

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 18th September 2006

SUBJECT: PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT - BARGE WAY,
SITTINGBOURNE

BY: Divisional Manager – Kent Highway Services, Mid Kent
Division

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report provides detail of the outcome of the TRO recently published to introduce a 40 mph speed limit within the road.

Decision required: Members are asked to recommend that no further action is taken in respect of the objection so that the Order can be made and that the objector is notified accordingly.

Introduction

1. Barge Way as shown in annexe A was constructed recently and links the first phase of Sittingbourne Northern Relief Road (Swale Way) to the employment north east of the town. The road is a main distributor road and future development will have access to it via spur roads.

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2. A TRO to introduce a 40 mph speed limit within the road was published recently and one objection was received from the County Member for the area. A copy of the objection letter is shown in Annexe B. The Member feels that a 40 mph limit is not appropriate for Swale Way or Barge Way especially as she is pressing for the speed limit for the section of Grovehurst Road between its junctions with the A249 and Grovehurst Avenue to be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph.
3. Barge Way is a distributor road and future developments will access this road via spur roads. The road environment will therefore remain a wide corridor. Given this it would be difficult to argue for a lower speed limit than 40 mph. This also is the view of the Police.

Recommendation

4. Members are asked to recommend that no further action is taken in respect of the objection so that the Order can be made and that the objector is notified accordingly.

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Background documents:
Annexe 1: Plan - Barge Way
Letter of objection