

Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 03 July 2018

Subject: Royds Lane, Rothwell – Road Safety Measures

Capital Scheme Number: 32983

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Rothwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

- 1 The Best City ambition is to improve life for the people of Leeds and make our city a better place. By enhancing the local residential environments and by reducing speeds, this will help to contribute to this ambition by improving the safety and quality of life of Leeds residents by enabling safer pedestrian and cycling journeys in local communities. This will also help to reduce traffic collisions to make a specific contribution to the Best City for Communities and a Child Friendly City.
- 2 Highway works are required in connection a planning agreement for a housing development built on Royds Lane (Planning reference 14/01474/RM) the development was subject to a Section 106 agreement.
- 3 The developer has requested that the City Council undertakes the highway works in order to meet with the requirements of the planning permission and the S106 Agreement.
- 4 This report seeks authority to implement the highway works as set out in Section 3.7-3.12 and approve an injection of £26,000 into the City Development Capital Programme, to be fully funded by the developer via funding secured by S106 obligation.

Recommendations

The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:

- i) note the highway works as outlined in Sections 3.7-3.12 and indicated on drawing TM/29/2477/05
- ii) authorise the detailed design and implementation for the works associated to Royds Lane, Rothwell – Road Safety Measures as shown on drawing TM-29-2477-05
- iii) authorise the injection of £26,000 into the Capital Programme for the works associated to Royds Lane, Rothwell – Road Safety Measures, funded from a Section 106 agreement / receipt.
- iv) give authority to incur expenditure of £26,000 being £15,000 works costs, £11,000 staff costs including legal fees all to be fully funded by a developer from a signed S106 Agreement, for the works associated to Royds Lane, Rothwell – Road Safety Measures; and
- v) request the City Solicitor to advertise a draft Speed Limit Order and, if no valid objections are received, seal a 40mph and 30mph speed limit on Royds Lane in the Rothwell Ward as shown on drawing TM-29-2477-05.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.2 To seek approval to undertake the detailed design and implementation of a road safety scheme to introduce a 40 mph and 30 mph speed limit, build and amend existing footway, and make necessary improvements to existing road markings and signage as shown on drawing TM-29-2477-05.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Royds Lane is a single carriageway road which runs between the A654 Marsh Street adjoining the A642 Wakefield Road via Pennington Lane. The road width itself is narrow and footway provision is made only on one side or the other. Whilst traffic flows are not significant, it can be used as short cut to avoid Oulton roundabout, so some rat running does occur, although the junctions at both ends are problematic and not conducive to this practice.
- 2.2 Being predominately rural in its setting, there is a de-restricted speed limit along the majority of its length, with a short length near to its junction with Pennington Lane defined as 30mph by presence of street lighting. Also a 20mph zone has recently been implemented outside St Marys Primary school under the Schools 20mph programme. This area covers the length of Royds Lane from Marsh Street to a point just beyond Royal Birkdale Way, where the existing speed limit changes to de-restricted.

- 2.3 The through route of Royds Lane heading south and Pennington Lane passes by Royds School. Consequently the route is commonly used by pupil pedestrians who live in Rothwell and walk to Royds School.
- 2.4 A planning agreement from a housing development built on Royds Lane (planning reference 14/01474) was subject to a Section 106 agreement. The developer has requested that the City Council undertakes the highway works in order to meet with the requirements of the planning permission and the S106 Agreement.
- 2.5 This report seeks authority to implement the highway works as set out in Sections 3.7-3.12 and approve an injection of £26,000 into the City Development Capital Programme, to be fully funded by the developer via funding secured by S106 obligation

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Whilst there is footway provision along the vast majority of the length between Marsh Street and the Royds School, there are two small areas, one being on the sharp corner of Royds Lane and Pennington Lane which is below an acceptable walking standard. The second is on Waterloo Corner where the connectivity between the footway needs to be improved, as the footway run outs and then swap sides at this location.
- 3.2 Given the function and nature of Royds Lane, there has been a long term aspiration to improve the safety and environment by introducing a 40mph speed limit along the majority of the length.
- 3.3 Currently there is a very small length of Royds Lane which comes under a 30mph limit which isn't covered by street lighting. This needs to be formalised and included as part of the speed limit changes. There are also a small number of signing issues at its corner with Sanderson Lane which could do with some betterment.
- 3.4 The proposed measures provided from the Section 106 resource attained from the aforementioned residential development, are designed to provide a safer environment in the vicinity for all road users by reducing existing speed limits and slowing vehicles down, and also providing better footway connectivity.

3.5 Design Proposals and Full Scheme Description

- 3.5.1 The proposals within this report are concerned with the delivery of the highway works, the principle of which have been considered as part of the planning process and consist of the following:
 - 3.5.2 To provide a new 40mph speed limit on Royds Lane from the terminal point of the new 20mph zone at Swithens Plantation up to Royds Green Farm.
 - 3.5.3 To formalise the existing 30mph speed limit on the remaining stretch to Pennington Lane as there are no street lights along this short length to define it.
 - 3.5.4 To formalise the existing track on Royds Lane corner, with a narrow footway.

- 3.5.5 On Waterloo Corner, to construct a short length of new footway to the east of the entrance to Keepers Cottage. This will allow the footway lengths to overlap. At this point we can then provide a dropped kerb facility, linking in with the footway opposite.
- 3.5.6 To provide some betterment to the existing bend warning signage on Royds Lane/Sanderson Lane corner.
- 3.5.7 Details of the proposed scheme are a provided on the attached plan [TM/29/2477/05].
- 3.5.8 The objective of this proposal is to improve the local environment for all road users by reducing the speed limit, making improvements to road markings, signing and junction improvements in order to reducing vehicular speeds, accidents frequency and severity.

3.6 Programme

- 3.6.1 It is anticipated that the proposal will be implemented within the 2018/ 2019 financial year.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Ward Members were consulted by email on the 2nd January 2018. Two Ward members have shown support for the proposals.
- 4.1.2 Emergency Services were consulted by email on the 2nd January 2018. The Fire Department have shown support for the scheme and no objections have been received from either the Police or Ambulance services.
- 4.1.3 The West Yorkshire Combined Authority was consulted by email on the 2nd January 2018 and has shown support for the scheme in principle.
- 4.1.4 The general public will be consulted on the Speed Limit Order via notices on street lighting columns during the public advertisement phase.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 A screening document has been prepared and an independent impact assessment is not required for the approvals requested.
- Positive: A reduced speed limit will slow driver speeds thus providing a safer environment for all road users. Improvements to existing road markings and signs will make drivers more aware of the surroundings and junction improvements will improve conditions.
 - Negative: Slight reduction in air quality and a small increase in journey times due to lower speeds, however this is offset by the potential reduction in accidents.

4.6 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.6.1 The scheme is in the Annual Programme and subject to resolving any objections received it is anticipated to be completed within the 2018/2019 financial year.

4.7 Risk Management

4.7.1 There are no issues, over and above those expected when working in the public highway, generated by the proposals contained within this report.

5.0 Conclusions

5.1 A combination of speed limit reduction, improvements to existing footways and signs will have a positive impact and will improve the local environment for all road users especially school children.

6.0 Recommendations

The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:

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7 Background documents ¹

7.1 No items.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.

Appendix 1

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Impact Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

Directorate: City Development	Service area: Highways & Transportation
Lead person: Roger Cann	Contact number: 0113 3787498

1. Title: Royds Lane, Rothwell – Road Safety Measures		
Is this a:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service / Function	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
If other, please specify		

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
The screening focuses on a report to the Highways and Transportation Board requesting authority to undertake the detailed design, advertisement and implementation of Road Safety Measures along Royds Lane.
Main Issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed reduction and improvements to road markings, footways and existing signing along Royds Lane.

- It is considered that these measures will assist in slowing driver speeds in the vicinity of the village, thus creating a safer environment for all road users.

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

All the council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?	X	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?		X
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		X
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		X
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations 		X

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration? (think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected) <p>Consultation on the proposals was undertaken with Ward Members, the emergency services and West Yorkshire Combined Authority.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key findings (think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another) <p>Positive Impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed speed limit reduction and improvements to road markings and signing will make drivers more aware of their surroundings and will slow driver speeds thus providing a safer environment for all road users. <p>Negative Impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slight reduction in air quality and a small increase in journey times due to lower speeds, however this is offset by the potential reduction in accidents.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions (think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact) <p>N/A</p>

<p>5. If you are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you will need to carry out an impact assessment.</p>	
Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	N/A
Date to complete your impact assessment	N/A
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	N/A

<p>6. Governance, ownership and approval Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening</p>		
Name	Job title	Date
Nick Borrás	Principal Traffic Engineer	15/02/2018

7. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the screening document will need to be published.

Please send a copy to the Equality Team for publishing

Date screening completed	
Date sent to Equality Team	
Date published (To be completed by the Equality Team)	