

CABINET REPORT

REPORT OF: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - GROWTH & SUSTAINABILITY

TITLE: A629 Halifax Road in Penistone – Proposed

50mph Speed Limit.

REPORT TO:	CABINET
Date of Meeting	18 October 2023
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Environment and Highways
Key Decision	No
Public or Private	Public

Purpose of report

To consider one (1) objection received during Public Consultation of the proposal to introduce a 50mph speed limit on A629 Halifax Road.

Council Plan priority

The scheme supports the Council Plan Priory: Sustainable

Recommendations

That Cabinet: -

- 1 Agrees that the objection received be rejected for the reasons detailed in this report and the objector be informed accordingly.
- 2 Authorise the Head of Highways and Engineering and the Head of Legal Services to make and implement The Traffic Regulation Order to introduce 50mph speed limit on A629 Halifax Road as originally published.

1 INTRODUCTION

On the 24th of March 2023 the council published a proposal to introduce a 50mph speed limit on A629 Halifax Road. The proposal was authorised by the Head of Highways & Engineering via Officer delegated report dated 19th August 2022, a copy of which is attached at Appendix 1. This explains the proposal in detail and the reasons for their requirement.

During public consultation period, one (1) objection was received which has been considered and assessed. A summary of the objection received and the Traffic Officer's comments in response are set out in Appendix 2.

2 PROPOSAL

The purpose of this report is to consider the objection received and decide whether to accept the officer recommendation to implement the Speed Limit Order as originally advertised.

3 IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

3.1 Financial and Risk

A representative of the Director of finance (S151 OFFICER) has been consulted on the financial implication of this report.

The costs of implementing the TRO are estimated at £7,500 and are being wholly funded by the developer, therefore no cost to the Council.

3.2 Legal

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 provides the appropriate powers for the Council to make the proposed TRO and the Council is satisfied it is expedient to make the Order for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads and for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, and for facilitating the passage of traffic on the roads.

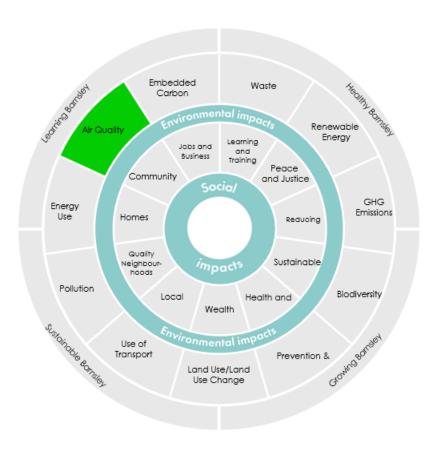
In determining the extents of the proposed restrictions, the Council has had due regard to the duty imposed on it to exercise the functions conferred on it by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 so as to secure the expeditious convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway (section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) and is satisfied the traffic restrictions proposed will achieve those objectives.

3.3 Equality

Full Equality Impact Assessment completed (see appendix 4)

3.4 Sustainability

Reduced traffic congestion has a positive effect of minimising risks of air pollution.



3.5 Employee

Existing employees in the Highways and Engineering Service have undertaken all design, consultation and will also be responsible for the implementation of the scheme. Head of Legal Services will undertake all legal work associated with the TRO. South Yorkshire Police have been consulted over the enforcement of the speed limit.

3.6 Communications

The objector will be informed of the Cabinet decision accordingly.

4. CONSULTATION

The Local Ward Members, Area Manager, Emergency services, and SYMCA have been consulted at publication stage and no objections have been received.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The planning consent was specific to investigating ways of managing vehicle speeds on the A629 Halifax Road. Alternative measures, including physical engineering features – traffic islands, a roundabout, road narrowing and raised surfacing were all considered to impact on vehicles speeds and traffic flows.

Considering the results of the speed surveys, reducing the speed limit was the most appropriate and proportionate option.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The grounds of the objection have been fully considered and assessed but they do not raise any issues that would warrant the proposed Speed Limit Order to be changed or abandoned.

The proposals are regarded as the best and most appropriate option to meet all the reported issues and address the complaints received.

7. GLOSSARY

Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – It is a legal document that restrict or prohibit the use of the highway network, in line with The Road Traffic Regulation Actv1984

Speed Limit Order (SLO)— is used to create speed limits on various roads and lengths of the road.

8. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Officer Delegated Report dated 19th of August 2022

Appendix 2 – Plan showing the proposed speed limit.

Appendix 3: Summary of Objections and Officers comments in response

Appendix 4: Equality Impact Assessment Report

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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9. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

10. **REPORT SIGN OFF**

Financial consultation & sign off	Senior Financial Services officer consulted and date
	Ashley Gray – Strategic Finance Business Partner 07/09/23
Legal consultation & sign off	Legal Services officer consulted and date
	Cheryl Redford 6 September 2023

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