

**Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)**

**Date: 06 November 2018**

**Subject: Westerton, Blackgates and Thorpe Primary Schools - 20mph zones – Revocation and re-advertisement of Draft Traffic Regulation Order**

**Capital Scheme Number: 32923**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Ardsley & Robin Hood and Morley South	<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 Following approval of a report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) in December 2015, a Speed Limit Order was advertised on site which attracted two objections.
- 2 The objections were reported to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) at Highways Board in August 2016 and the decision was made to overrule the objections.
- 3 One of the objectors has identified that one element of their objection was not detailed in the report.
- 4 It is therefore proposed to revoke the 20mph speed limit as made, and re-advertise the speed limit so that the objector's comments can be fully considered.

## **Recommendations**

- 5 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:
- i) Consider the validity of the decision to overrule the objections to Leeds City Council (Speed Limit) Order (No 2) 2016; and
  - ii) Request the City Solicitor to:
    - a) Revoke the current 20mph speed limit order Leeds City Council (Speed Limit) Order (No 2) 2016; and
    - b) Advertise a draft Speed Limit Order, to introduce a 20 mph zone in West Ardsley, and Thorpe as shown on drawing numbers TMW-3-2-604-5a and TMW-3-2-605-4b.

### **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To consider the validity of the decision to overrule the objections received to Leeds City Council (Speed Limit) Order (No 2) 2016 relating to a proposed 20mph zone in West Ardsley and Thorpe; and
- 1.2 To seek approval to revoke the current 20mph zone and re advertise a draft Speed Limit Order (SLO) and if no valid objections are received, to make and seal the Order as advertised.

### **2 Background information**

- 2.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) approved a report on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order for a 20mph speed limit in areas of West Ardsley, Tingley and Thorpe.
- 2.2 The draft Order was advertised from the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 and two objections were received.
- 2.3 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) approved a report on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016 to overrule the objections to the proposed speed limit.
- 2.4 One of the objectors has identified that one element of their objection was not detailed in the report and therefore contends the validity of that decision.
- 2.5 Following the decision made at the August 2016 Highways Board, the Speed Limit Order was sealed and relevant signing and traffic calming measures have been introduced.

### **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 The Speed Limit Order was advertised between 24 February 2016 and 23 March 2016. As a result of the advertisement period, two representations were received. Both of these were objections, each comprising a number of issues.
- 3.2 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) approved a report on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016 to overrule the objections to the proposed speed limit.
- 3.3 One element of one of the objections was not detailed in Appendix A (objections and designers response) of that report for the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) to consider. This was subsequently challenged by the objector and investigated. To be open and transparent it has therefore been decided to re-advertise the original speed limit order, to enable the objector's points to be fully considered.

### **3.3 Design Proposals and Full Scheme Description.**

- 3.3.1 It is proposed to revoke and re advertise a 20mph speed limit on residential streets in Tingley, Thorpe and West Ardsley as shown on drawing numbers TMW-3-2-604-5a and TMW-3-2-605-4b.

### **3.4 Programme**

- 3.4.1 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: Ward Members for Ardsley & Robin Hood and Morley South were consulted on the re-advertisement of the Speed Limit Order by email dated the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018. 5 responses have been received in support of the proposal (3 Ardsley and Robin Hood and 2 from Morley South) No adverse comments have been received.
- 4.1.2 Emergency Services and Metro were consulted on the re-advertisement of the Speed Limit Order by email dated the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and no comments have been received.
- 4.1.3 The original general public consultation was via notices on street lighting columns during the public advertisement phase, along with an advert in the Yorkshire Post newspaper between the dates 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 4.2.1 A full Equality, Diversity / Cohesion and Integration impact assessment has been carried out for 20mph schools schemes and is detailed in the initial report of 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

### **4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

### **4.4 Resources and Value for Money**

4.4.1 The estimated combined cost to implement this scheme is £4,000, which comprises of £2,000 Staff fees and £2,000 legal fees, all to be funded from the LTP Transport Policy Capital Programme.

### **4.5 Capital Funding and Cash Flow**

4.5.1 The approval for expenditure of £4,000, which comprises of, £2,000 Staff fees and £2,000 legal fees, was included in a previous report.

**Parent Scheme Number:** 99609

**Title:** LTP Transport Policy Capital Programme

4.5.2 There should be no additional revenue costs as a result of this capital scheme.

### **4.6 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.6.1 The scheme is eligible for call in as the extents of the 20mph Zone straddles the ward Boundary (Ardsley and Robin Hood and Morley South).

### **4.7 Risk Management**

4.7.1 If the 20mph zones are not re-advertised, there would not be an opportunity for any objections to be fully considered at Highways Board.

## **5 Conclusions**

5.1 The re advertisement of the Westerton, Blackgates and Thorpe 20mph zones will allow an opportunity for all elements of any objections received to be considered at Highways Board.

## **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:
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    - a) Revoke the current 20mph speed limit order Leeds City Council (Speed Limit) Order (No 2) 2016; and
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## **7 Background Papers<sup>1</sup>**

- 7.1 Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (Approval to advertise and implement)
- 7.2 Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (consider objections)

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

# Appendix 1

## Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening



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.

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<b>Lead person: Michael De-Lucchi</b>	<b>Contact number: 0113 2475294</b>

### 1. Title: 2014/ 2015 20mph schemes – Westerton & Blackgates Primary Schools

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

Service / Function

Other

If other, please specify

### 2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

A major Part of the Best City ambition is to improve life for the people of Leeds and make our city a better place to live. The provision of twenty miles-per-hour (20 mph) speed limits contributes to this ambition by improving the safety and quality of life of Leeds residents by enabling safe pedestrian and cycling journeys in local communities. They also help reduce traffic collisions to make a specific contribution to the Best City for Communities and a Child Friendly City.

As part of the ongoing 20mph schemes programme, following guidance and recommendations from the Department for Transport (DfT), this report seeks approval to introduce a 20mph zone in West Ardsley.

### 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?	√	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?	√	
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		√
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		√
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment</li> <li>• Advancing equality of opportunity</li> <li>• Fostering good relations</li> </ul>		√

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).

- **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)

The Emergency Services and Ward Members have been consulted. No negative comments have been received.

A formal advertisement will be undertaken with notices on site.

- **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)

Positive:

- Provide safer passage whilst crossing the road to all pedestrians, especially those with mobility issues, disabled people, parents supporting pushchairs and young and old people
- Greater independence and choice for children travelling to school
- Dramatically increases chances of survival if hit by a car to 97%
- Make it more pleasant to walk or cycle, encouraging a more healthy lifestyle
- Reduce noise pollution.
- Improve quality of life for the local community

Negative:

- Slight reduction in air quality due to lower speeds, however this is offset by the potential to prevent accidents.

- **Actions**

(think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

After Highways Board approval a formal advertisement will be undertaken for the proposed speed limit.

**5. If you are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you will need to carry out an impact assessment.**

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	N/A
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Date to complete your impact assessment	N/A
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Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	N/A
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**6. Governance, ownership and approval**

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
Simon Booker	Senior Engineer	

**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)