

OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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INFORMAL CONSULTATION / APPROVAL TO PROGRESS

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT: 20mph Speed Limit, Welton, Midsomer Norton

PROPOSAL: 20mph Speed Limit

SCHEME REF No: 21 – 014

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	X
(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	
(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 implement a 20mph Speed Limit within the Welton area of Midsomer Norton as denoted in red on the attached proposed plan.

Whilst it is accepted that speed limit reduction alone will not lead to the significant increase in local journeys taken by walking and cycling that the council wants to achieve, it is one of a number of measures that, when combined with others, will be an important step towards this.

4. BACKGROUND

The Welton area of Midsomer Norton has a number of housing estates, most of the roads are cul-de-sacs and they currently have a speed limit of 30mph, however a proposal is put forwards to reduce the speed limit to 20mph to reduce vehicles speeds and improve the safety within the housing estates for residents and visitors.

5. SOURCE OF FINANCE

This proposal is being funded under the Traffic Management Team schemes 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: 

Date: 12th July 2021

Paul Garrod
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