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<u>Technical Note - A4 Chippenham (Pewsham) to Calne Speed Limit</u> <u>Assessment</u>

References:

- 1. Department for Transport Traffic Advisory Leaflet 1/04 Village Speed Limits
- 2. Department for Transport Traffic Advisory Leaflet 2/06 Speed Assessment Framework
- 3. Department for Transport Circular 01/2013 Setting Local Speed Limits
- 4. Speed Limit Strategy Wiltshire County Council July 2007
- 5. Atkins A4 Chippenham (Pewsham) to Calne speed limit assessment drawings numbered 5215073-ATK-DR-040 & 041 (sheets 1 & 2).

The team used the information above to produce the framework drawing indicated at Reference 5 in accordance with the DfT Traffic Advisory Leaflets and Circular. The calculation in the table based on government advice produces assessed speed limits as shown. Recorded injury collisions are a significant part of the assessment process according to the DfT. There is then the opportunity for the experienced engineers to use that assessed limit and other information, such as environmental factors (layout of the road, number of accesses onto the highway, nature of the traffic, etc.) to produce a recommended speed limit.

Traffic volumes were measured over a week and vehicle injury collision data obtained from the police records for the most recent six years.

There were a total of thirty-one injury collisions over the six-year period, one resulting in fatal injuries, six in serious injuries, the other twenty-four involved slight injury. Most of these collisions resulted in more than one casualty, but the numbers shown on the table are for collisions, not casualties.

The mean speed of traffic is measured in accordance with the requirements in the documents above. This is achieved by undertaking journey time surveys. Each section of the route is timed whilst following other vehicles to gain a true reflection of how the road is driven by the general public. This is repeated a number of times to determine an average journey time and hence the mean speed is derived.

The following are comments explaining the recommended speed limits:

Section 1: The existing speed limit is 40mph, the measured speed of traffic was 29.8mph, the assessed limit is 40mph. It is therefore recommended that the speed limit should remain at 40mph.

Section 2: Sections 2A & 2B were initially assessed as one section. It was subsequent to the data collection that it was decided to split the section into Section 2A -East of Norley Lane and Section 2B - West of Norley Lane. It was considered that the highway environment either side of Norley Lane was significantly different. The existing speed limit is 60mph, the measured speed of traffic was 48.0mph and the assessed speed limit is 60mph.

Section 2A: The assessed limit is 60mph which is the same as the existing limit. There are few accesses and dwellings on this section, so the recommended speed limit is 60mph.

Section 2B: Although the assessed limit is 60mph, there are a relatively high number of accesses and dwellings on this section. A reduction in speed limit to 50mph is recommended. The existing speed of traffic fits in with this speed limit. It will also

encourage drivers to keep to a lower speed either side of this section, especially the approach to Studley Lane crossroads.

Section 3: The existing speed limit is 50mph, the measured speed of traffic was 37.7mph, the assessed speed limit is 50mph. It is recommended that the speed limit is lowered to 40mph for this section. Although the assessed speed limit is 50mph, there are a number of accesses and also substantial development on this section. The existing speed of traffic fits in with this 40mph speed limit. The terminal points will be at village name plates/gateway feature. All seven of the reported collisions on this section occurred at or very close to the Studley Lane crossroads, which is within the proposed 40mph speed limit. It is hoped that the lowering of the speed limit will reduce the number of collisions.

Section 4: The existing speed limit is 60mph, the measured speed of traffic was 50.9mph, the assessed speed limit is 60mph. The assessed limit is 60mph which is the same as the existing limit. There are few accesses and dwellings on this section, so the recommended speed limit is 60mph.

Section 5: The existing speed limit is 40mph, the measured speed of traffic was 36.5mph, the assessed speed limit is 50mph. Partly because of the Derry Hill junction in this section, it is recommended that the limit remains at 40mph.

Section 6: The existing speed limit is 50mph, the measured speed of traffic was 44.9mph, the assessed speed limit is 60mph but it is recommended that the speed limit remains as existing at 50mph.