

**Decisions of the Cabinet Member for Highways and  
Environment  
(Councillor D Hosell)**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 5pm  
at Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

**5/18 Previous Decisions**

The formal record of the decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 was confirmed.

**Business Matter**

**6/18 Objections arising from the advertising of the Borough Council of Sandwell (Hateley Heath, West Bromwich) (20mph zone) Order 2018.**

It was reported that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order in respect of the 20mph zone in Hateley Heath had been advertised between 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Initially 1,500 letters had been distributed to affected residents and businesses.

Following the initial consultation, ward members had requested some additional roads in Hateley Heath be included in the proposed 20mph zone. The Traffic Regulation Order proposal on the additional roads was advertised between 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 and 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and a further 800 letters had been distributed to affected residents and businesses.

A review of the accident records during the five-year period, December 2012 to December 2017, revealed that there had been 18 collisions resulting in 21 casualties including two fatalities. The majority of the accidents had been caused by poor observation and poor driver discipline. Alcohol had been a factor in one of the fatalities.

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Consequently, on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 the Director – Regeneration and Economy gave approval under delegated powers to the advertising of a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a 20mph zone on the roads in Hateley Heath, West Bromwich.

Three objections had been received to the proposed 20mph speed zone. The objectors stated that they felt there was no requirement for a 20mph speed limit in Hateley Heath.

West Midlands Police Road Harm Reduction Team had committed to enforcing the new 20mph zones in Sandwell should the works be implemented and the legal order sealed.

Highways Officers felt that the safety benefit of introducing the 20mph zones far outweighed the objector's concerns.

The estimated cost to bring the proposals into effect was £20,000. The scheme would be funded through the West Midlands Local Transport Plan Capital Allocation for 2018/19.

An Equality Impact Assessment was not required as the proposals concerned legal procedures which were non-discriminatory in nature.

### **Decision:-**

- (1) that no action be taken in relation to the objection to the Traffic Regulation Order in respect of the 20mph zone in Hateley Heath and the scheme be implemented as originally advertised;
- (2) that the Executive Director – Neighbourhoods be authorised to complete the necessary statutory procedures to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into effect;
- (3) that the Director – Monitoring Officer be authorised to seal the permanent order to bring the Traffic Regulation Order referred into effect;

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- (4) that the Executive Director – Neighbourhoods informs the objectors of the decision of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment.

(Meeting ended at 5.07pm)

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