

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE****INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR BUILT ENVIRONMENT****TOPIC – 20MPH SPEED LIMIT, WINCHESTER CITY CENTRE****PROCEDURAL INFORMATION**

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Executive and the Chief Finance Officer are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other relevant overview and scrutiny committee. In addition, all Members are notified.

If five or more Members from those informed so request, the Leader may require the matter to be referred to Cabinet for determination.

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**SUMMARY**

- This Decision Notice is seeking approval to advertise for formal comment a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a 20mph speed limit within the central part of Winchester Town as shown on the plan in Appendix 2. The limit will only come into force when a formal order is made. The consultation process which is the subject of this Decision Notice is a legal requirement before the order can be made.
- This proposal was subject to consultation with a wide range of groups, businesses and the public between 4 and 15 November 2013. Two manned exhibition sessions attracted 73 visitors, and 23 questionnaires were completed (Appendix 1).
- Of these completed questionnaires, 22 people showed that they agreed in principle to the speed limit proposals and 18 agreed with installing the speed limit on the roads that were exhibited on the plan (Appendix 2).
- The majority of the comments received referred to the actual roads included. Some visitors wanted the scheme extended across more of the City and

residential areas, whereas some felt the one-way system should not be included. The complete set of comments is set out in Appendix 3.

- This 20mph proposal is a named scheme contained in Hampshire County Council's Hampshire Sustainable Transport Towns programme which is fully funded by grants from the Department for Transport. The City Council are progressing the scheme for the County Council under the Traffic Management Agency arrangements.
- The proposal was considered and noted by the Winchester Town Forum (report WTF190 refers) at its meeting in September 2013.
- If the proposed decision is approved, public notice of the intention to make an order will be given, and representations invited. Details of any representations received will be included in a report to the Cabinet (Traffic and Parking) Committee, which will determine whether or not to make the order.

### **DECISION**

That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to give public notice of the proposal to make a 20 mph speed limit order within the central area of Winchester Town, as outlined in the Portfolio Holder Decision Notice.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

Approval is required to advertise the proposal for formal comments to be submitted. The Winchester City Centre 20mph order was not included in the list of schemes when the 2013/14 Traffic Regulation Order programme was approved by the Cabinet (Traffic and Parking) Committee on 25 February 2013 (report CAB2442(TP) refers), as it was not known at that time that the City Council would be progressing the scheme.

### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The total budget will be £80,000 to be funded by Hampshire County Council from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund under the Traffic Management Agency arrangements (£18,500 13/14, £61,500 14/15).

### **CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE DECISION**

The Portfolio Holder for Built Environment and the Winchester Town Forum have been fully consulted.

**FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED  
FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION  
NOTICE**

In response to a Councillor's query, it was clarified that it would not have been practical to introduce a six month trial because, in speed limit terms, this would be too short a timeframe to monitor and survey the effectiveness of the speed limit due to so many external environmental factors that affect driver behaviour.

In addition, it was clarified that no traffic calming will be installed as part of this scheme. The only signs that will be erected will be at the speed limit terminal points. The speed limit will also be enforced by carriageway roundels painted on the actual road.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR  
OFFICER CONSULTED**

N/A

**DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

N/A

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision: 17.12.13

**Councillor Weston – Portfolio Holder for Built Environment**



**Please fill in this short questionnaire**

- 1) Do you agree in principle with the 20mph speed limit proposals in Winchester City Centre? **Yes/No**
- 2) Do you agree with installing the proposed 20mph speed limit on the roads shown on the map? **Yes/No**
- 3) Do you think that reducing the speed limit to 20mph in the City Centre would:
- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| a) Make you feel safer?                 | <b>Yes/No</b> |
| b) Encourage you to walk or cycle more? | <b>Yes/No</b> |
| c) Improve the local environment?       | <b>Yes/No</b> |
- 4) Are you a:
- |                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Resident of Winchester      | <b>Yes/No</b> |
| Business/work in Winchester | <b>Yes/No</b> |
| Visitor to Winchester       | <b>Yes/No</b> |

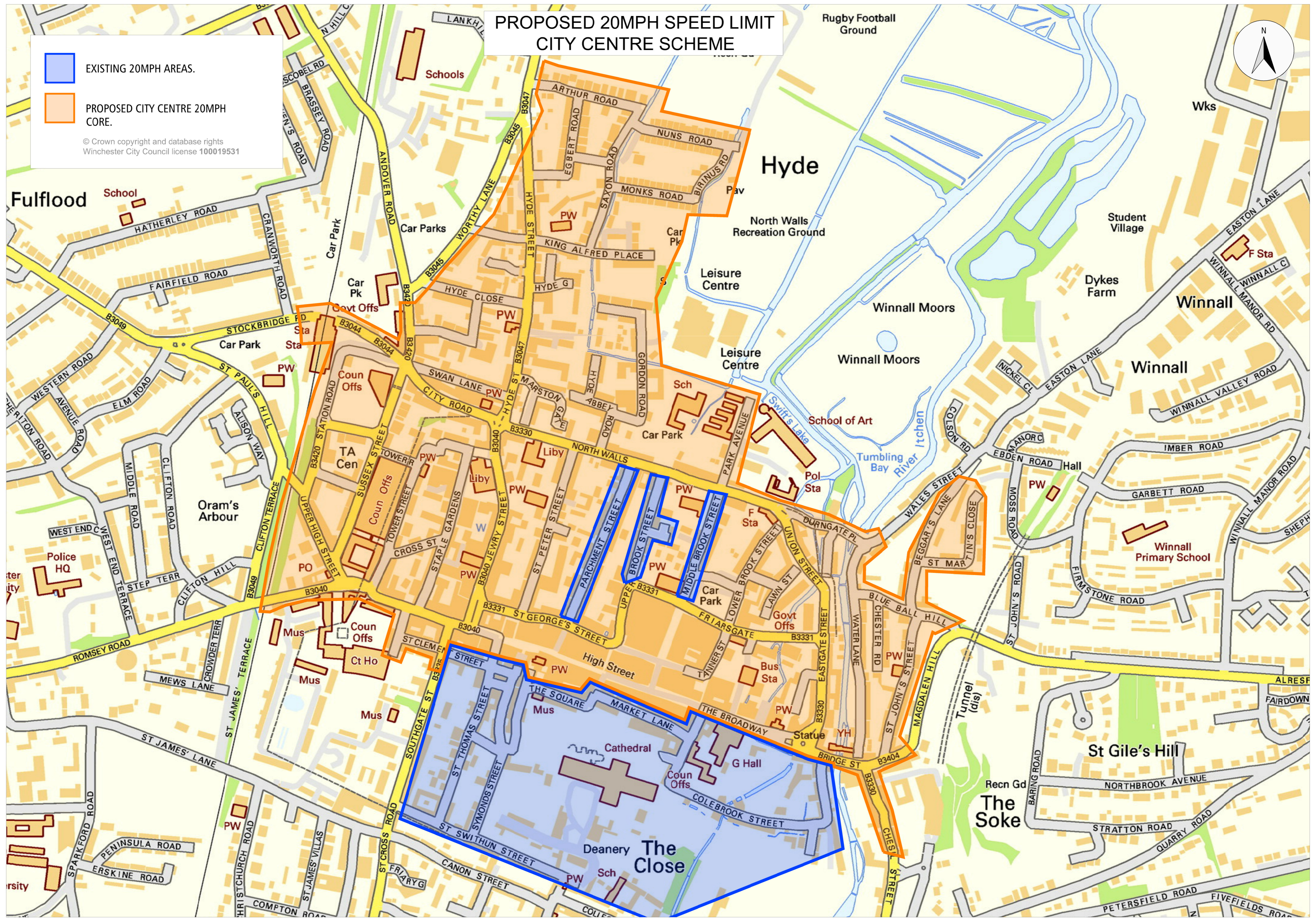
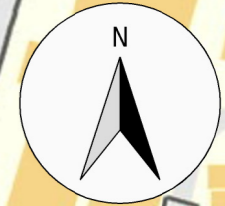
Thank you for your feedback



# PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT CITY CENTRE SCHEME

-  EXISTING 20MPH AREAS.
-  PROPOSED CITY CENTRE 20MPH CORE.

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20mph Manned Exhibition Comments

| Thursday 7th Nov 31 Visitors: 13 questionnaires completed |     |    |   |
|---|-----|----|---|
| 11am to 2pm   | YES | NO | COMMENTS  |
| QU 1  | 9   | 1  | In principle yes but as important is the residential areas<br>But not on Main routes such as Jewry St, North Walls, St Georges St when traffic is flowing - keep it moving  |
| QU 2  | 7   | 2  | Except for the main circulation North Walls, Eastgate, Friarsgate, St George's St<br>Disappointing the limit dos not star farther out, particularly to include all of Southgate St and Stockbridge Road to include St Paul's Hill<br>Little traffic in the area goes 20mph. It must be extended to include residential areas and in particular serving schools - 2 priorities: Cheriton Road and St Pauls Hill<br>Not on main thoroughfares - could do with more zones in residential areas eg around Peter Symonds College |
| QU 3 A  | 6   | 3  | Only if is accompanied by measures and improve the walking environment - wider pavements, tables a all junctions, reorganisation of parking in some streets to ensure it is not possible to do more than 20mph.   |
| QU 3 B  | 4   | 5  | This is long overdue it should include Stockbridge Road as well.  |
| QU 3 C  | 7   | 2  |   |
| QU 4 RES  | 9   |    |   |
| QU 4 BUS  | 5   |    |   |
| QU 4 VIS  |     | 5  |   |
| General Comments  |     |    | Wholly supportive in principle but to promote a comfortable and safe environment for pedestrians there must be investment in design & infrastructure. Start with a few key streets and have a programme of phased implementation.<br>Move boundary up Magdalen Hill to cut off junction with Blue Ball Hill.  |

| Tuesday 12th Nov 42 visitors: 10 questionnaires completed |     |    |   |
|---|-----|----|---|
| 4pm to 7pm  | YES | NO | COMMENTS  |
| QU 1  | 13  |    | Raise awareness to drivers  |
| QU 2  | 11  |    | Could be a bigger zone - Fulflood especially around the schools.<br>But join it up with Winnall & Highcliffe and think about extension to St Pauls.   |
| QU 3 A  | 12  |    | Unsure - my point is that people won't necessarily adhere to speed limits as they don't adhere to 30mph on Alresford Road.  |
| QU 3 B  | 8   |    | Crossing on Worthy Lane will still be difficult   |
| QU 3 C  | 12  |    |   |
| QU 4 RES  | 13  |    |   |
| QU 4 BUS  | 6   |    |   |
| QU 4 VIS  |     | 5  |   |
| General Comments  |     |    | Very important to improve the pedestrian crossings over North Walls between Parchment Street and Upper Brook St. Even a 20mph zone needs the crossings to be raised to create a speed bump.<br>We're specifically for improvements to North Walls which is very dangerous at present. We'd like to see the crossing near Brook Street be level with the pavement to accommodate to school children and ensure traffic slows along North Walls which is long and sloped and hard to control.<br>Abbotts Barton too please. |

Overall Questionnaire Answers

| Question | Yes | No | Total |
|----------|-----|----|-------|
| 1        | 22  | 1  | 23    |
| 2        | 18  | 2  | 20    |
| 3a       | 18  | 3  | 21    |
| 3b       | 12  | 5  | 17    |
| 3c       | 19  | 2  | 21    |
| 4a       | 22  |    | 22    |
| 4b       | 11  |    | 11    |
| 4c       | 0   | 10 | 10    |

73 Visitors; 23 Questionnaires completed.