

Delegated Officer Report **(Non Key and Contracts up to a value of £100k)**

Decision Maker: Director of Environment, Nasir Dad

Date of Decision: 15 December 2023

Subject: Proposed Traffic Calming and Extension of 20mph Zone – Partington Street, Failsworth (M1038)

Report Author: Andy Marsh, Traffic Engineer

Ward (s): Failsworth East

Reason for the decision:

The redevelopment of the former Lower Failsworth School site at Partington Street, Failsworth has resulted in an increase in housing density in the area. The new properties are in close proximity to schools in the area - St Johns Primary School and Failsworth Academy and it is considered that the provision of traffic calming measures (pairs of speed cushions) and the introduction of a 20 mph zone along Partington Street will enhance road safety for schoolchildren and parents walking and / or cycling to both educational facilities.

This report seeks permission to formally advertise the 20 mph speed limit and speed cushion locations

The proposals are detailed on drawing number 2384 / A4 / 135 / 1 and in the schedules at the end of this report.

Officers have previously consulted on a traffic calming scheme along Partington Street which met with objections from residents; this has been revised and a pre-consultation has been well received.

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to the advertise of the legal Humps Notice as set out in The Highways (Road Humps) Regulations

1999 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and the introduction of a 20mph zone along Partington Street

What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):

Option 1 – Introduce the scheme as proposed which will greatly enhance road safety for vulnerable users and regulate the speed of vehicles along this route.

Option 2 - The alternative option is not to progress with the road safety measures and continue with the traffic conditions as they are at present.

Justification:

If approved, the proposal will:

- Supplement existing traffic calming measures in the vicinity and help reduce vehicle speeds and improve road safety in the vicinity of nearby schools
- Encourage walking/cycling/scooting to school

Consultation: including any conflict of interest declared by relevant Cabinet Member consulted

The Ward Members have been consulted and no comments have been received.

G.M.P. View - The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no objection to this proposal.

T.f.G.M. View - The Director General has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

G.M. Fire Service View - The County Fire Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

N.W. Ambulance Service View - The County Ambulance Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended the traffic the traffic calming measures and 20mph speed limit be introduced along Partington Street in accordance with the schedules at the end of this report

Implications:

*What are the **financial** implications?*

The cost for the advertising and delivery of the traffic calming scheme at Partington Street, Failsworth is as follows:

Revenue	£
Advertisement of Order	1,400
Capital	
Measures, signing and lining	12,000
Total Costs	13,400

The cost of advertising the notice will be £1.4k and will be funded from within the Highways revenue budget.

The capital cost of £12k for the delivery of this scheme will be funded from the 'Partington Street, Failsworth – Traffic Calming' scheme within the 2023/24 Transport Capital Programme, which is financed by LTP Highway Maintenance Grant. (John Edisbury)

*What are the **legal** implications?*

In relation to the proposed speed cushions, the Council should satisfy itself that the proposals will be effective in reducing or preventing road accidents and will justify the expenditure incurred. It will be necessary to publish details of the proposals in one or more local newspapers and consider any objections received before deciding whether to proceed with the proposals.

In relation to the proposed 20 mph speed limit proposals, the speed limit regime enables traffic authorities to set 'local speed limits' in situations where local needs and considerations deem it desirable for drivers to adopt a speed which is different from the respective national speed limit. Before changing a local speed limit the Council should satisfy itself that the benefits exceed the disbenefits. The Council should assess a number of factors including accident and casualty savings and conditions and facilities for vulnerable road users. The estimated collision and injury savings should be an important factor when considering changes to a local speed limit.

In addition to the above, under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, it shall be the duty of the Council so to exercise the functions conferred on them by the Act as to secure the

expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. Regard must also be had to the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises, the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run, the strategy produced under section 80 Environmental Protection Act 1990 (the national air quality strategy), the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles and any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant. (A Evans)

What are the **procurement** implications?

Any works proposed involving the appointment of outside contractors will need to be procured in full compliance with the Council's contract procedure rules. (Dan Cheetham)

What are the **Human Resources** implications?

None

Oldham Impact Assessment Completed (Including impact on Children and Young People)

Not required because the measures proposed are aimed at improving highway conditions

What are the **property** implications

None, the work is being undertaken on the public highway which is under the control of the Highway Authority.

Risks:

The legal and financial risks are documented separately in this report. The introduction of traffic calming measures and a 20mph scheme around Partington Street will decrease the numbers of incidents involving vulnerable road users. There could be reputation risks around the scheme in terms of residents reactions to the proposals these can be mitigated by effective communications and the pre consultation which has been undertaken.

(Vicki Gallacher, Head of Insurance and Information Governance)

Co-operative implications	The proposal to implement a 20mph speed zone will put the safety of residents' first, reducing speeding and dangerous driving, keeping children and families safe. (Jonathan Downs – Corporate Policy Lead)
Community cohesion disorder implications in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998	None
Environmental and Health & Safety Implications	None
IT Implications	None

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution? Yes

Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget? Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? No

Schedule 1

Traffic Calming Cushions (pair) 2000mm(l)x1650mm(w)x75mm(h)

Item No	Length of Road	Location
	<u>Partington Street</u> <u>Failsworth</u>	30 metres Southeast of its junction with Ashton Rd West
	<u>Partington Street</u> <u>Failsworth</u>	21 metres Southeast of its junction with Totton Rd
	<u>Partington Street</u> <u>Failsworth</u>	30 metres Northwest of its junction with Wagstaffe Drive
	<u>Partington Street</u> <u>Failsworth</u>	13 metres Southeast of its junction with Wagstaffe Drive
	<u>Partington Street</u> <u>Failsworth</u>	11 metres Northwest of its junction with School Rd
	<u>Partington Street</u> <u>Failsworth</u>	48 metres Northwest of its junction with Brierley Avenue

Schedule 2

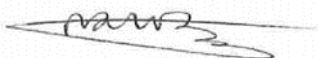
Introduce a 20mph Zone on the following street

Item No	Length of Road	Location
	<u>Partington Street</u> <u>Failsworth</u>	Its full length

There are no background papers for this report

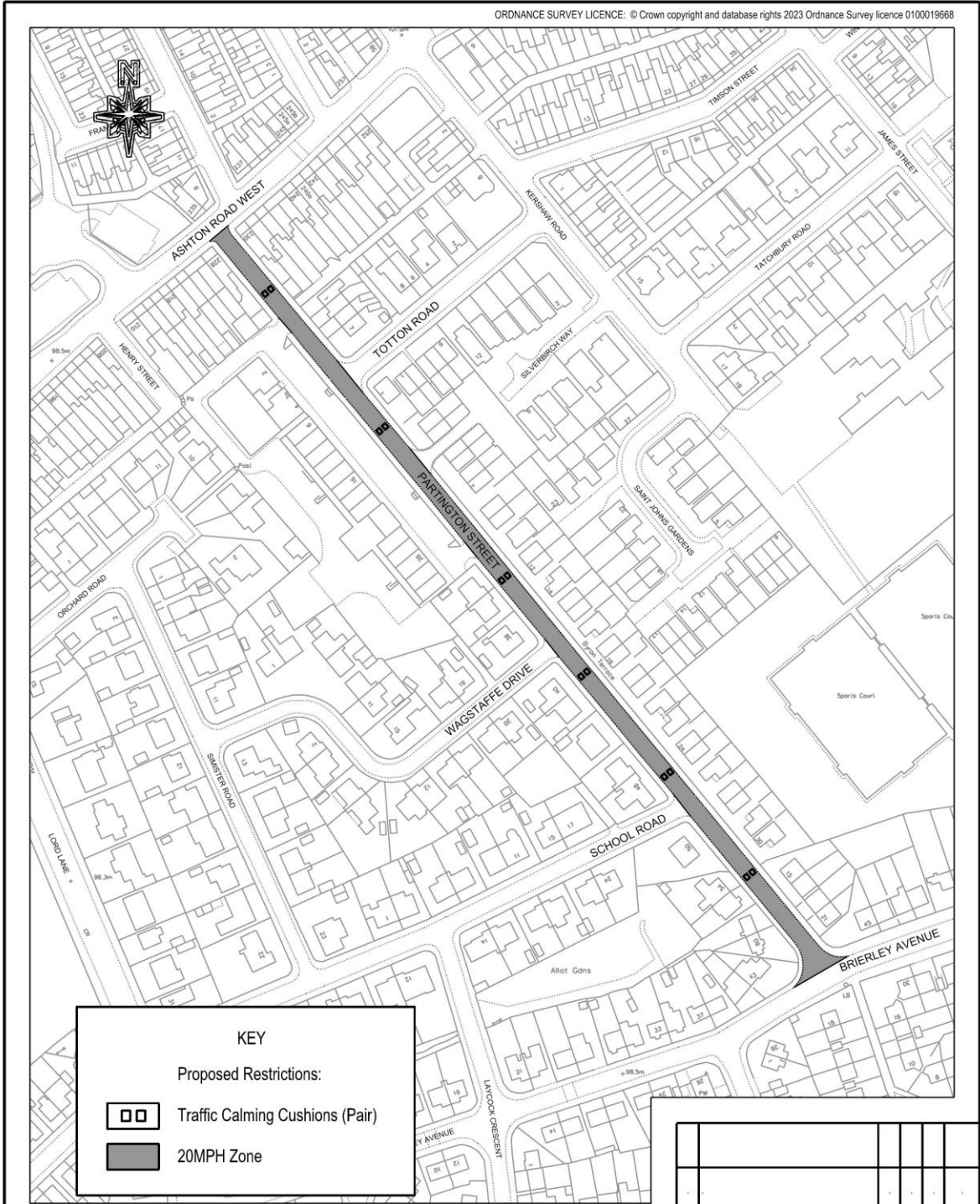
Report Author Sign-off:	
Andy Marsh	
Date: 15 December 2023	

In consultation with Director of Environment



Signed :

Date: 22 December 2023



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Proposed Restrictions:

□□	Traffic Calming Cushions (Pair)
■	20MPH Zone

Rev	Revision details	By	Chk	App	Date



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Client Oldham MBC			
Project File Ref: TM4/475			
Drawn by RW	Date 11/23	Purpose of issue information	
Checked by SR	Date 11/23	Scale at A4 size	
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