

Report to:	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 June 2021
Subject:	Douglas Place, Bootle - Proposed 20mph speed limit		
Report of:	Head of Highways and Public Protection	Wards Affected:	Linacre;
Portfolio:			
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To report on the results of a consultation with residents regarding the proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit on Douglas Place, Bootle

Recommendation(s):

- (1) Licensing & Regulatory Committee Members note the results of the consultation;
- (2) Licensing & Regulatory Committee request that Cabinet Member – Locality Services consider authorising the advertising and progression of the 20mph speed limit Traffic Regulation Order on Douglas Place, Bootle.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The Council has the power to revoke a Traffic Regulation Order (Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) as well as the power to make a new Traffic Regulation Order (Section 1 of that Act). Authorisation to advertise new Traffic Regulation Orders falls under the remit of Cabinet Member – Locality Services.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

The cost of progressing the 20mph speed limit, including advertising and sign costs would amount to £1500. If approved by Cabinet Member – Locality Services, this can be accommodated from the 2021/22 Traffic Management revenue budget.

(B) Capital Costs

Nil

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):

No costs arising directly from this report. If approved by Cabinet Member – Locality Services, all costs associated with the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order will be met from the Traffic Management revenue budget.

Legal Implications:

There are no Legal implications

Equality Implications:

There are no equality implications.

Climate Emergency Implications:

The recommendations within this report will

Have a positive impact	Y
Have a neutral impact	N
Have a negative impact	N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y

The implementation of a lower 20mph speed limit will fall in line with recently introduced 20mph speed limits on the majority of residential roads in the Borough. The lower speed limit will encourage less erratic styles of driving and will help to reduce vehicle emissions.

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Will assist residents, visitors and other road users
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Not applicable
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable
Place – leadership and influencer: Not applicable
Drivers of change and reform: Not applicable
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener: Will help to reduce vehicle emissions

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.6387/21) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.4588/21) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Consultation with all property occupiers in Douglas Place, Bootle

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee / Council meeting.

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that in October 2011, Cabinet Member Transportation approved a policy which stated that the speed limit on all residential areas within Sefton, with the exception of main distributor roads, should be reduced to 20 mph as part of a rolling programme over subsequent years.
- 1.2 In total, between 2013 and 2016, a total of 35 area-wide schemes were consulted on and progressed throughout the Borough, resulting in the speed limit on 2871 residential roads being reduced to 20mph. This represents the majority of residential roads in Sefton.
- 1.3 These 35 area-wide schemes effectively encompassed all residential roads, excluding an agreed network of strategic routes and main distributor roads, and those roads of a purely industrial nature.

2.0 Discussion

- 2.1 It has now come to the attention of officers, that a residential road within Bootle, namely Douglas Place, had been missed in the roll-out of the 20mph speed limits and whose speed limit was still 30mph. A location plan of Douglas Place is shown as annex A.
- 2.2 Whilst the road had been identified within the list of roads approved by Members for consultation, the 'landlocked' nature of this residential road, i.e. surrounded by Millers Bridge, Derby Road and the dock estate caused it to be missed when the consultation documents were hand delivered in 2014/15. Consequently, the road was omitted from the final traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.3 In order to rectify the omission, a consultation has now taken place with residents, seeking their views on the reduction of the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph.

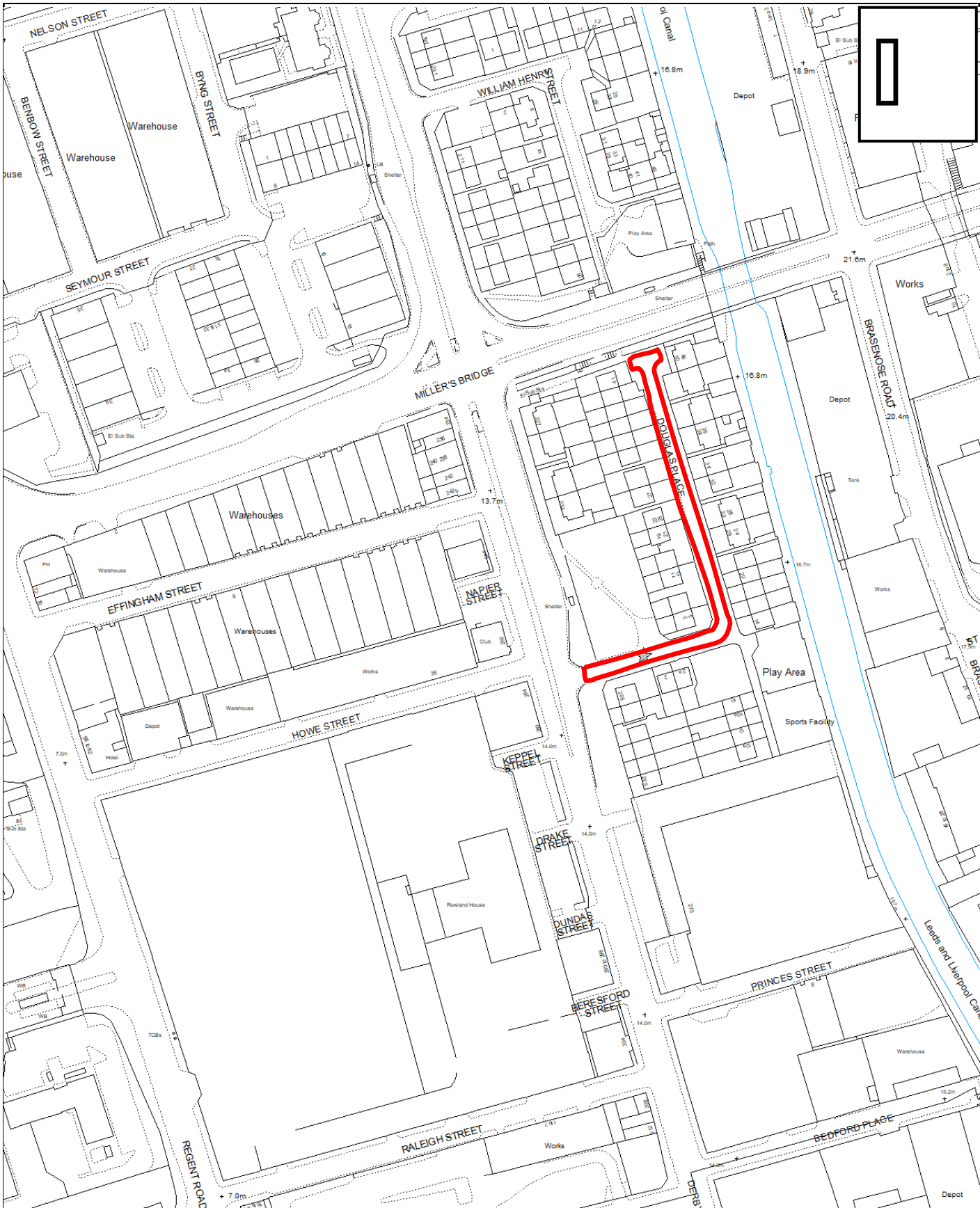
3.0 Consultation

- 3.1 A total of 47 consultation packs of documents were hand delivered to all properties in Douglas Place, copies of which are attached as annexes B & C.
- 3.2 In total, 12 questionnaires were returned, all in favour of reducing the speed limit to 20mph.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 Given the support shown for this scheme, it is recommended that Licensing & Regulatory Committee Members note the results of the consultation and request Cabinet Member – Locality Services to consider authorising the advertising of a new 20mph speed limit Order, which would include Douglas Place, Bootle.

ANNEX A



<p>METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON</p> <p>Peter Moore Head of Highways and Public Protection</p>	<p>Title Douglas Place, Bootle</p> <p>Location Plan</p>	<p>Drawn SJ</p> <p>Scale NTS</p> <p>Date Apr 2021</p>	
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CONSULTATION

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PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT DOUGLAS PLACE, BOOTLE

On most residential roads in Sefton, it's not safe or appropriate to drive at more than 20mph, because they are narrow, lined with parked cars or are being used by pedestrians and cyclists.

Despite this, a small number of drivers use residential roads at inappropriate speeds without regard for road safety or respect for anyone else. A pedestrian hit by a car travelling at 20mph is likely to suffer slight injuries, but at 30mph they are likely to be severely hurt.



As part of Sefton Council's desire to provide a safe environment for its residents and visitors and in line with Government guidance, 20mph speed limits have been introduced on most residential roads in Sefton over a number of years.

It is proposed that the speed limit on Douglas Place should also be reduced to 20mph. This would entail having large 20mph signs at the entry point off Derby Road, with additional smaller "repeater" signs mounted on lamp posts at regular intervals along the road.

Previously introduced 20 mph speed limits have raised a number of questions from residents. Because of this, we have provided a number of frequently asked questions and answers on the rear of this leaflet.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek whether you are for or against the proposals. Please take the time to fill in the questionnaire and return it in the prepaid envelope provided, to reach us no later than Friday 16th April 2021

Our Licensing & Regulatory Committee, will decide whether the scheme is progressed, so the results from the returned questionnaires will be presented to this committee. If you require any further information before completing your questionnaire, please phone our Contact Centre on 0845 140 0845 and leave a message for John Toker. John will phone you back as soon as possible.

Many thanks
John Toker. On behalf of the
Head of Highways and Public Protection

Sefton Council 

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1. 'Why is Sefton Council introducing this 20mph speed limit?'

Department for Transport (DfT) advice on the introduction of speed limits that was published in January 2013 contains a section that specifically relates to 20 mph speed limits. Local authorities are being encouraged to introduce more and more 20 mph speed limits on roads which are primarily residential in nature. In October 2011, Sefton Council agreed a policy to introduce 20 mph speed limits on as many residential roads as possible. Therefore, all residential roads that do not form part of any major through routes will be made 20 mph. Over the last five years, most residential roads within the Borough have been converted to 20mph areas. The introduction of 20 mph speed limits in our residential streets will help promote more considerate driving. This will result in safer streets that will encourage more walking, cycling, playing or just socialising. Less through traffic on our residential streets will eventually result in safer, friendlier, quieter and cleaner places to live.

The majority of signed only 20 mph speed limit areas in many parts of the country have shown a positive improvement in terms of accident and speed reduction, however it is acknowledged that some 20 mph signed only areas have proven to be less successful than others. The findings of DfT's Review into the second year of Portsmouth's 'Total 20' initiative revealed, "A 21% drop in the number of accidents across all six sectors". And, "Whilst the speed of vehicles on roads in Portsmouth, (where previous speeds were low), did not drop appreciably, the reduction in speed on roads where previously the average speed was 24-29 mph dropped by 6.3 mph²."

Sefton Council will be monitoring the effectiveness of their 20 mph schemes over the forthcoming years. Normally 3 year study periods are used to assess accident numbers.

Q2 'Why has Douglas Place chosen as one of the 20 mph speed limit roads?'

Whilst, according to the Police records we hold, there have been no recorded injury accidents on Douglas Place in the past 30 years. It is important that residential streets of this type are included within the area wide scheme/s that currently cover many parts of Sefton.

Q3 'What can I do if I wish to object to the proposals?'

You can simply vote NO on the enclosed questionnaire. However, if you wish to raise a formal objection to the proposals, as well as voting NO on the enclosed questionnaire, please write your objection or objections on a separate piece of paper, stating very clearly what your specific objection(s) is/are. Please return your objection(s) along with the completed questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope provided. These objections need to reach us no later than **Friday 16th April 2021**. Your objection(s) will be reported, along with any other objections raised at the next appropriate Committee meeting. At the meeting, Councillors will decide whether the scheme is progressed.

Q4 'Will speed humps be included as part of the proposals?'

No - physical speed reduction measures such as speed humps / speed cushions or speed tables etc will not form any part of the scheme. 20 mph 'signage only' speed limit areas cost a lot less than traditional traffic calmed areas and although not as effective as traffic calmed areas, they have been proven to work, particularly in larger residential areas.

Q5 'Will the lower speed limit be enforced?'

The police will monitor the 20 mph speed limit areas and will "enforce the limit if there is a rise in people killed or seriously injured on those roads or if there are community concerns about road safety."

Q6 'Will there be an increase in congestion / fuel consumption and air pollution?'

⁴Research in European towns that have a 30km/h speed limit, (18.6 mph) found that the lower speed limits in these towns cut unnecessary gear changing, acceleration and braking and actually improved traffic flow. This in turn resulted in drivers travelling at a steady pace which saves fuel and reduces carbon dioxide emissions. Sefton Council routinely monitor air quality. Air quality monitoring at existing 20 mph sites have revealed that the quality of air is within national air quality standards.

References:

^{1, 2} - Taken from "DfT Interim Evaluation of the Implementation of 20 mph speed limits in Portsmouth, Final Report, September 2010 -Table 2, Appendix A and Table 5.2.

³ - Annex A, Proposed 20 mph speed limit programme for 2014/15 – Cabinet Member Transportation, 26 February 2014.

⁴ Impact of 30 km/h zone on vehicle exhaust emissions in urban areas – "Luc Int Paris Carolien Beckx and Steven Broeijx"