

Reddish District Centre 20 MPH Zone

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve a 20mph Zone in Reddish District Centre (Houldsworth Square).

2. BACKGROUND

In October 2020 during Covid (in accordance with government advice) temporary traffic calming measures were introduced in Reddish District Centre (Houldsworth Square).

These measures consisted of a 20mph Zone with regulatory signs and road markings supported with (18) bolt-down speed cushions. Note: 20mph Zones should be self-enforcing whereas 20mph limits do not necessarily need to have supporting measures.

Further to this, a report was submitted to Area Committee in June 2022 which detailed the results of a local consultation on whether the measures in place should be made permanent. The recommendation in the report (supported by the Area Committee) was for the Cabinet Member to approve the 20mph Zone on a permanent basis and for Council Officers to identify an alternative form of traffic calming to replace the bolt-down cushions; with the cushions to remain in place until a replacement had been agreed.

Unfortunately, there was no progress with the scheme file, and we are now at that stage where the temporary cushions on-site are deteriorating and need to be removed.

The greater extent of the scheme is in the North Reddish and the Ward Councillors have expressed a willingness to proceed with making permanent the 20mph Zone. The traffic signals in the District Centre will support the 20mph Zone and additional measures can be subject to further consideration if deemed necessary.

Note: At the time of writing this report, arrangements are being made for the removal of the cushions which will not require legal notification. Frontage properties and premises will be notified in advance and the covering letter will explain the Council intends to establish the 20mph Zone on a permanent basis (to be legally advertised in due course).

3. PROPOSALS

For information, the extent of the 20mph Zone is shown on drawing number: **7000 / 7016 D6 Revision A.**

Note: Traffic proposals that are on or within 15 metres of a Strategic Road require approval from the Cabinet Member. In this case, the scheme also includes two residential streets (Rupert Street and Stanhope Street) and therefore, to avoid confusion with the report schedule, the recommendation will be for the Cabinet Member to approve the full extent of the Zone.

4. LEGAL POSITION/IMPLICATIONS

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. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The associated cost for advertising the order and removing the cushions will be charged to the generic District Centre budget.

6. TIMESCALES

If approved, the 20mph Zone order is expected to become operative in 2024.

7. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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".

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.

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee is asked to recommend the Cabinet Member (Parks, Highways & Leisure Services) approves the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders detailed in Appendix A and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date the orders can be made.

Background Papers

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Appendix A – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

20MPH ZONE – REDDISH, HOULDSWORTH SQUARE

Location	Extent
Gorton Road, Reddish	From a point 15 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 68 metres north west of the north western kerblines of Greg 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	From its junction with Broadstone Road in a southerly direction to its junction with Rupert Street.