

OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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INFORMAL CONSULTATION (with the Chief Constable, Town Council, and Ward Members)

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

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| TITLE OF REPORT: | Bristol Road & Station Road, Keynsham |
| PROPOSAL: | 20 MPH Speed Limit |
| SCHEME REF No: | 24-011 |
| REPORT AUTHOR: | Gina West |

1. DELEGATION

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 3, Section 4** of the Constitution under the **Delegation of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

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| Section A | The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility...." |
| Section B | Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to: serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within his/her area of responsibility. |
| Section D9 | An Officer to whom a power, duty or function is delegated may nominate or authorise another Officer to exercise that power, duty or function, provided that Officer reports to or is responsible to the delegator. |

For the purposes of this report, the Director of Place Management holds the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Orders.

2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under Section 1 provides, generally, for Orders to be made for the following reasons, and in the case of this report specifically for the reason(s) shown below:

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| (a) | for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or | X |
| (b) | for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or | |
| (c) | for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or | |
| (d) | for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, | |

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| (e) | (without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or | |
| (f) | for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs, or | X |
| (g) | for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality) | |

3. **PROPOSAL**

To reduce the existing 30mph speed limit on Bristol Road, Keynsham to 20mph from the High Street / Station Road roundabout westwards for a distance of approximately 225 metres.

To reduce the existing 30mph on Station Road, Keynsham to 20mph from the High Street / Bristol Road roundabout to the 'Keynsham' boundary sign to the east of the entrance to Keynsham Train Station.

The proposals are shown on the attached drawing.

4. **BACKGROUND**

Funding has been secured to introduce a 20mph speed limit on Bristol Road and Station Road, Keynsham. It is considered that reducing the existing 30mph speed limits to 20mph would be appropriate having due regard for the nature of the roads and existing pedestrian and cycling activity in the area.

Station Road has three pedestrian crossings. Two of these are signal-controlled crossings, one being outside Keynsham Train Station, which is well used by commuters, and another at the entrance to the Somerdale Estate. There is also a zebra crossing next to St Johns Church, which is well used by school children, so reducing the speed limit to 20mph would help to maintain safety on these pedestrian crossings.

Traffic speed surveys recently carried out on Bristol Road and Station Road (June 2024) show that the average speed in both directions on Bristol Road was between 24 – 25 mph, and the average speed on Station Road was between 20 – 22 mph. Therefore, as this falls within the guidance of signed-only 20mph speed limits in terms of achieving compliance, it is considered that the proposed 20mph speed limits are likely to have a positive impact.

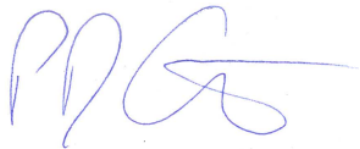
5. **SOURCE OF FINANCE**

The scheme is included in the 2024/25 Transport Improvement Programme.

6. **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

The proposal requires informal consultation with the Chief Constable, Ward Members, Parish Council, and the Cabinet Member for Highways.

PROPOSAL APPROVED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE, TOWN COUNCIL, AND WARD MEMBERS.

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Paul Garrod
Traffic Management and Network Manager

Date: 5th July 2024

