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c.c. All Members of the Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee  
c.c. Sophie Wilmot – Place Directorate  
c.c. Perry Scott – Corporate Director of Place  
c.c. Ward Councillors for Ickenham and South Harefield

**Date:** 31 May 2023

**Non-Key Decision request**

**Form D**

**OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED 20MPH LIMIT ON GLEBE AVENUE AND SUSSEX ROAD, ICKENHAM**

Dear Cabinet Member

Attached is a report requesting that a decision be made by you as an individual Cabinet Member. Democratic Services confirm that this is not a key decision, as such, the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 notice period does not apply.

You should take a decision **on or after Thursday 08 June 2023** in order to meet Constitutional requirements about publication of decisions that are to be made. You may wish to discuss the report with the Corporate Director before it is made. Please indicate your decision on the duplicate memo supplied, and return it to me when you have made your decision. I will then arrange for the formal notice of decision to be published.

Ryan Dell  
Democratic Services Officer

**Title of Report:** Objections to Proposed 20mph Limit on Glebe Avenue and Sussex Road, Ickenham

**Decision made:**

**Reasons for your decision:** (e.g. as stated in report)

**Alternatives considered and rejected:** (e.g. as stated in report)

Signed ..... Date.....

*Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport*

# OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED 20MPH LIMIT ON GLEBE AVENUE AND SUSSEX ROAD, ICKENHAM

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Jonathan Bianco
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
<b>Officer Contact</b>	Sophie Wilmot – Place Directorate
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A – Plan of proposed scheme

## HEADLINES

<b>Summary</b>	This report details the outcome of the formal consultation undertaken with residents on a proposed 20mph Zone on Glebe Avenue and Sussex Road, Ickenham. The report details the objections received and sets out recommendations for the Cabinet Member to consider.
<b>Putting our Residents First</b>  <b>Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026</b>	This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: Be / feel safe from harm  This report supports our commitments to residents of: A Green and Sustainable Borough
<b>Financial Cost</b>	The total cost of the recommendations set out in the report is £5,000. This can be funded from the monies awarded to the Council from Transport for London to implement the Boroughs Local Implementation Plan.
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee.
<b>Relevant Ward</b>	Ickenham and South Harefield.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport:**

- 1) Considers the objections and letters of support to the installation of a 20mph zone on Glebe Avenue and Sussex Road, as detailed within the body of the report;**
- 2) In consideration of the benefit to the road safety of those travelling to and from the local schools and Ickenham Station, instructs officers to proceed with the implementation of the restriction as set out;**

- 3) **Reviews the requests received from residents to include surrounding roads within the 20mph zone and asked officers to consider proposals and report back; and**
- 4) **Instructs officers to review the impact of the restrictions at an appropriate time following implementation, and report back.**

### **Reasons for recommendations**

The recommendations set out in this report allow for the scheme to be progressed to benefit road safety for those travelling to and from the large primary school in the area and Ickenham Station which offers step free access. The introduction of a 20mph will make access into and out of the new disabled car park safer for users.

### **Alternative options considered/ risk management**

The Cabinet Member may decide not to proceed with the 20mph zone introduction as this time, however this may have an impact upon the delivery of the new car park at Ickenham Station.

### **Select Committee comments**

None at this stage.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **Introduction**

1. Officers have been working with Transport for London to bring forward a disabled car park at Ickenham Station to compliment the step free access at the station. In order to make the area safer for all, a proposal was put together for the implementation of 20mph zone on Glebe Avenue which covers Ickenham Station and Sussex Road covering Glebe Primary School.

### **Formal consultation**

2. Formal consultation was undertaken, and the Council received nine objections to the proposed 20mph zones on Glebe Avenue and Sussex Road. Set against the objections, a total of ten responses were received in support of the proposals.
3. There is an existing 20mph speed limit Glebe Avenue directly outside Ickenham Station only – other sections of Glebe Avenue and Sussex Road are subject to a 30mph speed limit as denoted by the presence of streetlights. It is proposed that the zones would be implemented with a mixture of signage, road markings and red surfacing. A plan of the proposals are provided in Appendix A.
4. A summary of the objections received are summarised below:
  - *‘Unless there is some form of policing this new limit, it is not going to work. The two speed bumps in Glebe Avenue have been totally ignored as they are not steep enough to slow even vehicles with a low ground clearance. The thirty limit is totally*

*ignored throughout the estate, so I cannot see the twenty limit will be effective. It is going to take a few speeding tickets to encourage drivers to stick to the limit.'*

- *'As a resident of Austin's Lane, I can categorically specify that speeding is an issue on Austin's Lane. Implementing a 20mph zone on some but not all road will force more parents in a rush to dash down Austin's Lane exacerbating the situation and the risk to those walking down Austin's Lane. Speed humps bring issues for residents around noise of people slowing down and accelerating so I would not support their placement, but I wonder how it is going to be enforced.'*
- *'Although, I welcome any scheme to make the area safer I doubt very much it will have much effect as I do not see how it will be enforced. I believe the Council should invest their time enforcing current restrictions rather than introducing more, which, at the moment, will not be adhered to.'*
- *'I feel that the scheme will add no safety value and will not be followed by drivers. With no policing of the scheme with camera - is there a point to it? All the extra signage would be a complete waste of taxpayers' money in these dire economic times and there would be no real change in behaviour. Working towards making the bridge safer for pedestrian would be a better use of resources.'*
- *'I am not inclined to support the proposal. I would urge that the proposal be shelved, or that it be rolled out to the entire Glebe Estate at all times of day.'*
- *'I object to the scheme as signs will ruin the view from my house.'*
- *'I do not feel a need for a 20mph speed limit down Glebe Avenue, cars do not speed. There is sufficient width from pavement grass area to the road and pedestrians are well protected. There have not been any accidents, people do drive carefully already.'*
- *'If Mr Khan has his way no-one will be driving anywhere.'*
- *'This is purely aimed at residents who live in the area and nothing is being done to the parents attending the schools who are creating their own problems and blaming residents.'*

5. As stated above, letters of support for the scheme where provided; a summary of comments received are provided below:

- *'I think it would be best to include the whole estate particularly Austin's Lane and Burnham Avenue. Covering just Glebe Avenue and Sussex Road makes no sense as cars tend to do a loop using Glebe Avenue, Sussex Road and Burnham Avenue.'*
- *'We are not against this in principle but cannot see why it is not being considered for Burnham Avenue too. Additionally, we cannot see the reason behind the whole of Sussex Road being included. Why not make the whole estate 20mph? Due to severe congestion on all roads at school drop off and pick up we thin a one-way system should operate too.'*
- *'I hope that the proposed 20mph zones in Glebe Avenue and Sussex Road will have a traffic calming / safety effect for Glebe School. However, as a local resident, it is apparent that the neighbouring road: Burnham Avenue and Milverton Drive are sometimes used as 'high speed circuit rat-runs' during school collection and drop off times. Therefore, for safety reasons it would be helpful to add Burnham Avenue and Milverton Drive to the 20mph zones.'*
- *'Thank you for proposing action on vehicle speeds on the Glebe estate in Ickenham. We are very much of the view that the whole estate should be covered by a 20mph*

*limit. Furthermore, incredibly, we are increasingly seeing rat-running via Glebe Avenue and Austin's Lane, because of traffic congestion around the pump junction.'*

- 'We applaud and support the proposal particularly its aim to improve road safety especially during school drop off and pick up times. However, Burnham Avenue and Milverton Drive should also be included as they are used at drop off and pick up times. However, the scheme will only achieve its aim if there is some way in which the 20mph can be enforced. Relying solely on drivers good sense, which is laudable, may not be sufficient to achieve the scheme's aims.'*
- 'I write in support of the long overdue above proposal which means our children will now be safe from flying automobiles in the area. I myself witnessed many drivers speeding above 40mph in the area. May I also suggest consideration of installing speed cameras particularly around the Ickenham Station narrow road. By way of support of the proposal I will be willing to contribute towards the cost of the said camera.'*
- 'I have no objection to the to the proposal. However I strongly feel that this should be introduced to the whole Glebe Estate especially Austin's Lane.'*
- 'I support the proposal, but I feel it does not go far enough. It should have also included Milverton Drive and Burnham Avenue.'*
- 'I just wanted to thank you for planning to have a 20 mile an hour speed limit on Glebe Avenue, Ickenham, 9 years after I requested it after my neighbour was knocked down.'*
- 'Finally, some safety procedures are going to be put in place, thank you.'*

6. As can be seen by the summary above, residents are broadly in support of the extension of the introduction 20mph zones on Glebe Avenue and Sussex Road, however the majority of people felt on balance that ideally the measures should be extended to other roads within the area. The feedback also highlighted concerns about enforcement, particularly the call for speed enforcement cameras. As the Cabinet Member will know the installation of said cameras is not under the control of the Borough. If agreed with the Cabinet Member, it is proposed that initially new zones would be extended, with signs and lines only, supported by the Safer Neighbourhood Police and at an appropriate time following implementation of the scheme, traffic surveys would be undertaken to assess the impact and the outcome of these will be reported back to the Cabinet Member.

7. Additionally, should the Cabinet Member be minded, officers could be instructed to investigate expansion of the 20mph zones to other roads within the estate and report back. Following a petition, initial investigations have begun on speeds along Austin's Lane, Ickenham with recent surveys undertaken demonstrating an average 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 32mph.

## **Recommendation**

8. The Cabinet Member has previously stated that whilst he has concerns at the merit of wider 20mph zones, he is more amenable to the concept of tailored schemes which benefit schools and other places where congregations of pedestrian movements are higher. Given the benefit to improved localised road safety for residents of the area, particularly those travelling to the station and the primary school, it is recommended that, following his consideration of the objections above, that the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport be asked to approve the implementation of the 20mph zones on Glebe Avenue and Sussex Road. extension of the 20mph zone on Fore Street, Northwood. In

addition, given the feedback asking for further roads to be include, the Cabinet Member may be minded to instruct officers to review further roads and report back. In order to address concerns about enforcement of the restrictions with physical measures to reduce speed, the Cabinet Member may be minded to instruct officers to undertake appropriate surveys following implementation and report back to him.

### **Financial Implications**

The total cost of the recommendations to implement the 20mph zone on Fore Street, Northwood is estimated at £5,000. Should the objection report be approved, an appropriate funding source would need to be identified and released via the Capital Release process.

## **RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION**

### **The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities**

To allow the Cabinet Member an opportunity to consider in detail issues raised by residents and approve a scheme that will improve safety in the area and allow a disabled car park to be brought forward at Ickenham Station to improve access to public transport by those with mobility difficulties.

### **Consultation carried out or required**

None at this stage.

## **CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed the report and concurs with the financial implications set out above noting that the proposed costs associated with the extension of the 20mph zone on Fore Street, Northwood are to be funded from the 2022/23 TfL Grant LIP Allocation.

### **Legal**

Legal Services confirm that there are no legal impediments to the Cabinet Member agreeing the recommendations set out in the report. Whenever necessary legal advice is given in relation to specific issues as they arise to ensure that the Council always meets its legal obligations.

### **Infrastructure/ Asset Management**

None at this stage.

### **Comments from other relevant service areas**

None at this stage.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NIL.

# APPENDIX A - PLAN OF THE PROPOSALS

