

**Report to Chief Officer (Highways & Transportation)**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Subject: Leeds 20mph Local Areas Speed Limit Programme – Phase 3**

**Guiseley & Rawdon Objection Report**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Guiseley & Rawdon	<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 3 of the programme was advertised on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
4. Subsequent to this advertisement 1 objection has been received to the speed limit order in Guiseley & Rawdon ward which forms part of Phase 3. This report seeks approval to over-rule this objection.

**Recommendations**

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.31) Order 2018 – Guiseley & Rawdon 20mph speed limit;
- iii) request the City Solicitor to make, seal and implement Leeds City Council (Speed Limit) (No.31) Order 2018 – Guiseley & Rawdon 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 an objection received to the Guiseley & Rawdon speed limit order which forms part of Phase 3.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 Phase 3 of the Leeds 20mph Local Areas Speed Limit Programme consisted of 7 Speed Limit Orders, covering the following wards:
  - Adel & Wharfedale
  - Guiseley & Rawdon
  - Horsforth
  - Hyde Park & Woodhouse
  - Kirkstall
  - Otley & Yeadon
  - Weetwood
- 3.2 Advertisement of these speed limit orders took place between 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

3.3 One objection was received to the Guiseley & Rawdon order. The objection and accompanying officer comments and recommendations 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. New members have been appraised of the proposals at officer briefings.

4.1.2 The Police, Emergency Services and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority were consulted prior to the Executive Board report, and again on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in parallel with the legal advertisements.

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### **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 Guiseley & Rawdon forming part of Phase 3 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.31) Order 2018 – Guiseley & Rawdon 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
LCC (SL) (No.31) 2018 Guiseley & Rawdon	1	The objector believes that the 20mph speed limit should be extended to cover all of Park Road in Guiseley.	<p>During the detailed design of this scheme great care has been taken to ensure that the proposed speed limits are consistent and understandable to motorists.</p> <p>Park Road is a classified road (the B6153) and is well used as a local distributor road in Guiseley, carrying in excess of 14,000 vehicles per day as of 2017. Its function in the local hierarchy is to move traffic around the locality, connecting to other classified roads – the A65 Leeds Road and the A6038 Bradford Road.</p> <p>The status and function of Park Road mean that the appropriate speed limit is 30mph. A 20mph speed limit would likely be misunderstood by motorists and would lead to a general lack of adherence to that lower limit.</p>