

Executive Decision Report

PROPOSED 20MPH ZONE OSMASTON ROAD AREA

Decision to be taken by: Deputy City Mayor, Climate,
Economy & Culture

Decision to be taken on: 28 December 2023

Lead director: Andrew L Smith



City Mayor

Useful information

- Ward affected: Stoneygate
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1 Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Deputy City Mayor's approval to implement a 20mph zone in the Osmaston Road area.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Deputy City Mayor Climate, Economy & Culture is recommended to approve implementation of the proposed 20mph Zone in the Osmaston Road Area.

3 Supporting information including options considered:

3.1 Background

- 3.1.1 The Osmaston Road area forms part of the current programme of 20mph zones and is part of the Council's strategy to reduce accidents and encourage cycling and walking.

3.2 Scheme Proposal

- 3.2.1 Appendix A shows the extent of the proposed 20mph zone

Traffic surveys were carried out in the Osmaston Road area north of Evington Road (the south side is already extensively traffic calmed) during February 2022. The north side already has a One-Way system installed with some associated traffic calming on part of Kedleston Road. The surveys (on Osmaston Road, Staveley Road, Kedleston Road and Rowsley Street) showed that the average speeds were already below enforcement thresholds for a 20mph speed limit. A signs only scheme to introduce a 20mph speed limit is proposed which could be installed in the area without any additional traffic calming features.

3.3 Consultations

- 3.3.1 Stage 1 consultations have been carried out with the Stoneygate Ward Councillors, the emergency services, and other Statutory consultees. Ward Councillors have not objected to the proposals. The results of this consultation are shown on Appendix B. The Stage 1 process also includes consultation with affected internal stakeholders. No objections were received.

- 3.3.2 Appendix C details the outcome of the Stage 2 consultation with affected residents, whilst Appendix D shows the responses to Stage 2 consultation street-

by-street. Most responses (87%) across the proposed 20mph zone area are in favour of the proposed scheme.

3.4 Project Funding

3.4.1 The total estimated cost of the proposed scheme is £35,000 and is funded from the Transport Improvement Works budget in the Council's capital programme.

3.5 Proposed Project Programme

Approval from Deputy City Mayor – December 2023

Traffic Regulation Order process – January / February 2024

Scheme Completion – March 2024 (subject to traffic order approval).

4 Details of Scrutiny

4.1 The Transport and Climate Change Scrutiny Commission considered the effectiveness and value for money of 20mph schemes in Leicester. Scrutiny reported their findings in February 2012 and expressed support for the introduction of 20mph zones across the city and concluded that schools should be prioritised alongside accident cluster sites when implementing 20mph speed zones. Ward Members have been engaged in developing the current 20mph programme.

5 Financial, legal and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

5.1.1 The total estimated cost of the proposed scheme is £35,000 and is funded from the Transport Improvement Works budget in the Council's capital programme.

Joseph Abraham-Koranteng, Accountant

5.2 Legal implications

5.2.1 The Council as highways authority has powers to implement speed limit orders on the roads, in accordance with the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and associated regulations. The procedure and the statutory consultation requirements to be followed by the Council in making such an order are contained in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. Officers may seek advice on this procedure if required.

Legal Services

5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

- 5.3.1 Any positive effects from the 20mph schemes to address congestion will result in lower emissions and improved air quality.
- 5.3.2 Furthermore, the City Cycle Action Plan sets out 20mph zones as a strategic priority to meet its target of doubling every day cycling numbers by 2024. If 20mph zones and traffic calming in the city are successful in reducing congestion and improving road safety, this may have a positive impact on people's travel choices, leading to substantial numbers of current car trips changing to cycling and walking trips.

Aidan Davis, Sustainability Officer, Ext 37 2284

5.4 Equality Impact Assessment

- 5.4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out. The assessment considered the impact of the scheme to be neutral for the majority of groups, but highlighted a positive impact for disabled and older people and children as these are particularly vulnerable to road traffic accidents.

5.5 Other Implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

- 5.5.1 No other implications

6 Background information and other papers:

- Are our 20mph speed limits effective and do we need more of them? – A Report of the Transport and Climate Change Commission February 2012.
- Leicester's Local Transport Plan 2011 to 2025
- City Mayor and Executive – Public Briefing 14th May 2012.

7 Summary of appendices:

- Appendix A – Osmaston Road Area – Proposed 20mph Zone
- Appendix B – Osmaston Road Area - Stage 1 Consultations.
- Appendix C – Osmaston Road Area - Stage 2 Consultations.
- Appendix D – Osmaston Road Area - Stage 2 Consultations – Street by Street.

8 Is this a private report (If so, please indicated the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

9 Is this a “key decision”?
No

10 If a key decision please explain reason
N/A