

Safer Street Save Lives – Gatley District Centre 20mph Zone

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report to Cheadle Area Committee on the findings of the consultation exercise undertaken with residents, businesses and users of Gatley District Centre and to seek approval for the introduction of a permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the traffic calming cushions to be made permanent. and to remain replacing temporary restrictions introduced as part of the Covid response within the District Centre.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 Following COVID advice from Central Government and with support from the Safer Streets Save Lives funding, in October 2020 temporary traffic calming measures were introduced into several District Centres across Stockport. The intention was to ensure residents could shop safely and visit businesses and restaurants while in the District Centres and to support these areas during the recovery phase from the initial COVID lockdown. Physical traffic calming in the shape of cushions were implemented on a temporary basis on Church Road in Gatley to compliment and support the existing 20mph zone which was originally introduced in 2015.
- 2.2 As stated, the above traffic calming measures were implemented as temporary measures with a promise to consult on whether they should be retained for longer or removed as planned. A plan showing the temporary measures implemented is provided with **Appendix A**
- 2.3 Between the 22nd November and 24th November 2021 a consultation questionnaire was distributed to 560 properties within the District Centre. In addition, signs were erected on street directing members of the public to an online consultation to provide feedback. A plan showing the extent of the letter drop is provided within **Appendix B**
- 2.4 From a total of 560 letters delivered to residents and businesses, 87no (14%) were returned. Of which 77no (89%) were returned from residents and 10no (11%) from business. In addition, 15 responses were returned via the online consultation portal of which 14no were residents and 1no were businesses.
- 2.5 54no (55%) of all respondents stated they were supportive of the implementation of the measures prior to installation, with 18no (18%) not being supportive and 27no (27%) having no view. A summary of the responses to each of the questions asked is provided in **Appendix C**
- 2.6 When asked if they now supported the implementation of the 20mph zone, 89no (87%) of all respondents stated they did support its implementation, with 12no (12%) not supporting its implementation and 1 no (1%) being undecided. This indicates an increase in support of 32%.
- 2.7 When asked if they supported the implementation of the speed cushions, 71no (70%) of all respondents stated they supported the introduction of cushions, with 30no

(29%) not supporting the implementation and 1no (1%) being undecided. Again, this indicates an increase in support of 15%.

- 2.8 Comments received during the consultation included views that the cushions were too severe, and motorists attempted to bypass the cushions. Increased enforcement of the speed limits and Safety Cameras were also requested.

3. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The results of the consultation indicate that respondents support the existing speed limit reduction across the district centre, the physical traffic calming cushions were less popular but should remain.
- 4.2 It is recommended that the temporary traffic calming cushions be retained to support the existing 20mph zone.
- 4.3 The making of the Traffic Regulation Orders will be funded from the Safer Street Save Lives budget

The Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration requests that the Cheadle Area Committee consider and comment upon the following proposals, and recommend that the Cabinet Member for Highways, Parks and Leisure Services approves the legal advertising of the speed cushion positions being made within 21 days from the advertisement date, the order can be made as shown in Appendix D.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report

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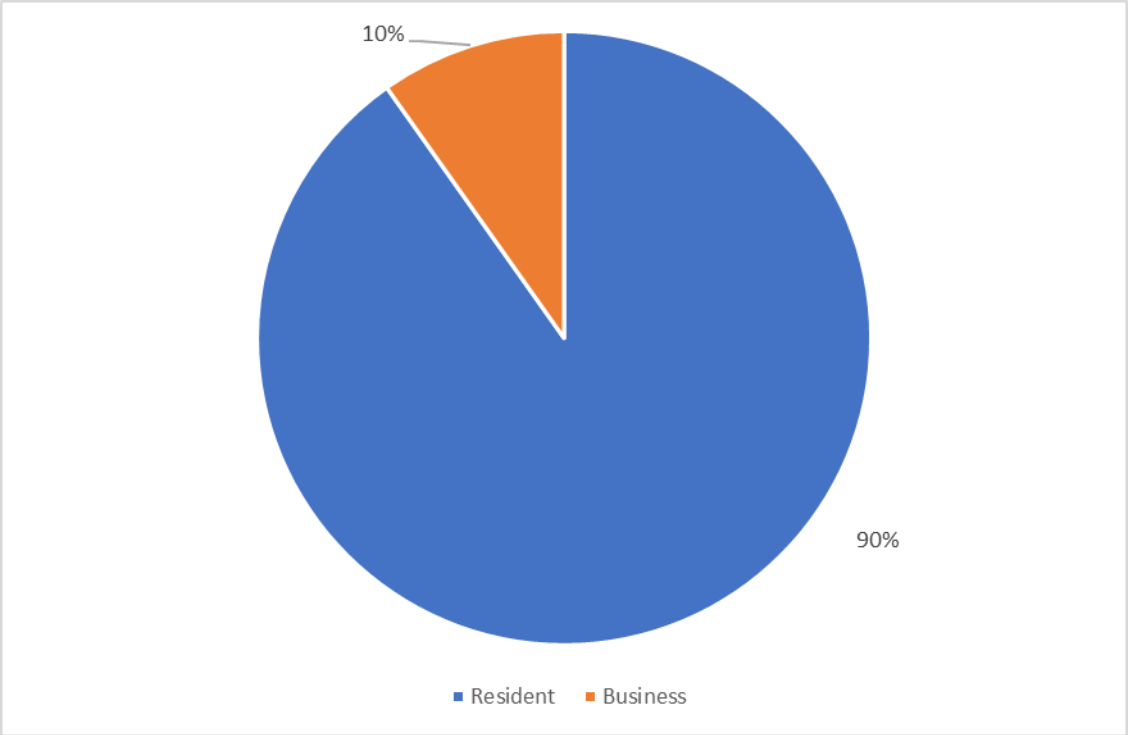
Appendix A: Implemented Measures

Appendix B: Letter Drop Area

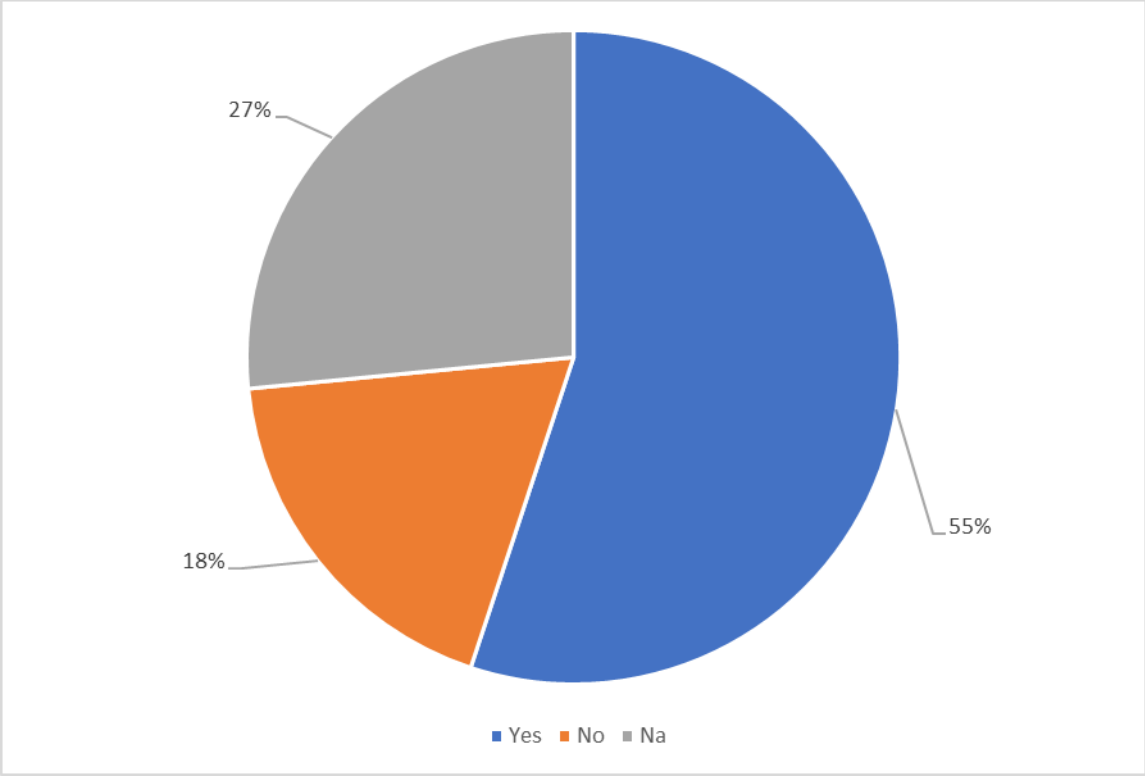


Appendix C – Consultation Results

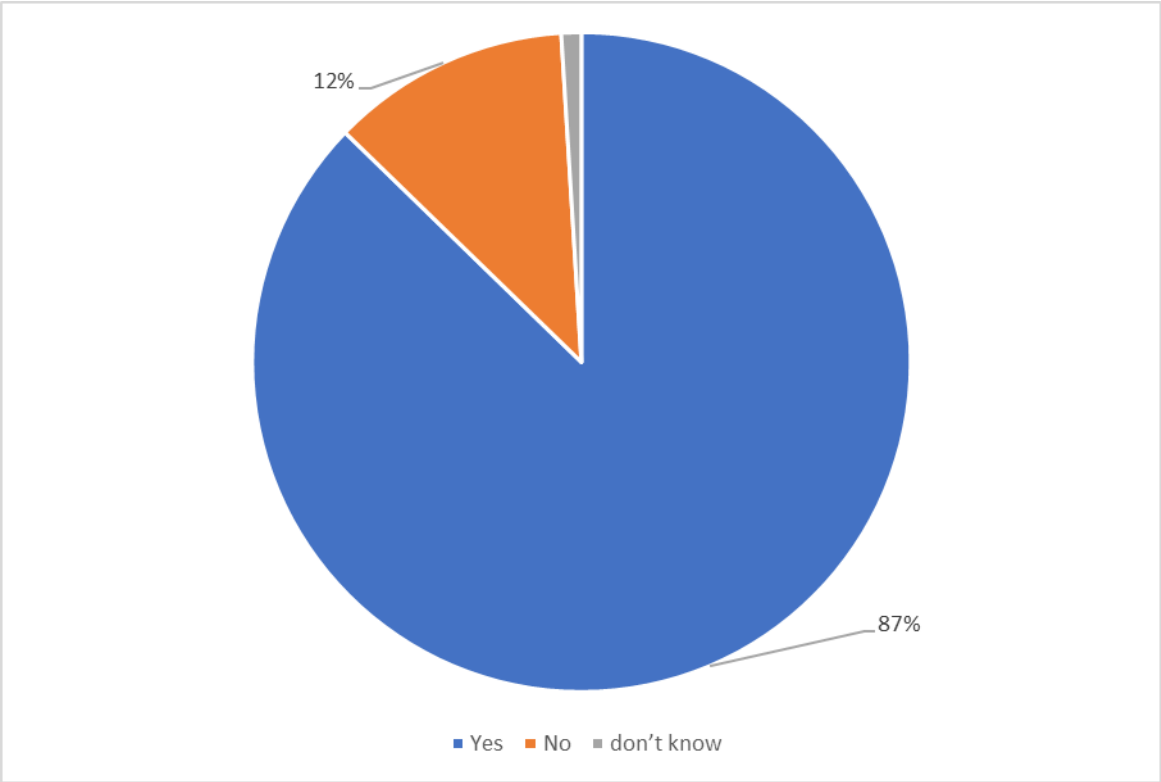
Q1 – Are you a Resident of Business?



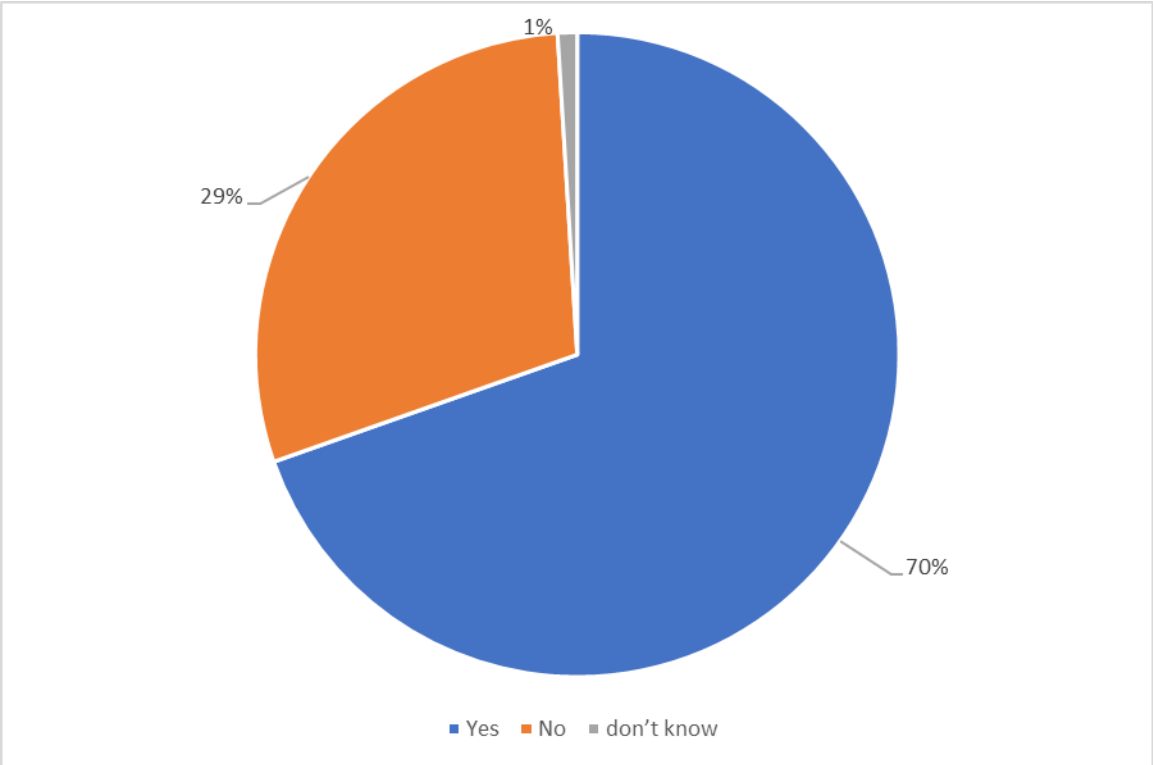
Q2 – Were you supportive of measures before they were introduced?



Q3 – Do you support the 20mph Zone in the District Centre?



Q4 Do you support the bolt down traffic calming cushions in the District Centre?



Appendix D – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

LOCATIONS OF SPEED CUSHIONS

Location	Extent
Church Road, Gatley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 42.5 metres north-east of the eastern kerbline of Styal Road;• 21 metres south-west of the western kerbline of Stonepail Road;• 33.5 metres south-west of the western kerbline of Birch Road;• 55 metres north-east of the eastern kerbline of Birch Road;• 12.5 metres south-west of the south-west kerbline of Elm Road;• 13 metres north-east of the north-eastern kerbline of Oakwood Avenue.