

PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (NORTH WEST AREA) (DERESTRICTION AND 20MPH SPEED LIMIT) (NO 10) ORDER 2007

Notice is hereby given that the Portsmouth City Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. The effect will be as follows:

A) PROPOSED DERESTRICTION AND REDUCTION IN SPEED LIMIT FROM 30MPH TO 20MPH

Abbeydore Road	Coltsmead	Jura Close
Almondsbury Road	Connaught Lane	
Arran Close	Coverack Way	Keats Avenue
Ashford Close	Credenhill Road	Kelsey Head
Austin Court	Cromer Road	Kenchester Close
		Kingscote Road
Beach Drive	Deal Road	Kingsland Close
Beverston Road	Deerhurst Crescent	Kintyre Road
Birdlip Road	Dellfield Close	
Blakemere Crescent	Dormington Road	Ledbury Road
Bodmin Road	Dorstone Road	Leominster Road
Boston Road	Dryden Avenue	Lime Grove
Braintree Road	Dursley Crescent	Lock View
Bredenbury Crescent		Lowestoft Road
Bridges Avenue	Edwards Close	Ludlow Road
Bromyard Crescent	Elgar Close	Lydney Close
Browning Avenue	Elkstone Road	
Bryher Bridge		Mablethorpe Road
Bryher Island	Fairfield Square	Macaulay Avenue
Bude Close	Falmouth Road	Maidstone Crescent
Butterfly drive	Farmlea Road	Maldon Road
	Fitzpatrick Court	Masefield Avenue
Cadgwith Place		Meadowsweet Way
Camcross Close	Hadleigh Road	Mortimer Road
Carbis Place	Harleston Road	Mousehole Road
Carlton Road	Harwich Road	Mullion Close
Carne Place	Hatherley Road	
Cavell Drive	Helston Road	Nailsworth Road
Chalkpit Road	Hempstead Road	Neelands Grove
Chaucer Avenue	Hillside Crescent	Newbolt Road
Chedworth Crescent	Hillsley Road	Newlyn Way
Cheltenham Road	Hockley Close	Norwich Road
Cinderford Close	Holywell Drive	
Clacton Road	Hopkins Close	Orkney Road
Cleeve Close	Huntley Close	
Colchester Road	Hythe Road	Painswick Close
Coleridge Road		Pamela Avenue
Colesbourne Road	Islay Gardens	Parry Close
Collington Crescent		Pendennis Road

Petersborough Road	Sheringham Road	Tunstall Road
	Shetland Close	
Rapson Close	Shorehaven	Walford Road
Raymond Road	Skye Close	Walsingham Close
Ridgeway Close	Stratton Close	Washbrook Road
Rochford Road	Stroud Close	Watersedge Road
Rockrose Way	Sudbury Road	Westbury Close
Rothwell Close	Sullivan Close	Westerham Close
Rowland Road	Sundridge Close	Whitstable Road
Rydal Close		Willersley Close
	Tankerton Close	Winchcombe Road
Sedgefield Close	Tarleton Road	Winterbourne Road
Sennen Place	Tewkesbury Close	Withington Close
Service Road	The Edge	Wooffverton Road
Sevenoaks Road	Tintagel Way	Wordsworth Avenue
Severn Close	Tintern Close	Wymering Lane
Shelley Avenue	Truro Road	

B) CITY COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER

It has been proved that the speed at which vehicles travel is directly related to the severity of injuries sustained by casualties resulting from a road traffic accident. For this reason it is considered essential that vehicles travelling through the congested narrow residential roads within the City should be restricted to 20mph. This speed is appropriate for the type and nature of these roads and would improve road safety for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly for children and other vulnerable road users.

A copy of the draft Order, a poster to view, plus leaflets, are available at the Information Desk, Ground Floor, Civic Offices, Portsmouth during normal office hours. A copy of this notice is available from the city council website at <http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/8403.html> and a poster / leaflets are also available in Community Centres, Health Centres, Libraries and Schools in the affected area.

Persons wishing either to object to or support these proposals may do so by sending their representations **in writing** to Margaret O'Neill, Directorate of Environment and Transport, Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Portsmouth, PO1 2AS or via email to engineers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk quoting ref: **MON/TWM/1148/3/07TRO10** by the **22nd June 2007** stating the grounds of objection/support. Orders covering residential roads in the south west and central east areas of the city are also currently on consultation (see the same sources of information as above for further details).

A dedicated telephone number for callers to leave a **voice mail message** for queries has been set up on **(023) 9268 8655**. Officers will endeavour to get back to callers' queries within 2 workings days.

Under the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, any letters of representation, which are received, may be open to inspection by members of the public.

Charles Stunell
Head of Transport and Street Management

Dated: 1st June 2007

Proposed 20mph speed limits – frequently asked questions

- *Why my area?*
- The City has been divided into six sectors of residential areas bounded by the classified road network.
The 20mph speed limit is to be proposed / introduced as shown below, with the final three on consultation until the dates shown:

Sector	Year of Introduction	Consultation Until
South East	2006/07	closed
Central West	2006/07	closed
North East	2006/07	closed
South West	2007/08	20 th June 2007
Central East	2007/08	21 st June 2007
North West	2007/08	22nd June 2007

This programme was prepared after considering the number of road casualties in an area, Traffic Management and Safety Schemes already identified in the current work programme, and concerns / requests for lower speeds made by residents.

- *Why not my area?*
- The programme is designed to reduce speeds and create a culture where driving too fast in residential areas is seen as anti-social. The 20mph speed limit is only suitable for roads where there is dense housing and which do not form part of the trunk road network. In some cases roads which are either very short or cul-de-sacs have not been included. This is because existing speeds are already slow and to include them in the 20mph limit would mean putting up unnecessary signs, which would add to unnecessary street clutter. Speeds in these roads will be monitored to ensure they stay low, and if necessary they can be included at a later date.
- *What are the environmental impacts?*
- The impact of the 20mph speed limit on the environment is likely to be neutral as the roads included in the scheme are those which have been found to already have low average speeds. Therefore, reducing the speeds by 2 or 3 mph will have a minimal affect on air quality.
- *Will there be humps and bumps?*
- Where the **speed limit** is lowered to 20mph, as opposed to creating a **20mph zone**, we are allowed to control speeds by signs alone. To do this it is necessary that the average existing speeds are 24mph or less. Speed surveys have been carried out in a representational sample of roads and only roads which fit this requirement are included in the scheme. If roads do not comply then separate consultation will be carried out at a later date to find out if residents want road humps.
- *Will it be enforced and who will do it?*
- The speed limit will only be lowered where the existing speeds are 24mph or less. It has been found elsewhere that by reducing the speed limit alone with repeater signs as a reminder the average speeds are reduced by 3-4mph. For this reason it is not expected that extensive enforcement will be needed. However, if we find that there are specific and persistent non-compliance issues in some of the roads then the Police will make spot checks and issue speeding fines to offenders.

- *Will any parking be lost?*
- Parking will not be affected by the scheme

- *Will it make any difference to safety?*
- Yes, the speeds at which vehicles travel is directly linked to the severity of injuries sustained in the event of an accident. A pedestrian, if struck by a vehicle driving at 20mph, is likely to suffer slight injuries. At 30mph they would be severely hurt and at 40mph or above are likely to be killed. Reducing the speed limit to 20mph will have a direct impact on pedestrian safety and is one of the principal reasons for introducing the scheme throughout the city.

- *Will the City become full of 20mph signs?*
- Signs are necessary to alert drivers that they are entering a 20mph area. This will be done using special signs at the junctions where the speed limit changes. It is also necessary to remind drivers of the speed limit and this will be done by erecting small (300mm) diameter repeater signs at regular intervals. The repeater signs will be erected on existing lamp posts unless it is absolutely impossible to do so, thereby minimising street clutter while at the same time keeping drivers informed.

- *What if I don't want it?*
- If you are opposed to the draft Traffic Regulation Order to change the speed limit in your area to 20mph you are entitled to comment **in writing** to Margaret O'Neill, Directorate of Environment and Transport, Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Portsmouth, PO1 2AS or via email to engineers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk quoting ref: **MON/TWM/1148/3/07TRO10** by **22nd June 2007** stating the grounds of objection / support.

- If you have a query you can leave a **voice mail message** at **(023) 9268 8655**. We will try to get back to you in two working days.

- Your objection will then be reported to the Executive Member for Environment and Transportation at his next available decision making meeting.

- *When will my road be done?*
- If your road has been included in the programme then the speed limit will change either this or next year.

- *Will speed cameras be installed?*
- No, speed cameras are not permitted to be used to enforce a new speed limit.

- *Will it be permanent?*
- It is intended that the new speed limit will be permanent, although thorough monitoring of its effectiveness will be carried out and if necessary further measures introduced to ensure compliance.

- *Does 20mph also apply to cyclists?*
- The speed limit applies to all road users including cyclists.

- *30mph is not dangerous driving. Won't lowering the speed limit cause delays to motorists?*

- The nature of the City's residential roads is that due to their narrowness and dense parking it is neither safe nor appropriate for vehicles to travel at speeds greater than 20mph. This is borne out by the speed surveys, carried out prior to introducing the schemes, which show that in almost all cases the existing average speed is in the range of 18-24mph on the chosen roads.
- *Isn't this just a waste of Council Tax?*
- This scheme is funded by the Government.
- *Do all associated signs need to be illuminated?*
- The speed limit signs at the junctions off principal or trunk roads are not required to be lit if they are less than 50metres from a street light.
- *What has the reaction been to those areas that are already 20mph?*
- To date the reaction from residents of areas where 20mph speed limit is in place has been overwhelmingly in favour.