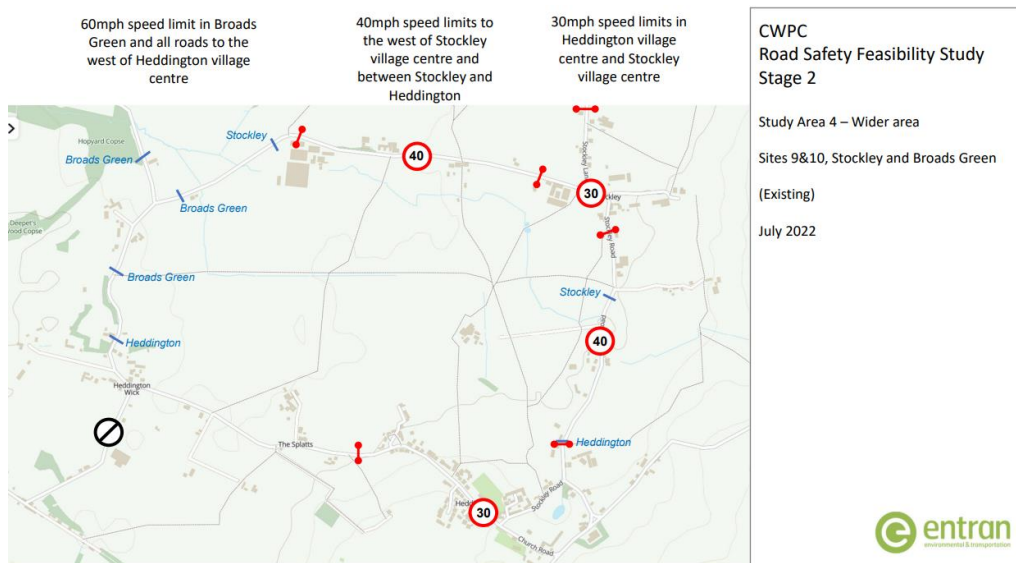


Road Safety Feasibility Study Implementation Stockley and Broads Green Speed Limits

1. Background

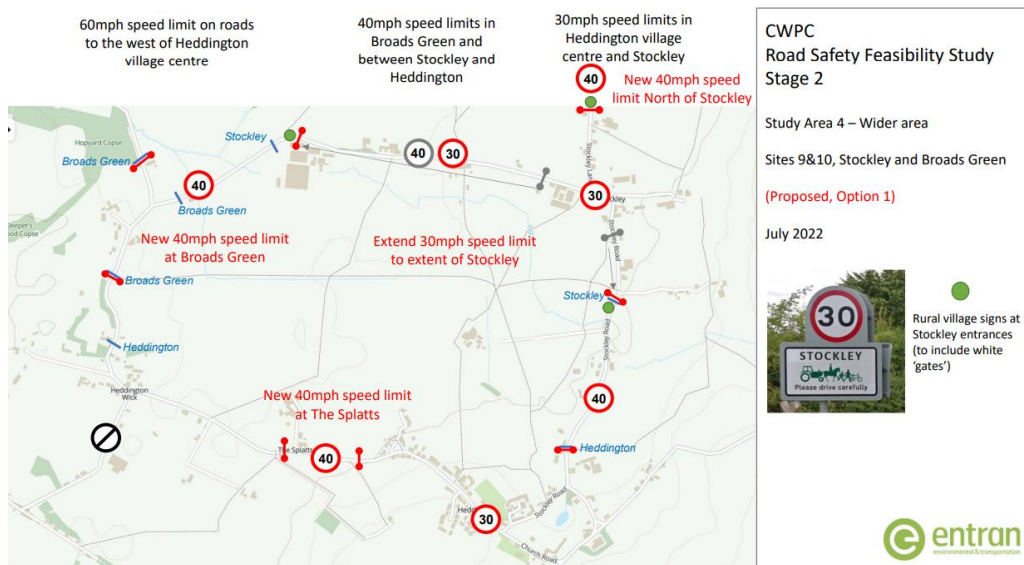
The Road Safety Feasibility Study for Area 4 including Sites 9 (Broads Green) and 10 (Stockley) were considered at the Parish Council Meeting of 26th September 2022 (https://calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/20220905-CWPC_Stage-2_Study-Area-4.pdf .)

At present, the speed limit is 30mph in the centre of Stockley and the centre of Heddington, with 40mph limits between the villages and between Stockley and Broads Green. Broads Green itself is subject to the National Speed Limit (NSL).



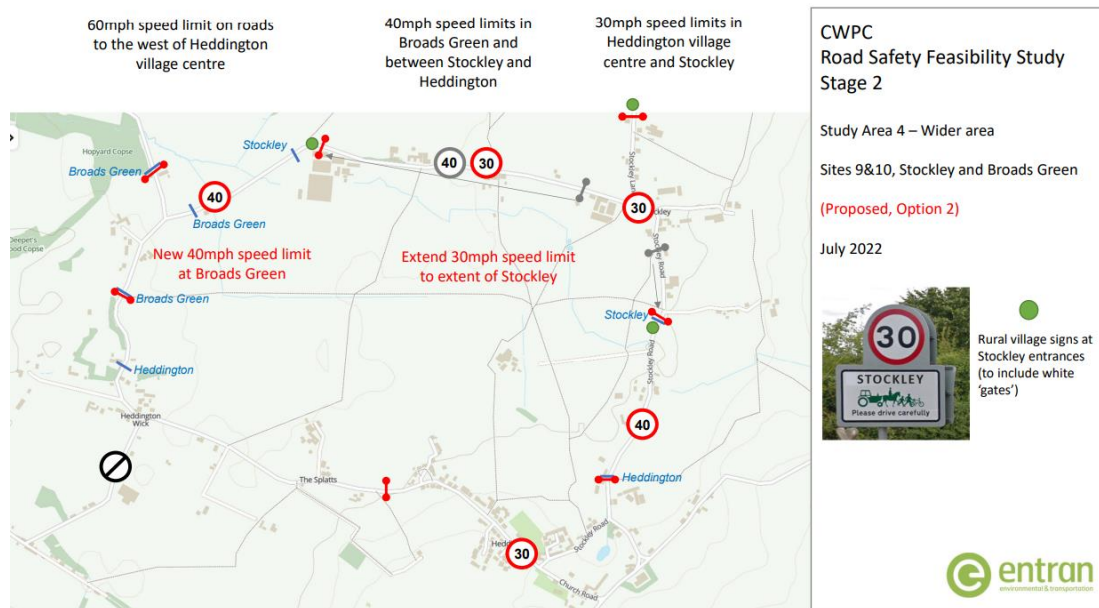
Two options were put forward in the Stage 2 Report as detailed below.

Option 1 would apply a consistent approach to speed limits in this location with 30mph speed limits in Stockley and Heddington, each preceded by a short 40mph buffer speed limit as a transition from the NSL.



This would extend the 30mph speed limit to the south and west of Stockley (reducing the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph in both cases), and then introduce a new 40mph speed limit through Broads Green. Two additional 40mph “buffer” speed limits would be introduced to the west of Heddington (through The Splatts) and to the north of Stockley.

Option 2 is similar to Option 1 but without the two additional 40mph buffer speed limits at The Splatts and north of Stockley.



Both options involved the installation of new rural village signs at entrances to Stockley and white “gates” to reinforce the rural nature of the area.

The recommendation was to pursue Option 1 but only to pursue Option 2 if the additional speed limits failed to meet Wiltshire Council criteria.

2. Consultation with Heddington Parish Council

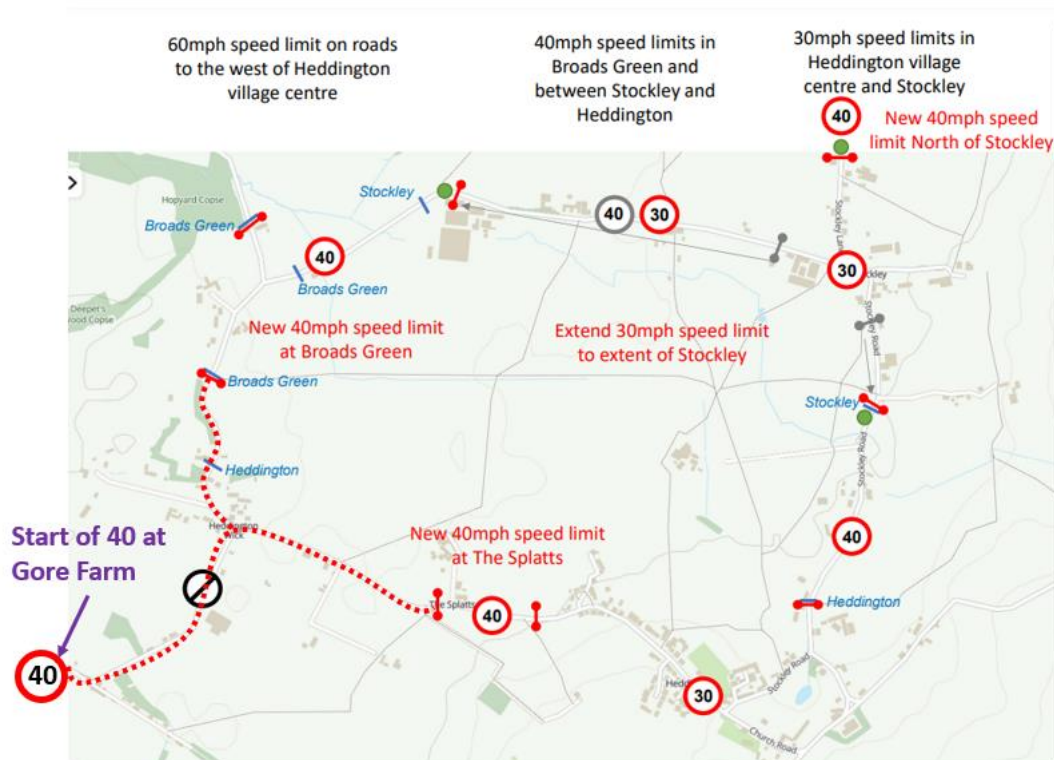
Due to the overlap of Option 1 into Heddington Parish, CWPC has written to Heddington Parish Council (HPC) requesting that they consider and support the scheme, particularly in respect of the buffer limit to the west of The Splatts and asking whether they would be happy to collaborate on a joint consultation.

The Parish Council has received the following positive response:

“In reply to your e-mail concerning revised speed limits; I confirm Heddington Parish Council supports your option 1 and requests that the proposed 40mph buffer west of Heddington be extended beyond Splatts to Gore Farm west of Turnpike bend. HPC also requests that this 40mph buffer is linked to Broads Green via the Common and Marshend Farm, thus creating speed limits throughout Heddington as the proposals for Stockley and Broads Green.

“I confirm that HPC would be happy to collaborate on a joint consultation.”

This is illustrated on the sketch below, with the extension shown as a dashed red line:



3. Discussion

This is a logical request and the 40mph extension through Heddington Wick has merit and would be supported by Heddington Parish Council.

It is noted, however, that our Consultant's assessment concluded that Broads Green might not meet the criteria for a 40mph limit on its own, which is why this is being promoted as a transitional buffer ahead of the 30mph limit. The HPC proposal would result in a large area covered by a 40mph speed limit, which may be difficult to argue as a "buffer".

It would therefore be important to treat this as a third option, so that if the extended 40mph was rejected by Wiltshire Council, then the original Option 1 might still be promotable as a buffer.

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Parish Council considers the proposal from Heddington Parish Council and provides direction to the Highways, Transport and Road Safety Working Group on how to proceed with promoting this scheme.

Cllr John Barnes

On behalf of the Highways, Transport and Road Safety Working Group