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Dear Residents,

## TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER CONSULTATION: WEST END

I write on behalf of the Parish Council to highlight the publication by Wiltshire Council today of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) relating to West End in Bishops Cannings.<sup>1</sup> This is excellent news. It stems directly from the Parish Council's willingness both to listen to residents' concerns about road safety and to take proactive action to address them.

Working closely with engineers from Wiltshire Council's Highways department and other bodies, including Bishops Cannings Primary School, the Council submitted a prioritised programme of measures to tackle long-standing road safety issues. It won strong support - and funding - for enhancements. The West End speed limit review was a top priority.

In essence, this TRO seeks to reduce the speed limit from the current 60mph along the length of West End. There are two distinct elements to this proposal:

1. the existing 30mph section at the eastern end of West End by the village car park and the crossroads with Chandlers Lane and Bourton Road would be extended for a further 100m, pushing it back a total of 140m from the crossroads; and,
2. the remainder of West End, from the start of that revised 30mph zone back to the junction with the A361, would be reduced from 60mph to 40mph.

I recognise that some might take the view that even a reduction to 40mph would still be too high, and that the whole of West End should be reduced to 30mph. I wish to address that concern directly. Wiltshire Council Highways is bound by national roads legislation and regulations. The independent assessment conducted for West End was comprehensive and reflected those regulations. It considered a number of factors. Key among them is the requirement for there to be a minimum of three properties with frontage accesses per 100m of road, especially at the start of a 30mph zone. That report is on our website.<sup>2</sup>

Wiltshire Council has invited the public to respond to this consultation. The Parish Council is strongly supportive of the proposed changes. Please be aware, however, that were you to submit an objection on the basis of a desire to reduce speed to 30mph throughout, this would serve only to delay any positive change. Highways would be bound to highlight that such a move would not be in compliance with national roads regulations.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/15498/TRO-Consultation-for-West-End-Bishops-Cannings-30mph-and-40mph-Speed-Limits>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.bishopsconningsparishcouncil.gov.uk/blog/>

West End is but one of a number of enhancements to road safety being introduced across the parish. The Parish Council has already purchased three speed indicator devices (SIDs), which have been installed at Horton and Bishops Cannings. It is apparent that they are having a positive impact on driving behaviours. A fourth will follow soon at Coate. Installation of new sets of village gates and signage is also imminent.

Additionally, the Parish Council is actively working with Highways, Bishops Cannings Primary School and others on a range of measures associated with the extension of the village car park. The collective aim will be to enhance safety for pedestrians, children and road users, especially when traversing from the car park to the school.

In ending, I wish to remind residents that you are always welcome at the Parish Council's monthly meetings, where you can engage on this or any other issue. The next meeting of the Council will take place on in the village hall on Tuesday 20 January at 7:30pm.

*yours Sincerely,*  


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