

The Metropolitan Borough Council of Stockport (Green Lane & Other Roads, Heaton Norris) (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2020 – Objection Report

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to advise committee members of an objection received to the proposed introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 20mph speed limit for Green Lane, Norris Hill Drive, Winchester Drive, Blandford Road, Ridgemont Avenue, The Square, The Green, Wittenbury Road, Marlcroft Avenue and Mossfield Close in Heaton Norris. The TRO is proposed as part of the Road Safety around Schools scheme for Norris Bank Primary School.
- 1.2 To ensure that objections to the permanent TROs are appropriately and efficiently considered.

2. INFORMATION AND ADVICE

- 2.1 In considering the objection the Area Committee should be mindful that unless otherwise authorised, the only right the general public has over the highway is a right of passage along it and the Council as highway authority has a duty to assert and protect the public's use of the highway network. The Authority has both a duty of care to ensure the safety of the travelling public and a duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to secure and facilitate the expeditious movement of traffic.

3. OBJECTIONS AND COMMENTS

- 3.1. One objection has been received:-
- 3.2. The objector, whose address was not provided, stated five reasons for their objection:-
 1. The scheme serves no purpose, with the number of parked vehicles on the road making it impossible for any traffic to drive in excess of 20mph.
 2. The cul-de-sacs mentioned in the scheme do not have any significant traffic.
 3. The cost of the scheme is not justified.
 4. The use of road humps will damage people's cars.
 5. Part of Green Lane involved is a bus route used primarily by older people who could be injured by the humps.

Response

- 3.3. A proposed 20mph speed limit covering the entire lengths of Wittenbury Road, Marlcroft Avenue and Mossfield Close was consulted upon in June 2019, receiving

approval at the Area Committee on 23rd September 2019. A number of requests were received as part of the public consultation with regard to reducing the speed limit on the residential estate served by Norris Hill Drive to 20mph in the interests of safety.

3.4. The Council's overall strategic transport ambition is to increase the number of children walking or cycling to school, both to reduce congestion on roads, improve local air quality, and improve health outcomes. In order for this to be achieved, it is important that walking or cycling to school is a safe option for children and their families. It is considered that the proposed 20mph speed limit will support this ambition.

3.5. It should be noted that no physical traffic calming features such as humps or speed cushions are proposed as the layout and alignment of the roads are such that traffic calming measures are not considered necessary in this instance. 20mph speed limit terminal signs and repeater signs will be erected.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1. It is recommended that the Traffic Regulation Order for the 20mph speed limit be made as advertised for the roads shown in **Appendix A** and as shown on **Drawing No 0305/NB/008**.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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Appendix A

Proposed TRO – Schedule

20 mph Speed Limit

ROAD NAME	EXTENT
Green Lane, Heaton Norris	From a point 55 metres east of its junction with Colchester Drive, for a distance of 75 metres in an easterly direction.
Norris Hill Drive, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
The Square, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
The Green, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
Blandford Road, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
Winchester Drive, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
Ridgemont Avenue, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
Wittenbury Road, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
Marlcroft Avenue, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
Mossfield Close, Heaton Norris	For its entire length