

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND SPORT

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY PANEL		
DATE:	11 NOVEMBER 2009	AGENDA ITEM:	8
TITLE:	WILTON ROAD AREA - SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC FLOW ISSUES - UPDATE REPORT		
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1. PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report to the Panel the results of a speed survey carried out on Wilton Road in response to a survey of residents who highlighted speeding as a concern (as reported to TMAP on 12th November 2008).
- 1.2 In response to the TMAP report of 12th November 2008 it was agreed that Wilton Road is considered as a part of the A329 Oxford Road corridor study.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Panel notes the report.
- 2.2 That the following recommendation be made to Cabinet:
 - 2.2.1 That Wilton Road remains an area for consideration as a part of the A329 Oxford Road corridor study as agreed previously by TMAP.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The improvement of the public highway is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 In response to a previous TMAP report (12th November 2008) on issues of concern by residents in a ward member survey Wilton Road has been

subjected to a speed survey. This speed survey took place on Thursday 12th February 2009 during cloudy but dry weather conditions.

- 4.2 The mean speed is recorded as 18.1 mph with the 85thile speed as 22.1 mph. The mean speed is the speed at which most drivers are travelling and used by local authorities for speed limit setting. The 85thile is used by the police for enforcement purposes based on the highest speeds recorded. As can be seen the mean and 85thile speeds are as you would expect for the nature of the road.
- 4.3 Of a sample of 114 vehicles recorded between 15:30 and 16:30 only five vehicles were recorded travelling at or faster than 25mph with the highest recorded speed of 29mph by one driver.
- 4.4 As previously reported on 12th November 2008 with such high levels of on-street parking vehicle speeds are naturally restricted. However, as Kensington Road is within the 20mph zone that extends eastwards to Edinburgh Road the speed limit changes at Wilton Road. Currently the road layout allows priority to the movement between Wilton Road and Kensington Road without having to give way. The red surfacing at the speed limit change is badly worn and hardly recognisable. With the high level of on street parking within Wilton Road and naturally limited speed consideration should be given to extending the 20mph limit to the other end of Wilton Road at its junction with Wantage Road. With the commitment already given to a review of Wilton Road as a part of the A329 Oxford Road study consideration should be given to extending the 20mph at that time.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 To promote equality, social inclusion and a safe and healthy environment for all.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 6.1 To be included within the A329 Oxford Road study as appropriate.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None for this report.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 None for this report.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.