

Office Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Councillor Fred Jackson, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Highways
Report Author (Officer name and title):	Jonathan Abbott-Hull, Parking Management Technician
Implementation Date of Decision:	31 March 2017

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

THE BOROUGH OF BLACKPOOL (VARIOUS ROADS) (TWENTY MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2017

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To seek approval for the advertisement and implementation of a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order: THE BOROUGH OF BLACKPOOL (VARIOUS ROADS) (TWENTY MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2017

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To authorise the request to publish a public notice and progress with the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To fulfil the Traffic Management role of Blackpool Council, please see Background Information below.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

Not to progress proposal to advertisement stage.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is “Create stronger communities and increase resilience”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust raised concerns over the speed of vehicles traveling along Whinney Heys Road and Whinpark Avenue; the Trust has supplied a grant to the Council’s Transportation team to be used for the introduction of a 20mph limit around Blackpool Victoria Hospital.

5.2 Traffic Management has investigated the request. The recorded speeds are between 20 and 30mph, this is not unusual for the type of road, although it is considered to be inappropriate for the conditions considering the significant presence of vulnerable road users.

5.3 Consultation has been carried out with all residents within the proposed 20mph limit; the majority of those who have responded are in favour (96.3%) of the proposed 20mph limit.

5.4 The proposal is to introduce a 20mph limit on roads bounded by North Park Drive, East Park Drive and Four Lane Ends roundabout. The limit would impact the following roads, Burwood Drive, Cottessmore Place, Whinney Heys Road and Whinpark Avenue. No traffic calming will be required; it will be a sign only scheme.

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

- 5.6 **List of Appendices:**
THE BOROUGH OF BLACKPOOL (VARIOUS ROADS) (TWENTY MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2017.docx
2017 20mph Order Notice.docx
Statement of Reasons.docx
Hospital Consultation letter.pdf
Consultation Plan.pdf
Hospital Consultation letter – 2.pdf
Consultation Plan rev a.pdf
Hospital Consultation Feedback.pdf
Hospital - Feedback Letter.pdf

6.0 Legal considerations:

- 6.1 The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
Traffic Management Act 2004
Local Authorities' Traffic Order (Procedure) Regulations 1996 No. 2489
The Council has a general network management duty under the Traffic Management Act 1984. It has a duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider those implications. The Council also has a general equality duty under the Equality Act 2010 and should comply with the Human Rights Act 1998 and European Convention.
- 6.2 There is discretion to hold an inquiry but officer view is that this is not necessary in view of the extensive consultation and it is unlikely any further information would emerge.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

- 7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

- 9.1 Funding for the works is from the Traffic Management budget.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 No risk identified

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Formal consultation with the Road Policing Unit at Hutton will be undertaken. Public advertisement to be placed in the local newspaper and on the Blackpool Council website. Documents shall be made available at customer first for inspection beginning with the date on which the notice of proposal is first published and ending with the last day of a the period of 6 weeks; the 6 weeks period begins when either the order is made or (as the case may be) the council decides not to make the order.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To authorise the request to publish a public notice and progress with the proposed Traffic Regulation Order

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 To fulfil the Traffic Management role of Blackpool Council, please see Background Information below.