

## **Safer Street Save Lives – Reddish District Centre 20mph Zone**

### **Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To report to Heatons and Reddish Area Committee on the findings of the consultation exercise undertaken with residents, businesses and users of Reddish District Centre and to seek approval for the introduction of a permanent Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) and investigations into alternative traffic calming measures to replace temporary road cushions 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. In Reddish District Centre we implemented a 20mph zone and associated physical traffic calming on the roads in the District Centre which included the following measures.
- Increased signage
  - Improved road markings
  - Temporary road cushions
- 2.2 As stated, the above 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 22<sup>nd</sup> November and 24<sup>th</sup> December 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, 40no (7%) were returned. Of which 36no (90%) were returned from residents and 4no (10%) from business. In addition, 154 responses were returned via the online consultation portal of which 150no (98%) stated they were residents.
- 2.5 100no (52%) of all respondents stated they were not supportive of the implementation of the measures prior to installation, with 49no (25%) being supportive and 45no (23%) 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, 106no (52%) of all respondents stated they did support its implementation, with 83no (43%) not supporting its implementation and 5no (3%) being undecided. This indicates an increase in support of 27%.
- 2.7 When asked if they supported the implementation of the speed cushions, 49no (25%) of all respondents stated they supported the introduction of cushions, with 142no (73%) not supporting the implementation and 3no (2%) being undecided. This indicates there has been no change in support following implementation of the measures.
- 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 whilst respondents support the speed limit reduction across the district centre, the physical traffic calming cushions were much less popular and the view was that they should be removed/replaced. A 20mph zone should be supported by some form of traffic calming measure. Therefore, if the cushions are removed and not replaced, the 20mph Zone would need to be replaced with a 20mph speed limit and the signage would need to be altered from zonal signage to speed limit signing.
- 4.2 It is recommended that the 20mph zone be made permanent and Officers identify alternative traffic calming measures to replace the temporary cushions. The alternative traffic calming measures will be reported back to Area Committee.
- 4.3 The making of the permanent 20mph zone Traffic Regulation Order will be funded from the Safer Street Save Lives budget

The Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration requests that the Heaton and Reddish Area Committee consider and comment upon the following proposals, and recommend that the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport approves the legal advertising of the Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) to implement a 20mph Zone and Officers identify alternatives forms for Traffic Calming to replace the temporary speed cushions. The temporary speed cushions are to remain insitu until alternative measures are agreed with the Area Committee

### **Background Papers**

There are no background papers to this report

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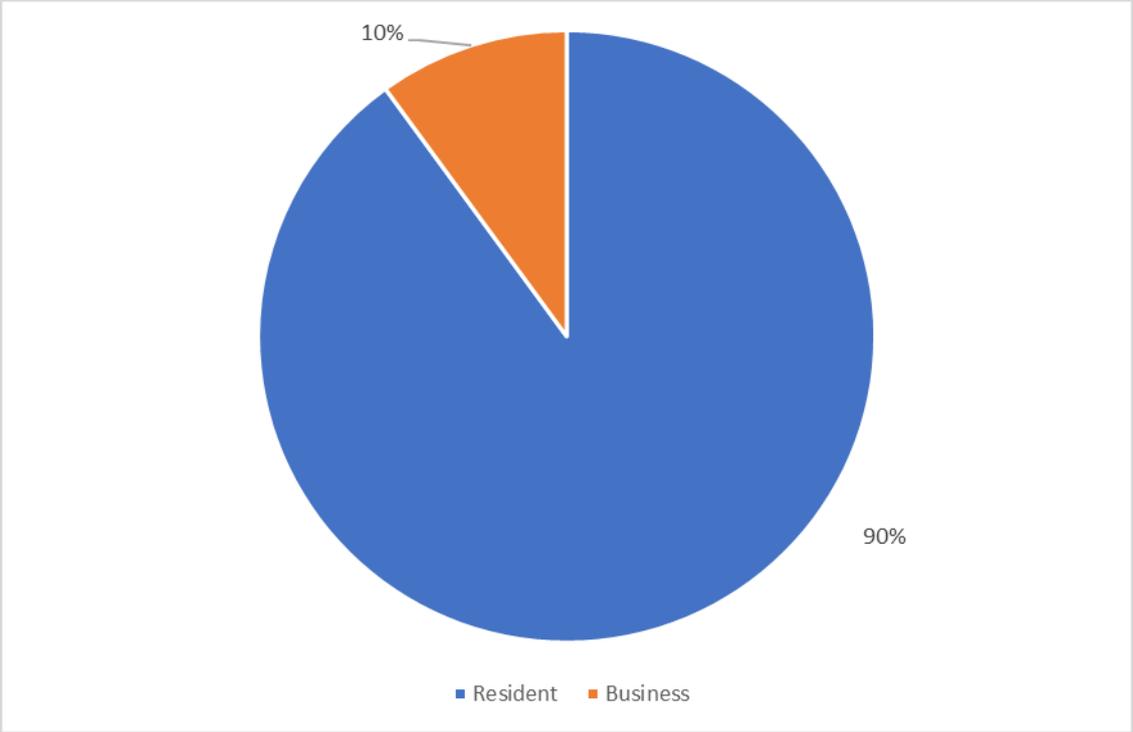
## **Appendix A: Implemented Measures**

Appendix B: Letter Drop Area

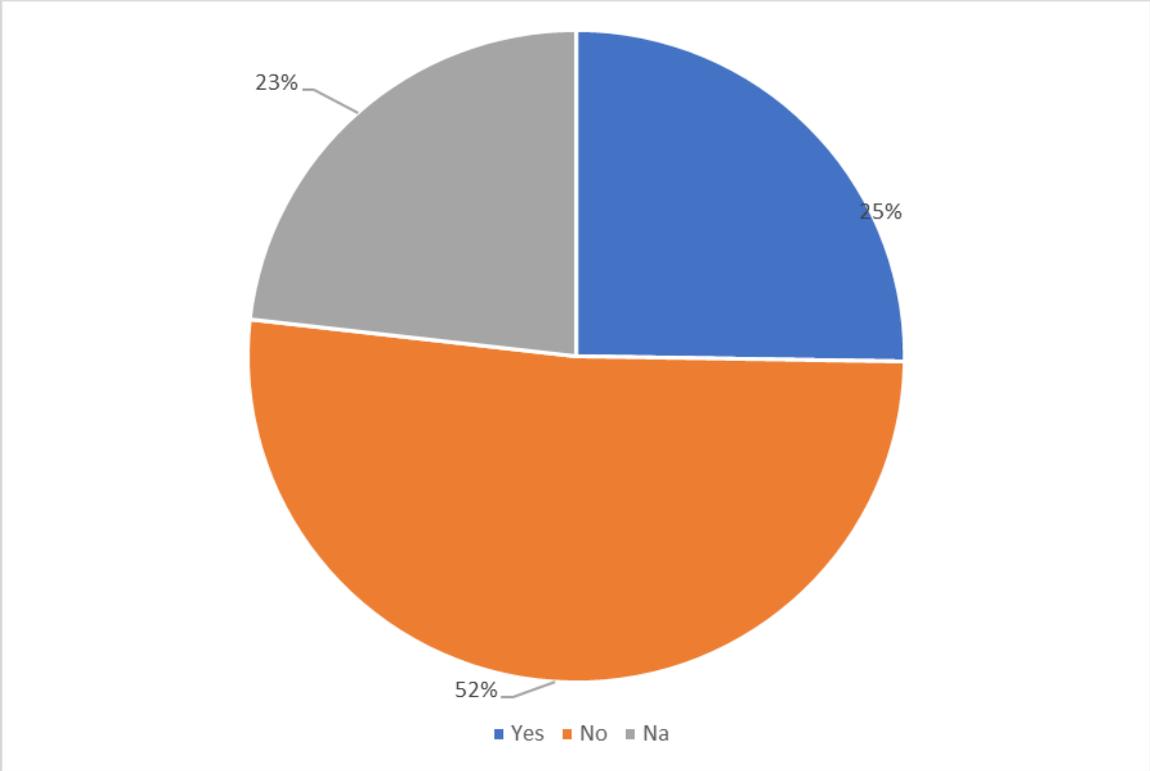


**Appendix C – Consultation Results**

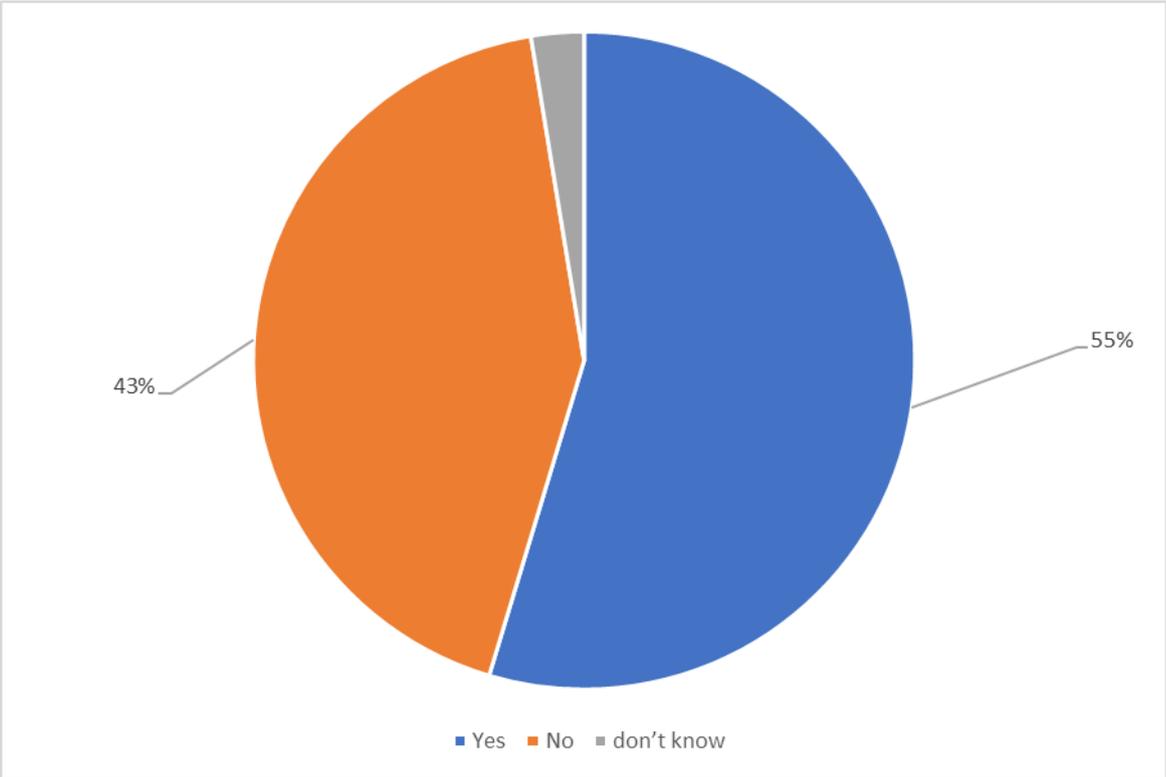
Q1 – Are you a Resident of Business?



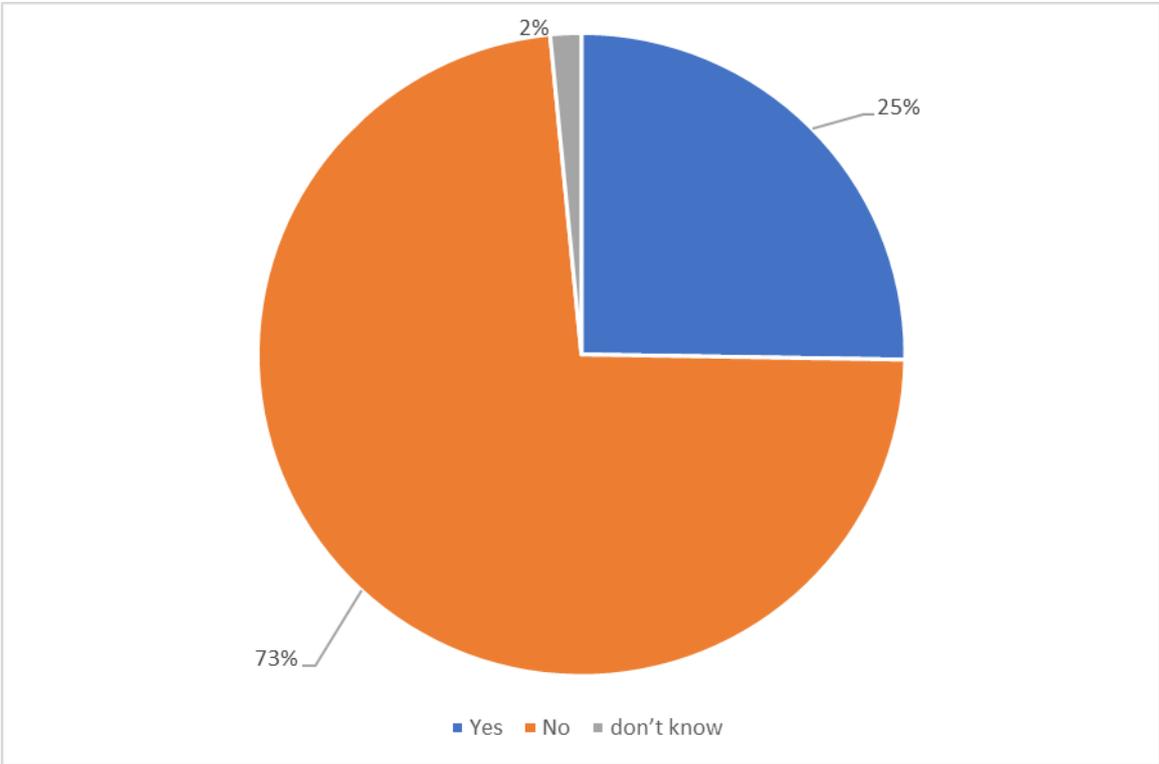
Q2 – Were you supportive of measures before they were introduced?



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

### 20MPH ZONE – REDDISH, HOULDSWORTH SQUARE

<b>Location</b>	<b>Extent</b>
Gorton Road, Reddish	From a point 14 metres north of the northern kerblines of Higginson Road, in a southerly direction, to its junction with Broadstone Road/Reddish Road.
Reddish Road, Reddish	From a point 92 metres south of the southern kerblines of Rupert Street, in a northerly direction, to its junction with Broadstone Road/Gorton Road.
Broadstone Road, Reddish	From the southern kerblines of Rupert Street, in a north-easterly direction, to its junction with Gorton Road/Reddish Road.
Rupert Street, Reddish	From its junction with Broadstone Road, in an easterly direction, to its junction with Reddish Road.
Stanhope Street, Reddish	For its entire length.