

Report to Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation)

Date: 18 December 2018

Subject: Leeds 20mph Local Areas Speed Limit Programme – Phase 2

Bramley & Stanningley Objection Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Bramley & Stanningley	<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 Council has a long standing ambition to provide 20mph zones and speed limits in residential areas, as endorsed by Executive and Scrutiny Boards in recent years and in line with ambitions of the Best Council Plan to make Leeds a Child Friendly City, to improve Transport and Infrastructure and to improve Health & Wellbeing. These schemes are also an integral part of the Council's Safer Roads Action Plan and have been making a major contribution to reducing road casualties which are at a record low level.
2. In March 2018 Leeds City Council's Executive Board approved a programme to provide 20mph speed limits on all remaining appropriate residential streets across Leeds, effectively completing its ongoing 20mph programme.
3. The programme was split into 5 phases of which three phases have been advertised to date. Phase 2 of the programme was advertised on 31st August 2018.
4. Subsequent to this advertisement 1 objections have been received to the speed limit order in Bramley & Stanningley ward which forms part of Phase 2. This report seeks approval to over-rule this objection.

Recommendations

Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation)

5. The Chief Officer is requested to:
 - i) note the contents of this report;

- ii) consider and over-rule the objection to Leeds City Council (Speed Limit) (No.18) Order 2018 – Bramley & Stanningley 20mph speed limit;
- iii) request the City Solicitor to make, seal and implement Leeds City Council (Speed Limit) (No.18) Order 2018 – Bramley & Stanningley 20mph speed limit; and
- iv) request the City Solicitor to write to the objector informing them of the Chief Officer's (Highways and Transportation) decision.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report details objections received to a speed limit order advertised as part of the Leeds 20mph Local Areas Speed Limit Programme.
- 1.2 The report requests that this objection and the accompanying recommendation are considered and over-ruled accordingly.

2 Background information

- 2.1 In March 2018 Leeds City Council's Executive Board approved a programme of 20mph speed limits across the city. These speed limits were designed to complete the ongoing introduction of 20mph zones and limits in the city, so that all appropriate residential streets were covered by these lower speed limits.
- 2.2 The project has been split into 5 phases. This report details objections received to the Bramley & Stanningley speed limit order which forms part of Phase 2.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Phase 2 of the Leeds 20mph Local Areas Speed Limit Programme consisted of 5 Speed Limit Orders, covering the following wards:
 - Armley
 - Bramley & Stanningley
 - Calverley & Farsley
 - Farnley & Wortley
 - Pudsey
- 3.2 Advertisement of these speed limit orders took place between 31st August and 28th September 2018. These advertisements attracted 2 objections, one each to the Bramley & Stanningley and Pudsey orders.
- 3.3 The objection to the Bramley & Stanningley order and accompanying officer comments and recommendation are detailed in Appendix A to this report.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 All ward members in the above listed wards were consulted in April 2018. General support was expressed for the proposals.
- 4.1.2 The Emergency Services and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority were consulted prior to the Executive Board report, and again on 31st August in parallel with the legal advertisements.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 The contents of this report have no further implications for EDCI beyond those in the Executive Board report of March 2018.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 As detailed in the Executive Board report these proposals contribute to the activities and objectives of the Safer Roads Action Plan, the Leeds Transport Strategy and the Best Council Plan.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 There are no additional resource implications contained in this report.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 This report is not eligible for Call In.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 If the objection is not over-ruled the 20mph limits as advertised cannot be completed. The benefits outlined in the Executive Board report would not be achieved.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 Over-ruling this objection will allow the 20mph speed limits in Bramley & Stanningley forming part of Phase 2 of the Local Areas 20mph Speed Limits programme to be completed on site. This will assist with achieving the ambitions set out in the report to Executive Board in March 2018 and result in a safer road environment on residential streets in this ward.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:
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- iii) request the City Solicitor to make, seal and implement and Leeds City Council (Speed Limit) (No.18) Order 2018 – Bramley & Stanningley 20mph speed limits; and
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7 Background documents

7.1 None

Appendix A: Summary of objections received

Order	Number of objections	Objector comments	Highways & Transportation comments
<p>LCC (SL) (No.18) 2018 Bramley & Stanningley</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Order was not sufficiently publicised on site.</p> <p>Residential streets already have low traffic speeds so limit is unnecessary.</p> <p>Some drivers will ignore the speed limit signs.</p> <p>Rock Lane should be closed to through traffic not subject to 20mph.</p> <p>Speed limit will not be enforced.</p> <p>No cost justification for the works.</p> <p>Individual properties should have been written to.</p>	<p>The schemes have been introduced as part of the ambition of Leeds City Council's Executive Board. The proposals are funded from the Local Transport Plan, and completing this package removes the ongoing demand from this funding stream for a typical annual programme of around 15 20mph schemes.</p> <p>The orders were promoted through notices on site at as many visible locations as was reasonably practicable. The cost of an individual consultation would have been significantly in excess of the total project budget, both in materials and staff resources.</p> <p>Road closures are outside the scope of this project and the impacts of these have to be considered fully and at length on a case by case basis. This assessment is taking place independently of the ongoing 20mph programme.</p> <p>The 20mph speed limits have been chosen to meet existing road characteristics in line with the DfT's Setting Local Speed Limits guidance. This will result in drivers understanding the speed limit and a general compliance with the legal signage. The Executive Board report commits to an evaluation process following completion, with any necessary additional works being considered at that time.</p>