

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Akemoor Drive & Brooklyn Road, Offerton

Report to: (a) Stepping Hill Area Committee

Date: Tuesday, 3 December 2024

Report of: (b) Director of Place Management

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

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)

Summary: To approve a 20mph speed limit on Akemoor Drive, Brooklyn Road and Lakeside Green in Offerton. Also, No Waiting at Any Time restrictions at the junction of Akemoor Drive with Mile End Lane.

Recommendation(s): The Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Orders and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date the following orders can be made:

20mph Speed Limit:

Akemoor Drive, Brooklyn Road & Lakeside Green

The full length covering the extent of Adopted Highway.

No Waiting at Any Time:

Akemoor Drive

Both sides from the South Eastern kerb line of Mile End Lane for a distance of 10 metres in a South Easterly direction.

Mile End Lane

South East side from a point 11 metres South West of the South Western kerb line of Akemoor Drive in a North Easterly direction to a point 15 metres North East of the North Eastern kerb line of Akemoor Drive.

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

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

There are none.

Contact person for accessing
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.

Akesmoor Drive & Brooklyn Road, Offerton

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve a 20mph speed limit on Akesmoor Drive, Brooklyn Road and Lakeside Green in Offerton. Also, No Waiting at Any Time restrictions at the junction of Akesmoor Drive with Mile End Lane.

2. BACKGROUND

Network Management received representation from a local Ward Councillor acting on behalf of residents. It was reported that Akesmoor Drive and Brooklyn Road are being used as a rat-run between Mile End Lane and Dialstone Lane with related concerns about speeding and road safety.

In June 2024 an Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) was undertaken on Akesmoor Drive which returned the following data: Average Speed 17.6mph. Average 85% Speed: 21.5mph (15% of traffic was moving at over this speed).

The above data in combination with the fact there have been no traffic incidents recorded by GM Police within the last three years would indicate the general situation is acceptable in terms of road safety. Nevertheless, the Local Ward Councillors have expressed an interest in introducing a 20mph speed limit to encourage cautious driving and remind through-traffic this is a residential area.

3. PROPOSALS

The proposed 20mph speed limit with associated measures (gateway signs, repeater signs and carriageway markings) is shown on drawing number: **NM31-001-001**.

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. CONSULTATION

The results of the public consultation (delivered September 2024) are summarised below:

Akesmoor Drive (Four Responses):

- Supports the proposal.
- The proposal is welcome; but fears it will make little difference to motorists who use this route as a rat-run with no concern for residents (especially at peak periods).
- As previous and recommends yellow line restrictions on the corner of Akesmoor Drive and Brooklyn Road for the purposes of road safety.
- Supports the proposal with these additional suggestions: yellow line restrictions should be installed on Mile End Lane to improve visibility when exiting Akesmoor Drive. Speed humps should be considered in addition to the 20mph limit.

Brooklyn Road (Three Responses):

- Two respondents support the proposal.
- The proposal will make little or no difference. The best solution to prevent rat-running would be a physical barrier at the western end of Brooklyn Road to prevent motor traffic using this as a through-route.

Lakeside Green (One Response):

- No objection to the scheme; but suggests consideration should be given to speeding issues on Mile End Lane between Lowndes Lane and Dialstone Lane.

Address Not Supplied (Two Responses):

- Supports the proposal. Also highlights pedestrian safety at the junction of Lowndes Lane with Mile End Lane as the mouth of the junction is very wide.
- Enquires whether physical traffic calming (speed cushions) can be installed to support the 20mph limit.

Network Management Comments:

The issues mentioned on other roads (Lowndes Land and Mile End Lane) are noted; however, they are outside the brief for the consultation.

The installation of speed humps or a physical barrier would fundamentally change the character of these roads and therefore would have to be treated as a separate investigation. In both cases, the process should start with a petition organised by residents and representing a majority of the occupancies involved.

The suggestion about yellow lines for exiting Akemoor Drive onto Mile End Lane is deemed to have merit due to the speed and volume of traffic on Mile End Lane. Therefore, the proposals have been upgraded to include No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) at this junction. Please see drawing number: **NM31-001-TRO**. Note: As and when the legal orders are advertised, the immediate properties near the junction will be notified and will have opportunity to object.

The request for yellow lines at the junction of Akemoor Drive and Brooklyn Road is more 'nuanced' due to the layout and the fact that vehicles will belong to the immediate households. Therefore, if this is going to be looked at, it is recommended this is done separately (with a consultation) and not part of this scheme.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal & Advertising	£700
Poles & Signs	£2,000
Road Markings	£800

Total **£3,500**

To be funded from the Offerton Delegated Ward Budget.

7. TIMESCALES

If approved the scheme is expected to become operative in 2025.

8. 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.

9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Background Papers

Anyone wishing further information please contact Max Townsend on telephone number 07527387146 or by email on max.townsend@stockport.gov.uk