

**Report Title**

Proposed reduction of speed limit from 40mph to 30mph – A6178 Sheffield Road, Templeborough Rotherham

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Officer Approving Submission of the Report**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Boston Castle  
Rotherham West

**Report Summary**

To seek approval to amend the current speed limit on part of the A6178 Sheffield Road by implementing a 30mph speed limit Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) where it is currently 40mph. The section of road under consideration is between Ekin Street and Riverside Way, as shown on drawing number 126/18/TT739.

**Recommendations**

**That the head of Service authorises:**

1. Consultation with local Ward Members and Cabinet Member;
2. The insertion of the proposal into the Forward Plan for Officers Decisions; and,
3. Submission of a report to the Assistant Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transportation, subject to no objections being received.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Equalities Analysis Initial Screening Template

Appendix 2 Drawing No 126/18/TT739

**Background Papers**

RMBC Traffic Regulation Procedure updated 2018

DfT Traffic Signs Regulations General Directions 2016

DfT Circular Roads 1/2013, 'setting local speed limits'.

Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489) as amended.

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

N/A

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Background</b>
1.1	The scheme has been developed as part of the successful Transforming Cities Fund bid and the restrictions will assist with the implementation of the improved pedestrian and cycle facilities along the A6178 Sheffield Road.
1.2	The highway layout is being amended to improve the experience for both Pedestrians and cyclists along the A6178 Sheffield Road by creating segregated cycle facilities, these also include improved bus stops with cycle by-passes layouts and new signalised crossing facilities.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	The proposed measures will reduce the available width of the carriageway, therefore a reduction in the speed limit and vehicle speeds will help create a safer road environment.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Options considered and recommended proposal</b>
3.1	Not amending the speed limit was considered but due to the nature of the proposed changes to the road layout, which will reduce the usable road width for motorised vehicles, it was not considered appropriate as larger vehicles can take up more road width when traveling at speed and cornering, this in turn could lead to larger vehicles not staying within their lane, crossing the centre line and colliding with vehicles traveling in the opposite direction.
3.2	Amending to a different speed limit for example 20mph was considered but due to the road being part of the Key Road Network, it was not considered appropriate.
3.3	It is therefore proposed that the existing 30mph speed limit on the A6178 Sheffield Road is extended. This will provide a consistent message to drivers on Sheffield Road between Tinsley in Sheffield and Templeborough in Rotherham as shown on drawing number 126/18/TT739 in Appendix 2.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Consultation on proposal</b>
4.1	South Yorkshire Police have been consulted and raised no concerns about the proposal to lower the speed limit.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision</b>
5.1	If the recommendations are approved, then the proposals will be shared with the local Ward Members and the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment. The proposal will also be placed on the Forward Plan for Officer Decisions. If no objections are received after 28 days, a report will be submitted to the Assistant Director, Planning and Transportation.



<b>8.</b>	<b>Human Resources Advice and Implications</b>
8.1	None
<b>9.</b>	<b>Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults</b>
9.1	The proposed reduction in the speed limit will assist the implementation of the broader scheme principles by providing a segregated cycle lane away from motor vehicles and will improve the ability for vulnerable pedestrian and cyclists who wish to cross the road using signal controlled apparatus.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications</b>
10.1	Reducing the speed limit and providing improved cycle and crossing facilities should give users more opportunities to use the route and to cross the road in a safe manner.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Implications for Ward Priorities</b>
11.1	The proposal will improve the safe and free flow of all traffic which is a common area of concern raised with Councillors engaging on Ward Priorities.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Implications for Partners</b>
12.1	None
<b>13.</b>	<b>Risks and Mitigation</b>
13.1.	Not Applicable
<b>14.</b>	<b>Accountable Officers</b>
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	Andrew Moss, Interim Head of Transportation and Infrastructure Service

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers:-

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Graham Saxton	Click here to enter a date.
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Stuart Fletcher	

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