

OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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INFORMAL CONSULTATION (with the Chief Constable, Parking Services, Waste Services, and Ward Members)

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT:	Various roads, Bath
PROPOSAL:	Proposed 20mph Speed Limit
SCHEME REF No:	24-028
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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:

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:

(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	X
(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,	
(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 introduce a 20mph speed limit on Green Park Road, Midland Bridge Road, Charles Street, St Paul's Place and Monmouth Place, Bath.

The extent of the proposed 20mph speed limit is shown in *Appendix A*.

4. **BACKGROUND**

Design work for the proposed Bath Quays Links active travel scheme for Green Park Road has identified there would be benefits to reducing speed limits. This would compliment the proposed schemes and would be consistent with the approach taken in Upper Bristol Road. and improve safety for walking, wheeling and cycling.

Similarly, there is a need to reduce vehicle speeds on Charles Street, which forms part of the Bath City Centre project.

Implementing a 20mph speed limit on the identified roads, along with Midland Bridge Road, St Paul's Place and Monmouth Place, will provide a consistent approach to the wider city centre area, which is already subject to a 20mph limit.

5. **SOURCE OF FINANCE**

The 20mph speed limit will be funded through the Bath Quays Links active travel project (TCS0015G).

6. **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

The proposal requires informal consultation with the Chief Constable, Parking Services, Waste Services, Ward Members, and the Cabinet Member for Highways.

PROPOSAL(S) APPROVED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE, PARKING SERVICES, WASTE SERVICES, AND WARD MEMBERS.

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Date: 25th September 2024

Appendix A – Proposed 20mph Speed Limit Plan

