

Planning & Environment Committee

Report Title:	A329 Rycote Lane (Thame) Proposed 40mph Speed Limit
Meeting Date:	1 February 2022
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Purpose of Report

1. To provide background on the consultation for the proposed 40mph speed limit on A329 Rycote Lane.

Background

2. Oxfordshire County Council are proposing a new order to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph on A329 Rycote Lane extending south-eastwards from its roundabout junction with the A418 to a point 425 metres west of Moreton Road.
3. The change in speed limit is due to the construction of commercial premises at Christmas Hill Business Park (see [P21/S1632/RM](#)). A 40mph speed limit will better manage the speed of traffic in the vicinity of the new commercial development adjacent to the north side of the road.

The Proposal

4. Members may wish to include the following in the Council's response to the consultation:
 - The proposed 40mph gateway sign 'Welcome to Thame' is located in the parish of Great Haseley.
 - The proposed gateway sign is not in keeping with the other gateway signs around Thame that were rebranded and installed in 2019 and feature the names of Thame's twinned towns.
 - It has been suggested that the speed limit be reduced further to 30mph to protect pedestrians using the footpath alongside the A329

Recommendation:

The committee is asked:

- To agree a response to the consultation on the proposed 40mph speed limit on A329 Rycote Lane.***