

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Frances Street, Cheadle - Proposed Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) 20mph Limit

Report to: (a) Cheadle Area Committee
2022

Date: Tuesday, 8 March

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 report the findings of a consultation exercise for the introduction of a 20mph Limit Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO).

Recommendation(s):

The Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration requests that the Cheadle Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) to implement a 20mph Limit and subject to no objections being made within 21 days from the advertisement date, the order be made as shown in **Appendix A**.

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

Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

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

There are none.

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

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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.

Frances Street, Cheadle - Proposed Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) 20mph Limit

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report the findings of a consultation exercise and to seek approval for the introduction of a Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) as shown in **Appendix A**.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. A petition was submitted to the Cheadle Area Committee, held on 14th September 2021 from residents of Frances Street requesting a 20mph Speed Limit be introduced on Frances Street, Cheadle.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. Traffic Services propose to introduce a Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) – ‘20mph Speed Limit’; these proposals outlined above are shown on **Drawing No. NM8-5174-001-C**.

4. LEGAL POSITION/IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The Traffic Regulation 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 other alternatives were considered.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been consulted and no adverse comments were received.
- 6.2. Greater Manchester Police have been consulted. Whilst Greater Manchester Police do not have any objections to these proposals, they have made the following comment: *‘Currently GMP do not carry out speed enforcement of 20mph limit roads so should there be non-compliance with the new speed limit, if it is introduced, the onus would be on the local authority to find a solution’*.

Due to the highway layout of Frances Street, it would not meet the design guidance for physical traffic calming measures to be installed. However, due to the minimum

frontage to the houses, it is the intention that the introduction of the road signage and markings would create a low speed environment.

6.3. Affected frontages were consulted with:

From a total of 43 No letters delivered to residents; Traffic Services received 16 No. responses (37%). Of the 16 responses received, 13 No. responses (81%) support the proposals whilst 3 No. responses (19%) do not support the proposals.

Comments Received from those in support of the proposals:

| Comment | Traffic Services Response |
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| Need speed bumps too | Due to the highway layout of Frances Street, it would not meet the design guidance for physical traffic calming features, such as speed cushions. |
| Signage will be ignored | Due to the road width and the minimum frontage to the houses, it is intended that this creates a low speed environment with the introduction of the road signage and markings. |
| How will this be monitored/enforced? | Whilst there are no objections to this proposal from Greater Manchester Police, GMP have stated the following ' <i>currently GMP do not carry out speed enforcement on 20mph limit roads so should there be non-compliance with the new speed limit, if it is introduced, the onus would be on the local authority to find a solution</i> '. |
| Want parking bays marked out in the car park | The car park belongs to Stockport Homes therefore, such requests should be made to Stockport Homes directly. |
| Illegal activity is taking place in the car park | The enforcement of Criminal Activity falls within the remit of Greater Manchester Police therefore, such activity should be reported directly the Police. |
| Proposed location of signage is illogical, it would be better placed on the opposite side of the road where the 'No Waiting' sign is | The footway on the opposite side is too narrow, the only viable option for the signage is as proposed. |
| Additional signage – near the car park at the other end of the street is needed. | The plans have been amended to include an additional 20mph Gateway Sign on the lighting column located within the car park. |
| Want a Speed Camera/CCTV | Whilst the local ward councillors have a delegated ward budget, their budget is likely to be insufficient to fund a Speed Camera/CCTV. To bid for funding for Speed Camera/CCTV a strict criterion must be met, in this instance that same criteria cannot be met. |

Comments received by those not in support of the proposals:

| Comment | Traffic Services Response |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 20mph is still too high. | 20mph is the minimum speed limit that can be applied to adopted highway |
| I will only support a 10mph limit. | 20mph is the minimum speed limit that can be applied to adopted highway. |

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. The estimated costs of the scheme are: £3,000, this includes Legal Costs, Lining, Signage and Poles.

8. TIMESCALES

8.1. 3-4 months, subject to objections.

9. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1. 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".

9.2. 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.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1. The Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration requests that the Cheadle Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) to implement a 20mph Limit and subject to no objections being made within 21 days from the advertisement date, the order be made as shown in **Appendix A**.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

Anyone wishing further information please contact Nicola Ryan on telephone number Tel: 0161 474 4409 or by email on nicola.ryan@stockport.gov.uk

Appendix A.

Proposed (MTRO) Moving Traffic Regulation Order – 20mph Speed Limit

Frances Street, Cheadle (Both Directions)

From a point 23 meters south of its intersection with Stockport Road, for a distance of 193 meters in a southerly direction.