

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION



REPORT OF:	Executive Member for Environmental Services
LEAD OFFICERS:	Strategic Director of Place Director of Place
DATE:	18th February 2021

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:	Growth and Development	Environmental Services
WARD/S AFFECTED:	Little Harwood and Whitebirk Livesey with Pleasington	

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to The Borough of Blackburn with Darwen (various roads in Blackburn with Darwen Borough) (speed limit)(consolidation) order 2019.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To inform the Executive Member for Growth and Development of the proposal to advertise an amendment to a Traffic Regulation Order as detailed below and seek approval to make it:-

Sandy Lane, Blackburn.....	30 mph restricted road
Sandy Lane, Long Lane, Woodcock Hill Road, Blackburn.....	40 mph speed restriction
Carl Fogarty Way, Blackburn.....	40 mph speed restriction
Red Lion Roundabout, Blackburn.....	40 mph speed restriction

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

Authorise the Director of HR, Legal and Corporate Services to advertise the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders as per the attached schedule.

Authorise the Director of HR, Legal and Corporate Services to then make the Traffic Regulation Order should no objections be made.

Note that any unresolved objections will be reported to a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

It is proposed to include new speed restrictions on the roads detailed in the schedule which will be added as an amendment to The Borough of Blackburn with Darwen (various roads in Blackburn with Darwen Borough) (speed limit)(consolidation) order 2019.

Sandy Lane, Long Lane and Woodcock Hill Road

This is to provide a step change from National Speed limit to 30/40 mph allowing for a more controlled speed reduction and improving road safety as vehicles enter and exit the village of Pleasington.

Carl Fogarty Way and Red Lion roundabout

Due to the presence of street lighting columns less than 200 yards apart, these roads would generally be restricted to a speed limit of 30 mph. The introduction of the proposed 40mph speed limit will be more suited to the environment and characteristics of the road. The increase in speed limit will deter

dangerous overtaking of any driver who is complying with the 30mph speed limit and thus make the highway safer for all road users.

The exact location of these changes to speed restrictions is described in the schedule – Appendix 1

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

No risks arising from this proposal have been identified. The proposal is of benefit to the social and economic well being of the Borough.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposal to make and revoke Traffic Regulation Orders requires delegated approval from the Executive Member for Growth and Development, the Executive Member for Environmental Services and Chief Officers. Traffic Regulation Orders are required to be published and advertised in accordance with The Traffic Orders Procedure (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of making and advertising this Traffic Regulation Order will be approximately £2000 and will be funded from the Traffic element of the Highway Maintenance budget.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The necessary legal powers to implement this scheme are within the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984. The advertising of the proposals will provide the public the opportunity to comment/object which will be considered appropriately by officers and if any objections cannot be agreed then they will be brought back for a decision by the Executive Member.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

10. CONSULTATIONS

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to object to or comment on the proposal following statutory advertising on the council's website.

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

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BACKGROUND PAPER:	Appendix 1 Schedule Appendix 2.1 and 2.2 Plans
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