

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	<b>Cllr Roger Symonds, Cabinet Member for Transport</b>		
DECISION DATE:	<b>On or after 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013</b>	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:	
		<b>E</b>	<b>2515</b>
TITLE:	<b>Peasedown St John Area-wide 20mph Speed Limit</b>		
WARD:			
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>			
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> <b>Appendix A: Drawing No TC8115/GA/01B.pdf - Showing the proposed area</b> <b>Appendix B: Responses to Leaflet Drop Consultation</b> <b>Appendix C: Summary of Formal Objections and Officer Response</b> <b>Appendix D: Equalities Impact Assessment</b>			

### **1 THE ISSUE**

1.1 This report considers the responses to the formal advertisement of the proposal to introduce a permanent 20mph speed limit on the residential roads in the Peasedown St John.

### **2 RECOMMENDATION**

The Cabinet member is asked to agree that the scheme is approved as advertised,

### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The funding for these works was agreed by Cabinet and form part of the 2012/13 Capital programme for implementing 20mph speed limit schemes.

3.2 There are minimal after scheme completion costs for maintaining the terminal signs, repeater signs and speed repeater road markings. The whole life costs of the asset have been calculated to be considered as a growth item for revenue maintenance. These costs will be met from existing approved revenue budgets.

#### **4 CORPORATE OBJECTIVES**

- Promoting independence and positive lives for everyone.
- Creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and feel safer. The proposal will improve the environment by reducing the effect that the motor vehicle has on resident's physical and mental health.
- Improving transport and the public realm. The proposal will encourage people to walk and cycle more.
- It will be self-enforcing.

#### **5 THE REPORT**

5.1 Lower speed limits in urban areas of cities have shown that they improve the environment for the residents and encourage walking and cycling. Generally such limits are widely welcomed by residents and have been successful in Portsmouth and Bristol, amongst others. Bristol City Council is currently rolling out its central area 20mph speed limits to all areas of the city, including those parts adjacent to Bath & North East Somerset.

5.2 An informal consultation was carried out at the end of last year with the residents of Peasedown St John. They were asked to give their views about the Council's proposal to reduce the speed limit to 20mph on the local residential roads. 2800 leaflets were distributed in the affected areas. 640 were returned; 394 (62%) were in favour, 204 (32%) against and 27 (4%) gave no opinion. Appendix B shows the details of the replies.

5.3 On the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012 Cabinet approved a programme to propose the introduction of 20mph speed limits on residential roads across the District area in fourteen individual schemes. Peasedown St John is the second scheme of this programme.

5.4 The proposals were publically advertised from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012. A number of people formally objected to the proposal and their reasons with officer comments and shown in Appendix C. The comments received from the informal consultation have been summarised and listed in Appendix B.

5.5 The concerns expressed by residents have been considered and the responses to these concerns have been set out in Appendix C. Therefore it is recommended that the scheme is implemented as advertised, but that in such a case, a broad ranging information/publicity campaign is carried out to inform and educate people so that they would accept and understand why they are being asked to drive at 20mph.

**6 RISK MANAGEMENT**

6.1 The report author and Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

**7 EQUALITIES**

7.1 The EqIA is attached to this report (Appendix D).

**8 RATIONALE**

8.1 Introduction of a 20mph speed limit is recommended as it will improve the environment, and it should encourage more walking and cycling.

**9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

9.1 The option of implementing 20mph Speed Limit Zones using traffic calming measures was considered. A scheme based on this option would be impractical and unsuitable.

**10 CONSULTATION**

10.1 Ward Councillor; Cabinet members; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Local Residents; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer

10.2 Consultation was carried out by an informal leaflet letter drop; and a formal consultation of the Statutory Consultees, by public advertisement of the proposals for 21 days; and circulation of this report.

**11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION**

11.1 Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Young People; Human Rights; Corporate; Health & Safety.

**12 ADVICE SOUGHT**

12.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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<b>Background papers</b>	Cabinet Resolution E2345 Implementation of 20mph Speed Limits in Bath & NE Somerset. E2345 Implementing 20mph Speed Limits E-mailed objections in response to public advertisement
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