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TRAFFORD COUNCIL

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Consideration of a Petition containing more than 500 signatures

Petition - A 20mph Zone for Safer Streets in North Altrincham

Petition organiser, Mrs. Stanker introduced the following petition containing 513 signatures, which had been presented to the Council:

“We the undersigned petition the Council to create a 20mph zone, comprising all the residential streets north of Altrincham Town Centre, between the Bridgewater Canal, A56 and the railway (including Bridgewater Road, Brunswick Road, Navigation Road, Grosvenor Road, Gaskell Road, Hazel Road and Sandiway Road, and the roads off them). Install warning signs asking vehicles to slow down, where children are likely to be crossing or playing.”

Addressing the Council, the lead petitioner explained that her decision to put forward a petition for a 20mph zones was to improve the safety for children walking around and playing in the streets. Mrs. Stanker identified dangerous blind spots in the area and considered poor highway visibility was made worse in winter months due to the lower reduced street lighting in the area. New developments locally and the increased entries to schools were adding to the volume of traffic.

Councillor Adshead the Executive Member for Environment and Regulatory Services and Councillors Morgan, Brophy and Welton responded to the petition on behalf of the political parties and made the following points:

Councillor Adshead: As mentioned by Mrs. Stanker, the Executive had approved a process and criteria for considering requests for 20mph zones and streets in June 2021 under which the request will be considered. Any schemes or proposals would be assessed as part of future capital bids and importantly issues of safety, particularly around schools, were to be prioritised.

Councillor Morgan: Supported implementation of the petition proposals as soon as feasible and considered it an example of where 20mph zones should be introduced since it had defined boundaries, was an entirely residential area and there was also a popular primary school with large numbers of children walking to and from school each day.

Councillor Brophy: Welcomed the petition and expressed support for 20mph zones in general on the grounds of safety and environmental benefits.

Councillor Welton: Supported the petition and spoke in favour of 20mph zones for all residential roads.

Following the discussion the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Hynes thanked Mrs. Stanker and the residents for bringing the petition to Council and summarised the action the Council planned to take.

The Deputy Leader welcomed the suggestions made and considered that now, with the introduction of a policy, the Council was being bold in its approach to 20mph zones. The petition's proposals would now be considered in line with the Council's agreed policy and any proposals put forward for inclusion in the capital programme.