

**INFORMAL CONSULTATION**

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>Knobsbury Lane, Writhlington</b>
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	<b>20 MPH Speed Limit</b>
<b>SCHEME REF No:</b>	<b>20 -027</b>
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**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:

<b>Section A</b>	The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility....”
<b>Section B</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.
<b>Section D9</b>	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)	
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**3. PROPOSAL**

To implement a 20mph speed limit along the length of Knobsbury Lane, Writhlington, which lies within the boundary of Bath and North East Somerset Council, as shown on the attached drawings.

**4. BACKGROUND**

Writhlington School, Mendip Studio School and Writhlington Sports Centre are all accessed from this length of Knobsbury Lane, including coaches and school buses associated with these sites. There is also a footpath linking Knobsbury Lane to Orchard Way, which is a relatively new housing estate adjacent to Knobsbury Lane but accessed from Frome Road.

Knobsbury lane is currently subject to a 30mph speed limit, but many of the roads to the north of the A362 Frome Road have 20mph speed limits. For consistency and having due regard for the activity associated with the schools and sports centres etc, it is considered appropriate that the speed limit in Knobsbury Lane is reduced to 20mph.

**5. SOURCE OF FINANCE**

This scheme is included in the 2021/22 Transport Improvement Programme.

**6. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

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

PROPOSAL(S) APPROVED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AND WARD MEMBERS.



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Date: 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Existing Speed Limits:



