

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Delegated Officer Decision – 03 June 2022

Report Title

Wentworth Way, Dinnington, Proposed 20mph zone

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

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Dinnington

Report Summary

To seek approval to implement a 20mph zone that includes Wentworth Way, Turnberry Way, Moortown Avenue and Belfry Way, Dinnington, and to include those roads under construction as part of an approved planning application, that extends Wentworth Way, within the proposed 20mph zone.

Recommendations

1. That the Head of Legal services makes the order for the implementation of the amendment to the consolidation order that allows for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit (zone) on Wentworth Way, Turnberry Way, Moortown Avenue and Belfry Way and the roads that form part of the approved planning application of the adjacent new housing development currently under construction.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix A Drawing no 19009/GA/02 Rev B, Wentworth Way estate 20mph zone
Appendix B Drawing no 19009/GA/03 Rev A New housing layout 20mph zone
Appendix C Equalities Assessment
Appendix D Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers

None.

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Not applicable

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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1.	Background
1.1	A 20mph zone can lead to an increase in walking and cycling activities which can have a positive effect on the physical and mental wellbeing of those living with the 20mph zone.
1.2	As part of an approved planning application for a new housing development that forms an extension to Wentworth Way (see appendices A&B), it was required that the existing 30mph speed limit on Wentworth Way, Turnberry Way, Moortown Avenue and Belfry Way be amended to a 20mph speed limit, and that these roads would form part of a 20mph zone. It was also required that the new housing development estate roads (yet to be constructed) that extend Wentworth Way, would also be included within the proposed 20mph zone.
1.3	The proposed change to a 20mph zone will better reflect the adjacent highway environment and will ensure that the speed limits on these roads are in accordance with the guidance issued by Central Government in relation to the setting of speed limits through villages and in built up areas.
2.	Key Issues
2.1	Wentworth Way and Turnberry Way are the two roads that provide access to an existing housing estate of approximately 60 houses.
2.2	The approved planning application will develop the land to the east of Wentworth Way, with the new road layout of the development designed such that vehicle speeds are commensurate with a 20mph speed limit, this also accords with current design guidance.
2.3	As part of the approved planning application, it was required that the existing 30mph speed limit on Wentworth Way, Turnberry Way, Moortown Avenue and Belfry Way be amended to 20mph and that these roads together with the new roads of the development would become a 20mph zone.
2.4	Currently, Wentworth Way, Turnberry Way, Moortown Avenue and Belfry Way are subject to a 30mph speed limit. A speed survey undertaken on Wentworth Way indicated that the average speed of vehicles was 20mph. Speeds on the remaining roads will be lower than this as they are considerably shorter than Wentworth Way, and with the exception of Turnberry Way are all culs de sac. This speed survey data demonstrated that it is feasible to introduce a 'signed only' 20mph zone without the need for additional engineering measures to reduce vehicle speeds. Therefore, 20mph speed limit signs will be posted on entry to the zone and 20 roundels painted on the road surface spaced at an appropriate distance apart.
3.	Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1	Do nothing and keep the existing speed limit i.e. 30mph. This option is not being promoted as this would not encourage residents to take up more active forms of travel, such as walking and / or cycling.
3.2	It is proposed to implement the 20mph zone shown on drawings 19009/GA/02 Rev B and 19009/GA/03 Rev A in accordance with Department for Transport guidance.
4.	Consultation on proposal
4.1	All statutory consultees including South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue etc. the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Dinnington Ward Members, Dinnington Town Council and the general public via notices on street and in the Rotherham Advertiser have been consulted. Two objections were originally received but these were later withdrawn following discussions between officers and the objectors. One objection believed that road humps were being proposed, which is not the case. The second objection was based on a perception that Rotherham MBC were financing the proposal, and that the monies would be better spent elsewhere. Both these objections were formally withdrawn.
5.	Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision
5.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval to implement the proposed 20mph zone. Should approval be granted, the amendments to the speed limit consolidation order will be undertaken by the Councils Legal department.
5.2	The works to implement the changes to the speed limit on site will be undertaken by the developer through an agreement under section 278 of the Highways Act. The changes will be coordinated with the sealing of the order.
6.	Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)
6.1	The cost of the traffic regulation order and amendments to the signing and lining on site will be met by the developer
7.	Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)
7.1	The relevant Traffic Regulation Order will be amended as set out in the body of the report to reflect the proposals described. The TRO is made pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which helps the Council to manage the highway network for all road users, including pedestrians with the aim to improve road safety and access to facilities.
7.2	The appropriate statutory procedure including consultation had been followed as set out in the body of the report.

8.	Human Resources Advice and Implications
8.1	There are no human resources implications arising from this report.
9.	Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults
9.1	There are no specific implications for children, young people and vulnerable adults arising directly from this proposal. However, a suitable and appropriate speed limit will enhance the road safety environment for all vulnerable road users.
10.	Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications
10.1	An Equalities Assessment has been completed for this report and is attached at Appendix C.
11.	Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change
11.1	A Carbon Impact Assessment has been completed for this report and is attached at Appendix D.
12.	Implications for Partners
12.1.	The proposal will improve the road safety environment for all road users within the Wentworth Way estate. South Yorkshire Police, as enforcement agents of speed limits, have not raised any concerns about the proposed 20mph zone.
13.	Risks and Mitigation
13.1	There is a risk that without amending the speed limit to better reflect the road environment, and to encourage residents to take up more active means of travel such as walking and cycling etc. then reliance on the private motor car will continue, with the health of the residents potentially suffering as a consequence.
14.	Accountable Officers
	Nigel Davey, Engineer
	Andrew Moss, Interim Head of Transport Infrastructure Service

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Richard Young	03/05/22

Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Stuart Fletcher	28/04/22
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