

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS AND LOCAL SERVICES

Montgomeryshire

8th March 2017

REPORT BY: Road Safety and Traffic Systems Manager

SUBJECT: Leighton Arches 40 mph buffer zone - B4381, Welshpool

REPORT FOR: Decision

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Full planning approval P/2016/1240 was granted on 22nd February 2017 for an extension to the existing Leighton Arches gypsy and traveller site, located along the B4381 at Welshpool, to incorporate two additional pitches, an amenity building and parking area, together with the relocation of an existing field access.
- 1.2 One of the planning conditions stipulated with respect to this planning consent states “prior to the commencement of development, a Traffic Regulation Order shall be secured by the developer to introduce a 40mph speed limit along the B4381 county highway. The order must be implemented together with its associated traffic calming measures, traffic signs and alterations to the verge markers by the bridge parapets prior the first use of the access hereby permitted”.
- 1.3 The project is to extend the existing Gypsy Traveller site at Leighton Arches, Welshpool to create two additional living plots. The need for the plots was identified through work undertaken in preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) for Powys which has been approved by the Welsh Government.
- 1.4 The development works are proposed to be completed by the end of March 2018.
- 1.5 It is anticipated the scheme will be funded by Powys CC capital budget and Welsh Government grant funding for which an application has been submitted.
- 1.6 The effect of the traffic regulation order would be to prohibit all vehicles from driving along the relevant part of the B4381 at a speed in excess of 40 mph.
- 1.7 The provision of the necessary regulatory signing and the cost to implement the traffic regulation order would be funded as part of the project at no cost to the highway authority.
- 1.8 The provision of the 40 mph buffer zone is considered to be compliant with the Welsh Assembly Government Circular No: 24/2009 “Setting Local Speed Limits in Wales” which was published in October 2009.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 To impose a permanent traffic regulation order to introduce a 40 mph buffer zone speed limit over a distance of approximately 520 metres, to commence at the eastern terminal point of the existing 30 mph speed limit along the B4381 by the Sidoli factory, and extend to a point on the east side of the river bridge over the River Severn as identified on the attached plan.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
Committee is asked to resolve that the Traffic Regulation Order consultation procedure is initiated in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996; and if no substantive objections are received the proposal be implemented.	To introduce a 40 mph zone to satisfy the planning requirements of the P/2016/1240 planning consent for the Leighton Arches extension project.

Relevant Policy (ies):	Local Transport Plan		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

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