

From: Jo Sharp
Sent: 29 September 2017 11:32
To: County Roads - TDeane
Subject: RE: Removal of 40mph limit on Staplegrove Road

Dear Mr Clark

Thank you for your email.

I have looked into the matter of this post remaining with the 30mph repeater sign with a camera logo and a response was sent to Mr Farmer in July regarding this request.

SCC is not permitted to erect any repeater signs in a 30mph speed limit and the entire extent of the proposed changes from 40mph to a 30mph is street lit.

TSRGD regulations (TSRGD is the Traffic Signs Regulations and General directions manual which sets out the Department for Transport (DfT) criteria regarding the design and conditions of use of official traffic signs that can be lawfully placed on or near roads in Great Britain) state that a 30 repeater sign with a camera logo can only be erected alongside or in advance of a fixed camera, of which there are none here

The 30mph speed limit sign currently in Staplegrove will need to be removed to conform to DfT criteria. It will no longer be needed because the start of the new speed limit will be in Norton Fitzwarren.

30mph road roundels can only be painted adjacent to terminal signs or repeater signs so unfortunately this location no longer meets requirement for a road roundel.

We have previously responded to yours and Mr Farmer's question regarding a request for a bend warning sign and SLOW marking in the road between Manor Road and Greenway Road. Chapter a of the Traffic Signs Manual advises that a bend warning sign should be used sparingly and only to indicate a bend hazard. It should not be used simply to allay local apprehension regarding the speed over traffic. This type of sign is commonly used on fast moving rural roads and not in a built up urban environment.

The reason for the SLOW and Yellow Bar markings on the NIDR is due to a speed reduction measure being required on the approach to the bend after a long extent of straight road. This measure was recommended by the safety audit team and was permissible because there are no houses fronting the NIDR.

I apologise for being unable to assist you further in this instance, however, if there are any new concerns or complaints you wish to raise, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards
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