

# Delegated Decision Report

Decision below £250k



<b>Subject:</b>	Proposed 20mph Speed Limit and Traffic Calming Measures – Huddersfield Road, Diggle
<b>Decision maker: Senior Officer</b>	Nasir Dad, Director of Environment
<b>Decision maker: Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr C Goodwin, Portfolio Holder, Transport and Highways
<b>Decision date:</b>	27 October 2025
<b>Report author:</b>	Mark Woodhead, Engineer
<b>Ward (s):</b>	Saddleworth North

### Reason for decision

To consider the introduction of a 20mph speed limit and traffic calming measures along Huddersfield Road between Standedge Road and Sam Road. The introduction of a 20mph speed limit will also be introduced into adjacent residential streets.

It is also proposed to remove a gap in existing parking restrictions adjacent to 104 Huddersfield Road, Diggle.

### Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the reduced speed limits and supporting traffic calming measures shown in the plan and schedule at the end of this report are approved.

### Background

Huddersfield Road in Diggle serves as a key local distributor route, connecting the village to surrounding areas via its junctions with Standedge Road to the west and Sam Road to the east. The route provides essential access for residential properties, local businesses and public transport, while also supporting through traffic between Saddleworth and Oldham.

Officers have reviewed speeds along Huddersfield Road and survey data obtained in April 2025 recorded that whilst the average vehicle speeds over a week varied between 29.7mph and 30.6mph, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of vehicle speeds varied between 40.7mph and 50.1mph. With over 40% of recorded speeds being above the current speed limit.

Redrow Homes are currently constructing additional housing on land to the east of Huddersfield Road. As part of the planning approval for these homes, Section 278 funding to the value of £21,290.06 was secured as a condition of the development. This funding was allocated to introduce traffic calming features and to reduce the speed limit on Huddersfield Road.

Following visits to site during the design development, Officers noted a short section missing waiting restrictions on Huddersfield Road, adjacent to number 104. Officers propose to address this anomaly and amend the existing Traffic Regulation Order.

If approved, the proposal would improve safety and access along Huddersfield Road.

### **Alternative option(s) to be considered**

Option 1 – To approve the recommendation

Option 2 – Not to approve the recommendation

### **Consultation**

The Ward Members have been consulted and Councillor G Harkness stated that, "I am pleased that it has been agreed to extend the 20MPH zones wider within Diggle. I am pleased that there will be consideration for the future on introducing a raised table at the Dorset Avenue/Huddersfield Road junction and a chicane feature near to Sam Road. This would be beneficial.

The speed cushions will not be to everyone's taste but at present is a fair price to pay for reducing the speed of this. If there is not a lot of objection to this then I would support this. If there is quite a lot of objection, then we may need to look at what other options could be considered.

A resident has suggested the use of parking bays to help reduce speed although this might come under other measures separate to this scheme."

### **Response to Councillors Comment**

The use of parking bays will be reviewed along with other measures; the schedules that are progressed to advertising will take into account a review of the position of the cushions and parking restrictions adjacent to 104 Huddersfield Road.

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

T.f.G.M. View – The Director General has been consulted and stated:- on behalf of the Bus Team the only comment I wish to make is relating to the roadmarkings on Huddersfield Road, southbound approx. adjacent to no, 253. There is a southbound bus stop nearby and I would like to request that the roadmarkings to increase awareness of 20mph speed limit does not impact on the existing bus stop clearway markings. I would like to request that the clearway at this location is remarked in addition to the new linings.

Response to TfGM comments - For your reassurance I confirm that we will review the position of the 20mph roundel.

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.

## Risks

The introduction of a reduced speed limit and traffic calming features will improve safety for road users and improve access along the road. There could be reputational risks around the scheme in terms of residents and business reactions to the proposals. The proposal does impact adversely on the current use of Huddersfield Road. Residents adjacent to the traffic calming measures may raise objections. These have been designed to provide the most suitable form of traffic calming to assist in reducing speeds and acknowledging the use of larger vehicles.

Any comments received will be reviewed and reported back to the next Council committee before any measures are implemented.

## Implications

Financial	<p>The proposed works are capital and the costs are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="581 638 1263 894"> <tr> <td>Rosehill Cushions supply and install</td> <td>£17,320</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 sets of Dragon Teeth markings</td> <td>£3,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 illuminated traffic signs</td> <td>£12,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Repeater signs 20no</td> <td>£1,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advertisement</td> <td>£1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fee/staff costs</td> <td>£2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>£37,120</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>£21,290 will be funded from monies secured from the new development through a Section 278 agreement. The remaining £15,830 will be provided from the Highways Minor Works budget, M0314, which is funded through CRSTS grant funding.</p> <p>The works will be fully defrayed in 2025/26.</p> <p>Leonnie Wharton-Brown, Senior Accountant</p>	Rosehill Cushions supply and install	£17,320	4 sets of Dragon Teeth markings	£3,200	6 illuminated traffic signs	£12,000	Repeater signs 20no	£1,600	Advertisement	£1,000	Fee/staff costs	£2,000	<b>Total</b>	<b>£37,120</b>
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Legal	<p>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.</p> <p>In relation to the proposed traffic calming features, 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.</p> <p>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</p>														

	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)
Equality impact including implications for Children and Young People	None
Procurement	<p>In line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) rule 4.1 - where an existing contract, framework or in-house service is available to meet the Council's specific procurement requirements and offers value for money it should be used unless there is particular circumstances which justify an alternative route to market.</p> <p>If Rule 4.1 does not apply, for the financial value stated above the Commercial Procurement Unit must assess the requirement between £30,000 and £99,999 in line with the options outlined in rule 5.3. (Darren Judge)</p>

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

### Drawing Number TM04-510/01/001 and 002

Add to the Oldham Borough Council (Saddleworth Area) Consolidation Order 2003

#### **Schedule 1**

##### **Proposed Speed Cushion Locations**

###### Speed Cushions (Pairs)

Length 2.00 metres, width 1.65 metres, height 75mm with gradient of 1:15

Huddersfield Road	Adjacent to properties 175/177 Huddersfield Road
Huddersfield Road	Adjacent to properties 147/149 Huddersfield Road
Huddersfield Road	Adjacent to properties 137/139 Huddersfield Road
Huddersfield Road	Adjacent to properties 123/125 Huddersfield Road
Huddersfield Road	Adjacent to properties Lower Moordale, Huddersfield Road
Huddersfield Road	Adjacent to property Moordale, Huddersfield Road

#### **Schedule 2**

##### **Proposed 20mph Zone**

Huddersfield Road	From its junction with Standedge Road to its junction with Sam Road
Ambrose Crescent	For its entire length
Moor Crescent	For its entire length
Hillside Avenue	For its entire length
Spurn Lane	For its entire length
Ward Lane	To the west of its junction with Weakey Green
Dorset Avenue	For its entire length
Sunfield Lane	For its entire length
Brockhill Close	For its entire length
Eldeberry Close	For its entire length
Buckton Close	For its entire length
Turnpike Close	For its entire length
Lower Knoll Road	For its entire length
Sunfield Estate	For its entire length
Kent Close	For its entire length
Devon Drive	For its entire length
Gloucester Drive	For its entire length
Cornwall Crescent	For its entire length
Weakey Green	For its entire length
Lower Wrigley Green	For its entire length
Littlemoor Lane	For its entire length
St Ades View	For its entire length

Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

Report author sign-off	Mark Woodhead
Role	Traffic Engineer
Date of sign-off	9 October 2025

<b>Approval</b>	
Officer approval sign-off	Nasir Dad
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	27/10/25



