

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject:** Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 - Leegate Road and Princes Road TRO AC Report

**Report to:** (a) Heatons & Reddish Area Committee  
September 2023

**Date:** Monday, 11

**Report of:** (b) Director of Place Management

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

Forward Plan ☐ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Tick box)

**Summary:**

This report contains the details of a consultation exercise undertaken recently with regards to the proposed introduction of a 20mph speed limit on Leegate Road and Princess Road funded as part of Active Travel Fund (Tranche 2).

**Recommendation(s):**

Members are requested to consider the contents of the report and recommend that the Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the Moving Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) set out in Appendix A and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the legal order can be made.

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

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

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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.

## **Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 - Mauldeth Road TRO AC Report**

### **Report of the Director of Place Management**

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

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to seek approval for the implementation of Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) on the Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 (ATF2) – Mauldeth Road scheme. It is recommended that the Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the Moving Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) set out in Appendix A and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the legal order can be made.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. This scheme has been consulted on and approved (at Area Committee and by the Cabinet Member) as part of the MCF Heatons Cycle Link project in 2019 & 2020. This report is seeking approval for the implementation of Permanent TROs only, although a background / history for the scheme is provided below for context.
- 2.2. In autumn 2019 the Council consulted on the Heatons Cycle Link package of measures to provide a quiet route for pedestrians and cyclists between the Manchester Cycleway (Fallowfield Loop) and the Trans-Pennine Trail (TPT) at Heaton Mersey. The proposals for the Heatons Cycle Link were strongly supported, and it was approved for delivery and has had funding allocated by MCF.
- 2.3. Two sections of the route have been delivered (at either end connecting to the TPT and the Fallowfield Loop) however there remains a gap in the middle of the route.
- 2.4. One key section of the central link is the Mauldeth Road / Leegate Road / Kingsleigh Road mini roundabout junction. The key proposals for improving active travel facilities in this location are as follows.
  - Proposed parallel crossing on the northern arm of the junction (on raised table) with approximately 50m of two-way segregated cycle track on either side of the crossing (linking Leegate Road to Kingsleigh Road).
  - Proposed zebra crossing on the southern arm of the junction (on raised table).
  - Proposed footway widening at the junction to create additional space for NMUs.
  - Onward connections on Kingsleigh Road and Cherry Holt Avenue as designated quiet streets (linking to Heaton Mersey Common).
  - 20mph Speed limit Orders on Leegate Road and Princes Road.
  - Raised table at the junction of Kingsleigh Road and Cherry Holt Avenue.
  - Cycle stands provided outside shops on Kingsleigh Road
- 2.5. Mauldeth Road has been identified as a line of severance on the cycling and walking network across Greater Manchester. It is prone to speeding vehicles and there have been several accidents at the junction due to excessive speed / loss of

control. The implementation of this scheme would help lower vehicle speeds at the junction and improve NMU safety, whilst simultaneously providing segregated crossing facilities in two locations on a line of severance.

- 2.6. It is noted that these proposals deliver only a section of the wider MCF Heaton's Cycle Link scheme. It is proposed for the remaining sections of that scheme to be captured through future funding opportunities such as Active Travel Fund 4 (ATF4).

### **3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1. It is proposed to introduce a 20mph on Leegate Road (between its junction with Mauldeth Road and its cul-de-sac end) and on Princes Road (for its entire length). A draft TRO schedule is provided in Appendix A of this report and an associated drawing is provided in Appendix B.
- 3.2. The proposals will consist of 20mph terminal signs (at the junctions of Mauldeth Road / Leegate Road and Mauldeth Road / Princes Road) as well as repeater signs at roughly 50m intervals (to be installed on existing lighting columns). There are existing traffic calming features on both Leegate Road and Princes Road so the proposed speed limit should be self-enforcing.
- 3.3. Leegate Road and Princes Road are private roads and therefore not adopted or maintained by SMBC. Despite this and as the highway authority, SMBC are still able to implement Traffic Regulation Orders with the permission of the landowners, hence why a separate consultation exercise was undertaken for this proposal specifically.

### **4. LEGAL POSITION/IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. The Traffic Management 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 alternative solutions have been considered.

### **6. CONSULTATION**

- 6.1. A consultation letter was sent to all residents affected by the proposed 20mph speed limit on Leegate Road and Princes Road on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023. A copy of the letter is provided in Appendix C for information. Residents were asked to respond if they objected to the 20mph proposals to which Stockport officers received two responses.
- 6.2. One resident was largely supportive of the proposals but requested for the removal of one of the repeater signs at the cul-de-sac end of Leegate Road, as it was felt the sign would detract from the 'country lane' feel of the road. This request was accommodated by the design team and has been removed from the proposals. The

other respondent was in full support of the implementation of a 20mph speed limit on Leegate Road and Princes Road. There remain no objections to the proposals.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. The design fees and legal costs for processing and advertising the TROs are captured within the ATF2 Mauldeth Road scheme budget.

## **8. TIMESCALES**

- 8.1. Subject to Area Committee approval, it is anticipated that the TROs will be processed, advertised and (subject to no objections being received within 21 days) implemented in November 2023.

## **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. Members are requested to consider the contents of the report and recommend that the Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the Moving Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) set out in Appendix A and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the legal order can be made.

## **Background Papers**

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## **Appendix A – TRO Schedule**

### **Proposed Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) Schedule**

#### **20mph Speed Limit**

##### **Princes Road, Heaton Moor, Stockport (both directions)**

From a point 15 metres northeast of its junction with Mauldeth Road in a north easterly direction to its junction with Leegate Road

##### **Leegate Road, Heaton Moor, Stockport (both directions)**

From a point 15 metres from its junction with Mauldeth Road for a distance of 362 metres in an easterly direction

## **Appendix B – Proposed 20mph Extents**

## **Appendix C – Consultation Letter**