

OFFICER DECISION REPORT - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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APPROVAL TO PUBLICLY ADVERTISE THE TRO

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT:	Beauchamp Avenue & Surrounding Estate Roads
PROPOSAL:	20 MPH Speed Limit
SCHEME REF No:	23-036
REPORT AUTHOR:	Lewis Oxenham (on behalf of the Traffic Management Team)

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	
(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	X
(f)	for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs, or	
(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**

A Traffic Regulation Order is required to formalise the existing signed 20mph speed limit on Beauchamp Avenue and surrounding estate roads accessed from the A367 Fosseyway to the south of Midsomer Norton.

The extent of the 20mph speed limit on Beauchamp Avenue is as follows:

- From a point 16m northwest of its northern junction with Fosseyway South (A367) to a point 13m northwest of its southern junction with Fosseyway South (A367)

The 20mph speed limit extent also covers the entire length of the following roads:

- Beauchamp Park
- Blackdown Way
- Cotswold Gardens
- Exmoor Close
- Mendip Green
- Polden Walk
- Quantock Close

The proposals are shown on the attached drawing and in Appendix A.

4. **BACKGROUND**

The developer who completed the housing estate adjacent to the A367 Fosseyway, Midsomer Norton, entered into a section 38 Highways agreement with Bath & North East Somerset Council that included a 20mph speed limit on all of the estate roads contained within the development. 20mph speed limit signage has therefore been installed on Beauchamp Avenue and throughout the rest of the housing estate by the developer as part of the section 38 Highway adoption works. A new Traffic Regulation Order is required now that the roads have become adopted public Highway, to ensure that the signed speed limit is enforceable.

5. **SOURCE OF FINANCE**

Developer funded TRO by Barrett Homes Bristol.

6. **INFORMAL CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

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

7. **INFORMAL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**

Chief Constable: No Comment

Parking Service: No Comment

Town Council:

The report for the above consultation was sent out to Councillors last week and the Councillors that replied supported the idea.

Regards

Kate Egan

Deputy Clerk and RFO

Midsomer Norton Town Council

Ward Members:

Cllr Sarah Evans – No Comment

Cllr Tim Ball – No Comment

Cabinet Member for Highways:

Cllr Manda Rigby – No Comment

8. RECOMMENDATION

As no significant objections and/or comments have been received following the informal consultation described above, the public advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order should progress.



Neil Terry
Principal Traffic Management Engineer

Date: 13/08/24

9. DECISION

As the officer holding the above delegation, I approve the progression of this Traffic Regulation Order.

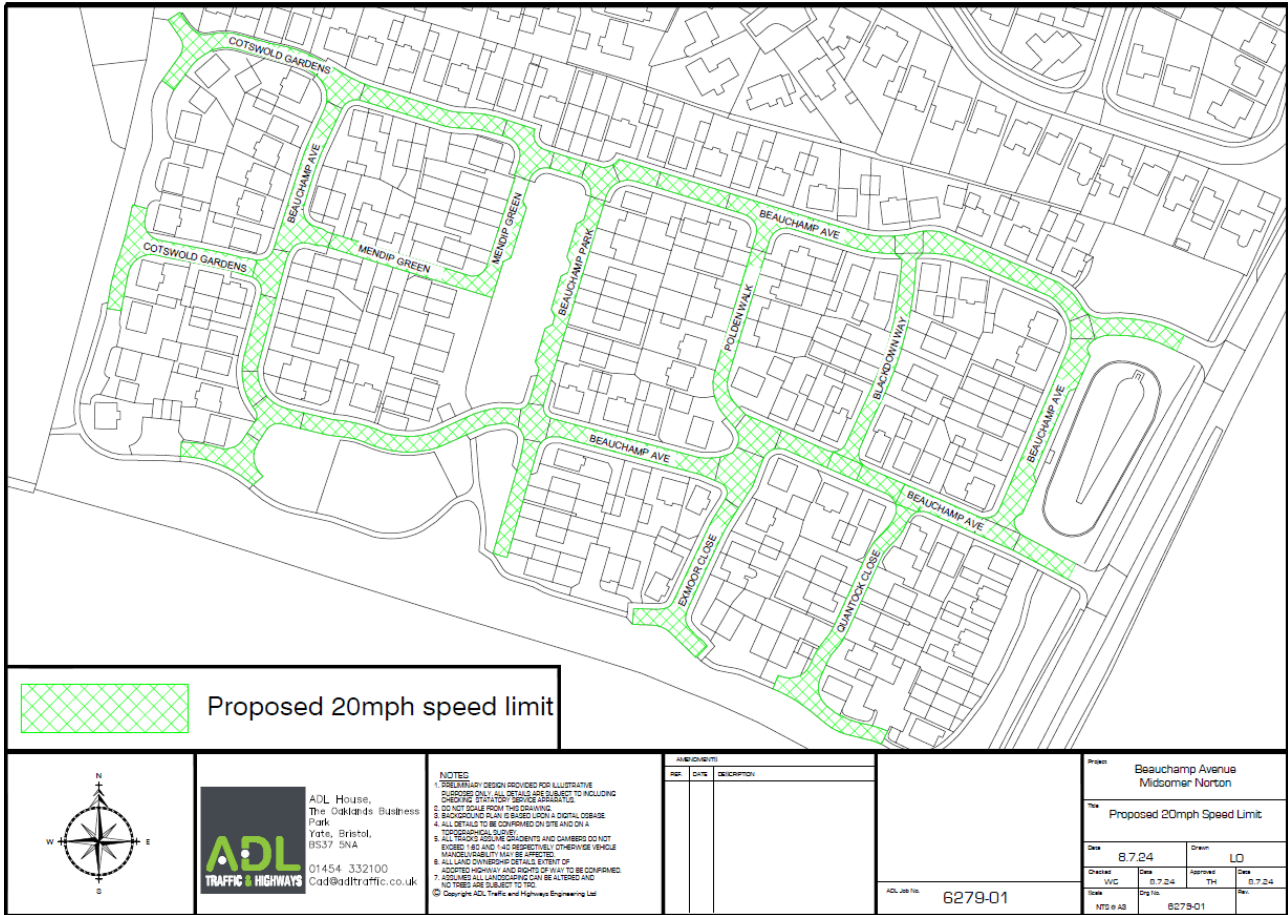
In taking this decision, I confirm that due regard has been given to the Council's public sector equality duty, which requires it to consider and think about how its policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.



Gary Peacock
Head of Highways Delivery

Date:

Appendix 1



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