

**REPORT:** M. J. Noone, Operational Director  
Policy, Planning & Transportation (Delegated Powers)  
**DATE:** 12/12/2011  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** S.Johnson, Traffic & Road Safety  
**PORTFOLIO:** Transportation  
**SUBJECT:** 20mph. Speed Limits, Hale Village  
**WARDS:** Hale

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval for the introduction of a traffic regulation Order to introduce a 20mph. speed limit over most residential roads in Hale Village.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **2.1 It is recommended that:**

**[1] Notice be given of the Council's intention to introduce an Order to implement a 20mph. speed limit on those roads listed in the Appendix and**

**[2] Subject to no objections being sustained at the end of the public objection period and to the approval of the Police and emergency services and satisfactory consultation, the Orders be made.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 A series of 20mph. speed limits have been requested by the ward councillor for Hale Village. All the roads are residential in nature and are believed to have mean traffic speeds of 24mph. or less. See Appendix, Drg. No. 9047 refers.
- 3.2 The purpose of the reduced speed limits is to encourage lower driving speeds and create a safer environment for vulnerable road users in essentially residential areas.
- 3.3 During the formal advertising period to follow, all directly affected residents will be notified in writing of these proposals as will all the emergency services and other regular consultees. The ward councillor and parish council are in favour of the measures.

## **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The total cost of implementing the speed limit changes is approximately £3,000. This will be charged to annual traffic management revenue funds.

## **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no direct policy, social inclusion, sustainability, best value, legal or crime and disorder implications resulting from this report.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES.**

### **6.1 Children & Young People in Halton**

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'Children and Young People in Halton' priority.

## **6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton' priority.

## **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'A Healthy Halton' priority.

## **6.4 A Safer Halton**

Whilst there has been just one recorded injury accident in these roads over the past five years, the proposed 20mph. speed limit will help to create a safer environment for vulnerable road users and actively encourage residents to be more aware of the nature of their surroundings.

## **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

There are no direct implications on the Council's 'Halton's Urban Renewal'.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Whilst there has been just one recorded injury accident at this location over the past five years, the proposed 20mph. speed limit will help to create a safer environment for vulnerable road users and actively encourage residents to be more aware of the residential nature of their surroundings. No full risk assessment is required.

## **8.0 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ISSUES.**

8.1 There are no direct equality and diversity issues associated with this report.

## **9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 There are no background papers under section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

Details of Proposed Order

[a] Type: 20mph Speed Limits

[b] Details: The full adopted lengths of the following highways in Hale Village:

Carlow Close, Bandon Close, Arklow Drive, Greenore Drive, Kildare Close, Ennis Close, Aran Close, Malin Close, Cocklade Lane, Holly Close, Pepper Street, Wexford Avenue, Ladypool, Pheasant Field, Langford, Church End Mews, Church End, Vicarage Close, Church Road, Within Way, Wellington Gate, Curlender Way, Hoghton Road, Ireland Road, Elwood Close, Bailey's Lane and Hesketh Road.

[c] Associated revocations: None.

[d] Exemptions: Standard.

[e] Statement of Reasons: Speed limit reduction to 20mph. to encourage safer driving and to highlight the residential nature of the roads covered.

[f] Plan: Drg. no. 9047.

[g] Date to be advertised: ASAP.

[h] Date to be effected: ASAP.

[i] Advertising code: 2050 1625 W041

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