

**C808 Sidmouth Road, Bowd, Sidmouth  
Request for 40mph Speed Limit**

Report of Head of Highways and Traffic Management

***Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.***

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the application for a 40mph speed limit on the C808 between Bowd and north of the new recycling centre site access is not agreed, as it does not meet the criteria stated in the Devon County Council policy for Local Speed Limits DTP34/05.

**1. Summary**

This report deals with the resolution from the Development Management Committee, 18 July 2012, having considered the report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/12/50), regarding a planning application for a new recycling centre at land north of the village of Bowd, near Sidmouth, that East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee be requested to examine the road safety issues, with a view to providing a 40mph speed limit on the C808 between Bowd and north of the new site access.

**2. Background**

It was reported, in the report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/12/50) to the Development Management Committee, 18 July 2012, that concerns have been raised by local Members regarding the speed of traffic along the C808, and Sidmouth Town Council has requested that the 40mph speed limit is extended northwards from Bowd, to include the access to the proposed site.

The Development Management Committee were also advised that “the Highway Authority is satisfied that the development proposals are acceptable from a highway safety point of view and do not require a 40mph speed limit. However, the Applicant has agreed to pursue a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to attain a 40mph speed limit for this stretch of road. Such a TRO must be approved by the Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC) to proceed. For this reason it would not be possible to require the speed limit by condition. However, in the event of planning permission being granted, it is commended that the Applicant seeks to achieve a 40mph speed limit for this stretch of road.” The Development Management Committee resolved to grant planning permission for the recycling centre subject to conditions and the completion of a legal agreement.

**3. Speed Limit Policy**

The current County Council policy for speed limits states that:

- Between communities the National Speed Limit will apply.
- 40mph speed limits in communities are an exception to the general policy and will require agreement from the Traffic Policy Team to ensure countywide consistency.

Traffic Policy Team usually only consider 40mph limits to be appropriate on stretches of roads that have a proven speed related collision problem that is usually highlighted through the DCC Casualty Reduction Programme, or on short lengths of roads (less than 800m) between communities to act as a buffer limit between existing 30mph limits.

#### **4. Proposal**

It is proposed that East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee do not agree the application for a 40mph speed limit on the C808 between Bowd and north of the new site access as it does not meet the criteria stated in the Devon County Council policy for Local Speed Limits DTP34/05.

#### **5. Reasons for Reaching the Recommendation**

The C808 between Bowd and north of the new site access does not meet the policy criteria for a 40mph speed limit to be introduced.

The section of road does not meet the requirements for a 40mph limit to be considered as there have been no recorded collisions within the last three years and it is not on a section of road where communities are located closely together.

In addition the introduction of a 40mph speed limit would require the erection of 40mph repeater signs on a rural road within a designated AONB.

#### **6. Alternative Options**

Should the recommendation not be accepted by the HATOC the decision would have to be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

It should be noted that the grounds for referring the decision would be on the basis of a departure from policy. This site does not fit the criteria for a departure from policy and so approval would be unlikely.

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#### **Electoral Division: Seaton Coastal**

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

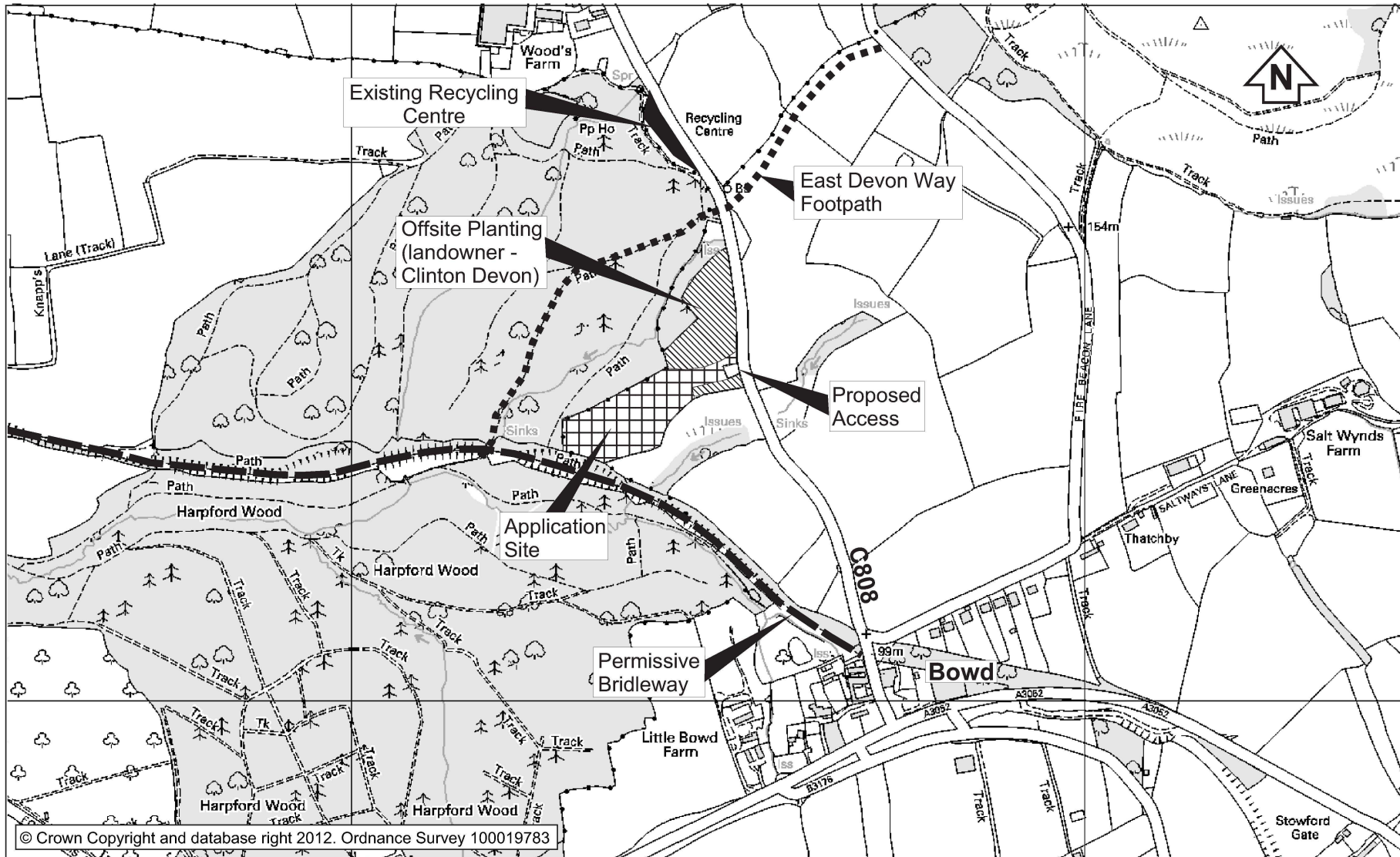
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