

Traffic Regulation Order – Representations Report

SECTION ONE – Overview information sheet

Order Title:	THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LUDDINGTON ROAD AND STANNELLS CLOSE, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON) (40MPH SPEED LIMIT) (VARIATION NO.268) ORDER 2025 AND THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LUDDINGTON ROAD AND STANNELLS CLOSE, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON) (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2025
Order type	Speed Limit Reduction 40mph to 30mph.
Status	Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2 to 5 Objections) Non-Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (<2 Objections)
Location:	Luddington Road and Stannells Close, Stratford upon Avon
Consultation dates:	Start 1 st May 2024 – 24 th May 2024
Officer details	Graham Stanley Team Leader (<i>Minor Works Team</i>) x2641

Note – any more than five Objections then this Report goes for a Portfolio Holder Decision.

1.1 Purpose of this Report	To consider a representation received in response to a public notice advertising a TRO for a proposed reduction in the Speed Limit on Luddington Road, Stannells Close, Stratford from 40mph to 30 mph.
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1.2 The above-named proposal was advertised between the 1st of May 2024 and the 24th of May 2024 and resulted in one Objection, one comment, and twenty-three responses in support of the change of Speed Limit.

1.3 Table of correspondence received, and Officer replies.

Representation	Officer Response
<p>OBJECTION</p> <p>Resident of Luddington Road, Stratford</p> <p>Firstly, I am grateful to Luddington Parish Council for the work which they do, and,secondly,for having the opportunity to take part in the consultation exercise.However,I am opposed to the proposed change to the speed limit even though it would lead to a reduction on the limit outside our house. My reasons are:</p> <p>1.The existing limits seem to me to be reasonable, so that the more `rural` section of the road (including ours)is set at</p>	<p>1.1 Whilst the objector is of the opinion that existing speeds are reasonable, both the Parish Council and other residents consider drivers using Luddington Road and Stannells Close to be travelling to fast. Luddington Road is currently a 40 mph Speed limit, two-way semi-rural road. The footpath is on the south side of Luddington Road starting opposite property no 14 through to property no 147.The majority of Luddington Road has properties on both sides of the road, but only the one footpath. The number of injury accidents recorded by the Police on Luddington Road in the last 5 years is one injury accident, caused by a driver reversing off his drive, being in collision with a pedal cyclist, resulting in slight injuries.</p>

<p>40mph. I am unaware of any accidents or even `near misses` in our time here. In fact I think that nearly all drivers are sensible, responsible and mindful of pedestrians and other road users. We have walked countless times along Luddington Road, to and from the Village, and have always felt perfectly safe. The only section which does sometimes give cause for concern (but not one affected by the potential change) is the bend in the road halfway between Little Luddington Farm and the Village. So, we have to be careful there, and mindful of traffic in both directions. (But remember that pedestrians have responsibilities, just as much as motorists.</p> <p>2. The proposed change in speed would affect a section where there is a perfectly good and well-maintained footpath.</p> <p>3. I worry that if the speed limit is reduced that that will inevitably change the `status` of the area, so our section of the road will be deemed to be appropriate for further housing development. (Currently we face open fields to the north side of the road.)</p>	<p>Although there has been a small number of injury accidents the Parish Council have highlighted that there have been a number of damage only accidents along Luddington Road. The new speed limit will start at the Boundary of properties on the one side of Luddington Road, up to the junction with Stannells Close where properties are then on both sides of the road.</p> <p>2. The change to the speed limit from the Evesham Road to a point near House No 147 Luddington Road will help to reduce vehicle speeds and give vulnerable road users more confidence in walking along the existing footpath to the Paddock Nursery, the Village Hall and All Saints Church located along Luddington Road, and on Race Days Stratford Races on the North East End of Luddington Road.</p> <p>3. Concerns that a reduction in the speed limit will lead to a change of status for the area and encourage further housing development. Luddington Parish Council are fully aware of the possibilities for development in this area. In their Village Plan they have identified areas for developments, which they will consider if Planning approval is received.</p>
	<p>COMMENT</p> <p>28 Emails have been received from residents of Luddington Road, Stannells Close, local Councillors, and County Councillor Pemberton in support of the Speed Limit being reduced to 30 mph on the grounds of safety.</p>

<p>SECTION TWO - Recommendation & supportive information.</p>
<p>The reduction of the speed limit on Luddington Road and Stannells Close, has been requested by Luddington Parish Council following requests from residents of Luddington Road, Stannells Close for a safety improvement scheme. This safety scheme being a reduction in the existing speed limit with improved signing/lining to improve safety for residents in gaining access to the Village Hall, Nursery, Stratford Races, and main B439 Evesham Road to get to Stratford on Avon.</p> <p>The Western Spine Road around Shottery from the A46 to the B439 Evesham Road is due to be.</p>

opened in the next 18 months, and the Parish Council are concerned about the extra traffic and speed of traffic that may use Luddington Road when it is open. The proposals put forward by the Parish Council with our Traffic & Road Safety Team and TMA Warwickshire Police examined vehicle speed surveys, which had been carried on Luddington Road for one week ,24/7 to check the speed of vehicles The speed data supports the reduction in the speed limit. See Appendix D. The Police were fully in support of the change of speed limit but did ask that we monitored the speed again after a 12-month period to see if speeds were still compliant.

It is therefore recommended to implement these proposals as advertised. The WCC Police, Ex County Councillor Darren Pemberton, Councillor Cliff Brown, the Luddington Parish Council, Traffic & Road Safety and Residents of Luddington Road and Stannells Close support the change in Speed Limit on Luddington Road, Stannells Close to 30mph.

2.1 Members Comments

2.1.1 The Ex-County Councillor Darren Pemberton was included in the initial Consultation and was fully supportive of the proposed speed limit change. Cllr Cliff Brown the new County Councillor is also fully supportive of these proposals.

2.2 Legal Services

2.2.1 Legal Services have confirmed via email that the proposed Order was subject to statutory advertisement on the dates reported (Item 1.2) in the Stratford Observer. Representations were received as noted above.

2.3 Risk Implications

2.3.1 The Corporate Risk Management Approach has been complied with to identify and access the significant risks associated with this decision / project. This includes (*but not limited to*) political, legislation and reputational risks.

2.4 Financial Implications

2.4.1 The Scheme will cost £8,000 and will be fully funded from the members delegated budget funding 2025/2026.

2.5 Environmental Implications

2.5.1 The environmental impacts of delegated budget highway schemes are considered as part of the design process which includes the environmental impact to all residents, including vulnerable people. The proposed scheme also meets the Council's forecast for climate change in urban areas by having reduced speeds and therefore reduced pollution.

2.5.2 The contractors on the Council's Framework Contract for the Provision of Engineering and Construction works (WCC 16382) have all demonstrated that they hold a certificate of compliance with BS EN ISO 14001(or equivalent)or have otherwise satisfactorily demonstrated their policies and arrangements for the management of construction -related environmental issues.

2.6 Equalities Implications

2.6.1 All schemes have been designed in accordance with the Traffic Signs and General Directions 2016, following best practice guidance as used by the Department for Transport and with consideration of the Equalities Act 2010. A scheme-specific equalities impact assessment has not been commissioned as the implementation of this scheme is not expected to have a detrimental impact to any particular demographic of road user.

SECTION THREE – Documents attached

30 MPH Speed Limit Plan No PTR023 030 O1

Appendix A Statutory Criteria Speed Limits

Appendix B Statement of Reasons 30mph Speed Limit

Appendix C Statement of Reasons 40mph Speed Limit

Appendix D Luddington Road and Stannells Close Public Notice

Appendix E 40mph Speed Limit Order

Appendix F 30mph Speed Limit Order

Appendix G Speed Surveys Data

Appendix H Email Residents Objection

Appendix I 28 Emails of Support

SECTION FOUR – FOR DECISION

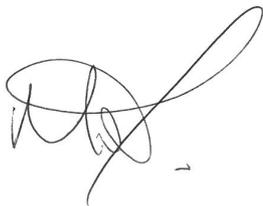
Both Service Directors listed below are requested to; -

- . Approve the change in Speed Limit from 40mph to 30mph as advertised.

The recommendation as set out above is hereby approved.

Signature: Date:

Richard Fenwick – Director of Highways



Signature:

Date 04.11.2025

Mark Ryder – Executive Director for Communities