

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Edwards Way 20mph speed limit

Report to: (a) Marple Area Committee **Date:** Wednesday, 16 December 2020

Report of: (b) Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

Key Decision: (c) **NO / YES** *(Please circle)*

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency *(Tick box)*

Summary:

To inform the Marple Area Committee of the findings from a consultation exercise with affected residents for the proposal of 20mph speed restriction on Edwards Way and surrounding streets as attached plan NM8/5138/01/001

Recommendation(s):

The Corporate Director for Place requests that the Marple Area Committee to comment on this report and approve funding for a Traffic Regulation Order and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date the following orders can be made:

Proposed Moving Traffic Regulation Order “20mph Speed Limit Order”

Location	Measurement
Edwards Way	From a point 36 metres north west of its junction with Hibbert Lane for its entire length to the junction of Cross Lane
Carver Drive	For its entire Length
Edwards Close	For its entire Length
Carver Road	For its entire Length
Ash Grove	For its entire Length
Windsor Drive	For its entire Length
Leigh Avenue	For its entire Length
Westbury Drive	For its entire Length
Shirley Avenue	For its entire Length
Avon Close	For its entire Length

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(d)**
Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(e)**

NM8/5138/01/001 NM8/5138/01/002

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'Urgent Business': (f) YES / NO (please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on _____ /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

Edwards Way 20mph limit

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Marple Area Committee the outcome of the recent consultation and proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit for Edwards Way and surrounding streets, demonstrated in drawing NM8/5138/001/001.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Local ward councillors have liaised with residents and raised concerns of motor vehicles speeding on Edwards Way and surrounding streets. Following discussion Marple South ward Cllrs recommended a 20mph speed limit for the areas of concern.
- 2.2. Following reports of speeding in 2019 an Automated Traffic Count was completed on Edwards Way from 16.9.2019-22.09.2019. The data from the count identified the highest recorded 85th percentile speed for the week was 27.4mph.
- 2.3. There are no recorded accidents at the location in the last 36 months 31/03/2017-31/03/2020 (data availability). Road traffic collisions are recorded by the police (STATS19) only where personal injuries have been sustained to one or more casualties, damage only incidents are not recorded.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. The results of the consultation have been presented to Marple South Cllrs who have requested Traffic Services commence with implementation of the scheme, therefore the matter is referred to Marple Area Committee for a formal decision.
- 3.2. Greater Manchester Police have reviewed the proposal in accordance with procedures for an implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order. The advice from GMP is to implement self-enforcing 20mph zones, not 20mph limits. Zones have installed physical measures (i.e. Speed humps/cushions chicanes) that reduce vehicle speed. Greater Manchester Police do not support a 20mph limit without physical measures installed.
- 3.3. GMP supports the national NPCC position in relation to the introduction of 20 mph speed restriction, that such schemes should effectively be self-enforcing without the need for police enforcement resulting in prosecutions and supports compliance rather than prosecution as the overall police aim of the initiative.
- 3.4. The introduction of 20mph speed restrictions without physical traffic calming have the potential to become contentious for local authorities when compliance is not achieved. Such schemes without traffic calming features are ineffective, the scheme is solely reliant on motorists following the installed 20mph restriction.

- 3.5. Consultation responses highlighted residents did not wish to have installed traffic calming such as speed cushions/humps. Following investigation and consultation responses Traffic Services do not support a 20mph restrictions without physical calming features to slow traffic.
- 3.6. These consultation results were presented to Marple South Councillors who requested that Traffic Services progress with the scheme, that the matter be referred to the Area Committee for a decision. Drawing NM8/5138/001/002 demonstrates the full proposal with locations of signage installation. The proposal differs slightly from the original consultation drawing plan on Edwards Way, the 20mph limit will start 36 metres from the junction of Hibbert Lane. This is due to the amount of current signage installed at the junction, traffic services do not recommend further signage is installed at this location this may be confusing and distracting to motorists.

4. LEGAL POSITION/IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The Traffic Management Orders would be made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Council is required by the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 to give notice of its intention to make a Traffic Order (by publishing a draft traffic order). These regulations also require the Council to consider any representations received as a result of publishing the draft Order.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

- 5.1. No alternatives were considered

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been informed of the recommendation of the (MTRO) and no adverse comments were received.
- 6.2. Consultation with residents who live in the affected area has been completed:
- 365 properties consulted
 - 75 responded in agreement to proposal NM8/5138/01 (21%)
 - 5 responded who disagreed with proposal NM8/5138/01 (1%)
 - 285 did not respond to proposal stating whether they agreed or not (78%)
- 6.3. Comments from supporting residents highlighted concerns of how the speed limit would be enforced and who would be responsible for enforcement. Residents commented they did not wish to see physical traffic calming features such as speed humps/cushions. Residents who disagreed with the proposal commented they felt the money could be spent better elsewhere and that the 20mph restriction would not be enforced and was reliant on motorists adhering to 20 signage.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. Cost:

Total cost for approval required from the delegated budget £3778.25

The above cost includes, supply and install of all signage, poles and legal advertising to residents in the affected area, on street and in the newspaper.

8. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1. Equal Opportunities

- To provide a suitable and safer environment for pedestrians and other road users. The scheme contributes to the Council's vision statement "Promote equal life outcomes for all by tackling known inequalities across the borough of Stockport".

8.2. Sustainable Environment

- To develop and sustain a healthy, safe and attractive local environment which contributes to Stockport. Stockport Council understands the responsibility it has to lead by example and help the broader community make a positive contribution to the local environment.

9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1. The Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

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Background Papers

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