph limit.

I am happy to fill in all the relevant paper work, but was hoping for support from the town council.

If you think I should speak to someone specific, please give my details."

The request was considered by the Planning Committee on 3 November 2025 (Min PC121/11/25). It was agreed that ATC would support the request and Officers were delegated to respond to the resident providing guidance and the appropriate contact details to instigate the formal process with the Highways Authority.

The resident then received advice from Councillor Phil North (Andover South Division) of a revised policy position for 20mph speed limits that had been approved by the County Council. It enables Parish and Town Councils, as well as other community groups, to request new 20mph speed limits and zones, where certain criteria are met and where local communities are fully supportive of the measure. This revised approach would require schemes to be delivered on a full cost recovery basis meaning that Parish and Town Councils or community organisations will need to cover the full costs of any charges and changes.

The policy position adopted on 15 January 2024 can be read [here](#).

(ATC did previously have a Speed Indicator Sign (SID) positioned in two locations along Old Winton Road, however, after a review of collected data, it was agreed in the Planning meeting in April 2025, to temporarily remove the SIDs, as the parking of vehicles on Old Winton Road appeared to act as a natural traffic calming measure. The comparison data reports for both LC6 & 7, also showed that on average, 97% of vehicles were travelling at 30mph

or less on Old Winton Road. Therefore, the SIDs did not provide any noticeable benefit.)

Consideration:

The resident has set up a local social media page and forwarded some of the responses indicating support of the 20mph speed reduction, that the page has received for information:

Completely support this. I'm very concerned about the safety of my little boy. Cars wiz past us whilst I'm trying to remove him from his car seat with absolutely no care in the world forgetting that people live on this street. It's infuriating

Well done Alex, totally support this measure being implemented. However, the Council need to also consider the traffic generated from the Plannies. Recently witnessed, whilst attempting to cross the road, a trials bike performing wheelies at 60+mph, from the top of OWR down, it made my blood run cold.

As much as a 20mph is an admirable goal, without enforcement, it will achieve very little. A sign won't stop an idiot from charging up the road at 60. Save the money, employ another police officer instead.

Hi Alex - thank you for taking this up and I absolutely support a 20mph limit along OWR. There seem to be more and more people clearly going over the 30 limit - and with how narrow the roads are, and the busy community, it feels like a matter of time before something serious happens. It would only take tripping off a pavement and the speeders will have no chance to react. We also have a pet and it worries me for all the fur buddies along the road too. There is clear lack of consideration far too often so it needs to be 20mph. We see it less frequently but on Dunmow too 🙄

Process for Applying for a 20mph Speed Limit in Residential Areas Guidance for Town and Parish Councils (England)

1. Understand Local Policy and Criteria

Check the local highway authority's policy on 20mph limits. Most councils require the area to be residential, currently 30mph, and suitable for lower speeds. Evidence such as traffic speeds and collision data is often needed, and many authorities expect average speeds to already be close to 20–24mph.

2. Build Community Support

Demonstrate strong local support through resident surveys, petitions, public meetings, or engagement with schools and community groups. A clear majority in favour is usually required before a scheme will be considered.

3. Secure Political Support

The proposal should be formally supported by the town or parish council and, in many areas, endorsed by the local ward or county councillor.

4. Prepare and Submit an Application

Complete the highway authority's application form or request process. This typically includes a map of the proposed area, evidence of community support, traffic speed data if available, and a clear justification for the request.

5. Council Assessment and Prioritisation

The highway authority assesses the request against technical criteria, safety benefits, and available funding. Proposals may be prioritised or deferred, and feedback is usually provided if a scheme does not meet requirements.

6. Statutory Consultation (Traffic Regulation Order)

If the scheme progresses, the council undertakes a formal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation. This includes public notices and an opportunity for objections or comments before a final decision is made.

7. Implementation

Once approved, the council installs signage and road markings. In some cases, additional traffic calming measures may be required to ensure compliance.

Links to read and utilise:

Hampshire County Council 20mph Speed Limit [Self-Assessment Guide](#)

Hampshire County Council 20mph Speed Limit [Application Guidance Document](#)

Hampshire County Council 20mph Speed Limit [Application Form](#)

Recommendations

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