

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Objection Report - Moving Traffic Regulation Order, 20mph Speed Limit on Woodford Garden Village, Woodford

Report to: (a) Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee
Thursday, 3 August 2023

Date:

Report of: (b) Joint report of the Director for Place Management and the Assistant Director of Legal & Democratic Governance.

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

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)

Summary:

To report the objections made in relation to the proposed Moving Traffic Regulation Order - 20mph Speed Limit on Woodford Garden Village, Woodford.

Recommendation(s):

That the Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) be made as originally advertised.

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

Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

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

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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.

Objection Report - Moving Traffic Regulation Order, 20mph Speed Limit on Woodford Garden Village, Woodford

Joint report of the Director for Place Management and the Assistant Director of Legal & Democratic Governance

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to advise committee members of a objections received to a proposed introduction of a Moving Traffic Regulation Order – 20mph Speed Limit on Woodford Garden Village, Woodford, in the ward of Bramhall South & Woodford.
- 1.2 To ensure that objections to the permanent Moving Traffic Regulation Order 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. 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. The specific objections and points contained within each letter have been analysed and detailed below together with the response.

(i) Objection 1 reason:

Objectors would like a review to consider a 10mph speed limit order on Shackleton Road, which is within the new Woodford Garden Village development and for signage to be erected stating 10mph.

Allowing people to drive at 20mph would be very dangerous for residents.

The reasons for this are as follows:

- Shackleton Road is a 'Residents Only Road' with No Through Access.
- Shackleton Road is completely block paved and narrower than any other roads in Woodford Garden Village.
- Shackleton Road does not have any parking availability on either side of the highway so anyone who enters and parks to visit residents tend to straddle the footpath – this limits the space on the road for other passing vehicles and creates safety concerns when other motorists are not driving at restricted speeds.
- There have been many near accidents due to speeding delivery drivers and reducing the speed limit to 10mph would greatly help the safety on the road for residents.

- Shackleton Road is very narrow compared to other roads on the estate, if two cars meet, one usually needs to mount the footway, which is a well-used pedestrian route.
- Towards the bottom of Shackleton Road where it joins Derry Lane which has bollards to discourage cars passing through, has no footpath – this is a well-used pedestrian through route and poses a danger where the through route meets Shackleton Road.

This objection was raised 6 times

Response:

Stockport Council does not set speed limits below 20mph on the adopted highway; Speed limits are set using guidance provided by Central Government and speed limits below 30mph (except 20mph) requires consent from the Secretary of State, which is rarely given. This estate layout is like many new estates and are designed in a way to reduce speeds. It is out opinion that a speed limit lower than 20mph would not be approved.

Further information on speed limits is available via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-local-speed-limits/setting-local-speed-limits>.

The proposed Traffic Regulation Orders for this estate forms part of the approved planning application. Whilst the location is currently unadopted highway, it will become adopted by Stockport Council in due course. In the meantime, the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders have the full support of the current landowner.

The width of the carriageway is 4.5 metres wide which is in accordance with the approved drawings and relevant design standards. The carriageway should be wide enough for two vehicles to pass each other at slower speeds. The 4.5 metre width enforces the proposed 20mph speed limit with vehicles being able to pass each other when complying with the speed restriction. As Shackleton Road is a no through route and only serves 13 plots, it is expected that the volume of traffic should be minimal and therefore, the occurrence of vehicles needing to pass each other should be minimal.

The construction of additional footpaths is not within the remit of this scheme. Concerns relating to the highway design layout, such as lack of footpath, should be referred to the developer as the formal highway adoption process as not yet been completed. Alternatively, residents could wait until the S38 process has been completed and discuss their concerns with their local ward councillors.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report; this scheme is being wholly funded by the developer.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. The Council has a statutory duty to ensure that its highways operate safely for the safe passage of all traffic including pedestrians and powers to regulate and restrict traffic to assist in that duty.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1. To comply with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders, Regulations 1996 the Authority must consider all objections submitted during the consultation period of at least 21 days before 'Making' a Traffic Regulation Order.
- 6.2. The Committee should make a decision in respect of the objection/s received so that the scheme can be progressed, and the 20mph speed limit restrictions introduced or abandoned.

7. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- 7.1. The alternative to the proposals laid out in this report is to continue with the current lack of restriction on the highway by not introducing the proposed traffic regulation orders.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1. It is recommended that:
- 8.2. the Area Committee note all Traffic Regulation Orders where objections have been considered by officers;
- 8.3. the Area Committee accept the Traffic Regulation Order be made as originally advertised.
- 8.4. That the objectors are informed of the decision.

Background Papers

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