

EXECUTIVE DECISION REPORT**PROPOSED 20MPH ZONE – THURNBY LODGE SCHOOL AREA**
STAGE 2 CONSULTATIONS

- D.1 The outcomes from the Stage 2 Consultation, together with responses as appropriate, are shown below.

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Frontages	
Residents	See Paragraphs D.2 – D.9.

- D.2 1183 letters, plans and response forms were delivered to all properties within the proposed 20mph speed limit for the Thurnby Lodge School Area. 357 replies were received which represents a 30% response rate.

298 (83%) were in favour of the 20mph speed limit and 51 (14%) were against. There were also 8 (2%) 'Don't know' responses and 3 (1%) were left blank. This shows considerable public support for the introduction of the 20mph speed limit.

235 (66%) were in favour of the proposed traffic calming measures and 112 (32%) were against. There were also 8 (2%) 'Don't know' responses and 5 (1%) left blank. This shows there is also considerable public support for the traffic calming proposals for the area.

- D.3 In addition, 4 responses from outside the consultation area were received through consultation on the City Council's website. Of these, all 4 (100%) were in favour of the 20mph speed limit. For the proposed traffic calming, 3 (75%) were in favour and 1 (25%) against.

A detailed breakdown of responses is shown as Appendix E.

- D.4 A number of associated issues have been raised through the consultation process. Where these have been raised by four or more respondents, the issues are summarised below:-

- D.5 Provide traffic calming on Gervas Road

Seven respondents commented that they would like to see physical traffic calming introduced on Gervas Road and were concerned about displaced traffic.

Traffic surveys carried out in March/April 2019 showed average speeds of 23.4mph on Gervas Road. This is below the threshold level of 24mph which necessitates speed reduction features for a 20mph speed limit and so traffic calming was not originally proposed. However, it is considered that, due to

proposed speed cushions of Dudley Avenue, there could be some displacement of traffic onto Gervas Road. As such, it is proposed to install speed cushions at two locations on Gervas Road to reduce speeds and discourage extraneous traffic. A revised plan of traffic calming proposals is shown as Appendix F.

D.6 Damage to vehicles caused by speed cushions

Six respondents expressed concern over damage to vehicles caused by speed cushions.

Leicester City Council uses pre-formed modular rubber speed cushions which comply with UK standards. They are designed to enable road legal vehicles to pass over without grounding. Providing speeds are reduced, vehicles can pass over the cushions smoothly.

D.7 Speed Camera Enforcement

Five respondents wish for speed camera enforcement of the 20mph speed limit.

Speed cameras are operated by the police under the auspices of Leicestershire Road Safety Partnership. Their use and location are determined in accordance with clear guidelines from the Department for Transport. This area would not accord to the guidelines

D.8 Provide traffic calming on Wintersdale Road

Five respondents commented that they would like to see physical traffic calming introduced on Wintersdale Road.

Traffic surveys have shown average speeds of between 16 and 23mph on Wintersdale Road. This is below the threshold level of 24mph which necessitates speed reduction features for a 20mph speed limit and so traffic calming was not originally proposed. Given the support for the traffic calming scheme as proposed and consulted upon, it is considered any expansion to the traffic calming onto Wintersdale Road could transfer traffic onto Summerlea Road and Valentine Road and could jeopardise that existing support. As such, no changes to the current scheme are proposed at the current time. However, further traffic surveys could be carried out on Wintersdale Road and traffic calming could be considered in the future on reflection of the wider impacts such a scheme would have on the overall network.

D.9 Provide traffic calming on Thurncourt Road

Four respondents commented that they would like to see physical traffic calming introduced on Thurncourt Road.

Separate design proposals to reduce the speed of traffic on Thurncourt Road are being worked up. Once completed, the proposals will be subject to consultation in the normal manner.