

OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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INFORMAL CONSULTATION

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT: West Harptree Village Speed Restriction

PROPOSAL: 20mph Speed Limit

SCHEME REF No: 21 – 008

REPORT AUTHOR: Lewis Cox

1. DELEGATION

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 3, Section 4** of the Constitution under the **Delegation of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

Section A	The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility....”
Section B	Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to: serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within his/her area of responsibility.
Section D9	An Officer to whom a power, duty or function is delegated may nominate or authorise another Officer to exercise that power, duty or function, provided that Officer reports to or is responsible to the delegator.

For the purpose of this report, the Director of Place Management holds the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Orders.

2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under Section 1 provides, generally, for Orders to be made for the following reasons, and in the case of this report specifically for the reason(s) shown below:

(a)	for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or	X
(b)	for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or	
(c)	for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or	
(d)	for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property,	

(e)	(without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or	
(f)	for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs, or	X
(g)	for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality)	

3. PROPOSAL

To introduce a new 20mph speed limit throughout the village. The proposal is outlined in the plan with the proposed 20mph marked 'red'.

4. BACKGROUND

West Harptree is a small village situated on the edge on the Mendips, it has a main 'A' road running through which is well used as it links anything from Weston- Super-mare through to Bath, it is also attached to Chew Valley Lake which attracts a large number of visitors increasing the traffic through the village significantly. Local Ward Members and the Parish Council want to see some form of improvement and traffic management measures in the village. Bath and North East Somerset Council therefore put forwards the proposed implementation of a 20mph speed limit.

5. SOURCE OF FINANCE

This proposal is being funded by the Traffic Management Team TIP scheme 2021/2022.

6. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT

The proposal requires informal consultation with the Chief Constable, Ward Members and the Cabinet Members for Transport.

PROPOSALS APPROVED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AND WARD MEMBERS.

Signature:
Paul Garrod
Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 24th August 2021

7. INFORMAL CONSULTATION

Parish Council - As Councillor Mitchell confirmed in his email following the site meeting, the Parish Councillors are unanimous in their support for the proposed scheme. It will be very popular with residents. We do, however, have one minor suggestion for a necessary improvement, as follows;

It is clearly essential to take into account how the scheme would be enforced by the Police. Having walked the village, we found that there are good locations for the motorcycle normally used for radar speed measurements at every access point except in Compton Martin Road. The obvious Police radar location here is the gravel entrance to Tilley Manor Farm (opposite the Memorial Hall). For this reason, we suggest it would be prudent and perhaps even essential to move the boundary of the 20mph zone West by some 20 or 30 metres to give adequate distance before the farm entrance. This will provide for proper enforcement and also better protect vehicles and pedestrians using the hall.

Avon & Somerset Police: No comments received.

Cllr David Wood: No comments received.

Cabinet Member Cllr Manda Rigby: I approve.

8. **RECOMMENDATION**

As no significant objections and/or comments have been received following the informal consultation described above, the Traffic Regulation Order process (public advertisement of the proposals) should commence.



Date: 12th November 2021

Paul Garrod
Traffic Management & Network Manager

9. **DECISION**

As the officer holding the above delegation, I approve the progression of this Traffic Regulation Order.

In taking this decision, I confirm that due regard has been given to the Council's public sector equality duty, which requires it to consider and think about how its policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chris Major', written in a cursive style.

Date:06/01/2022

Chris Major
Director of Place Management

