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Dear Owner/Occupier

RE: Nottingham City Centre Area 20mph Speed Limit Proposals TMSP1051

Nottingham City Council is proposing to introduce a 20mph speed limit in the city centre.

As part of the city's plan for its Covid-19 recovery, we want to grow back greener. That includes doing whatever we can to make it easier for people to travel sustainably, such as walking or cycling, whether that be for their whole journey, or just the last part.

International research, available by searching online, shows reducing speed limits even from 30mph to 20mph has a positive impact on road safety. In 2015, we introduced 20mph limits in almost all our residential areas, creating lower speed neighbourhoods, which are more pleasant and safer for all road users. In fact, 70 per cent of roads in the city already have 20mph limits, and we want to spread those benefits further.

Reducing traffic speeds on all city centre roads would create a safer environment for everyone – motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians – support a greener Covid recovery and contribute to a more attractive city centre environment. Some of the potential benefits are;

- Safer and easier for people to walk and cycle into and around the city centre
- Improving public health through increased active travel
- Less air pollution from traffic fumes
- Safer road junctions
- Reduced traffic noise
- Smoother traffic flow with less stopping and starting
- Potential reduction in the number and severity of accidents

An engagement questionnaire seeking public opinion on the proposals was made available on the council website in March and April during which we received over 400 responses. Of those responses 71% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the proposals would make it easier for people to walk and cycle around the city centre and 61% of respondent thought the proposals would make the city centre better. We also consulted with our formal consultees including the emergency services and public transport operators.

Following the feedback received during the engagement period we have excluded several main roads from the scheme which we are proposing will retain a 30mph speed limit, these roads are shown in yellow on the enclosed plan. We are also proposing to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on the section of Manvers Street between its junction with City Link and its junction with Daleside Road. All other roads are proposed to be reduced to 20mph– please see the map (Drawing Number TMSP1051/CC20/SC) overleaf for the roads that would be affected within the red boundary line.



This proposal is one of several schemes funded using a grant from the Government's Active Travel Fund, which aims to make roadspace more pedestrian and cycle-friendly as part of a green recovery from Covid-19.

The scheme is intended to be enforced through signing and lining which will notify drivers that they are in a 20mph area and will not include the provision of traffic calming (speed bumps), or any other engineering or enforcement methods. Nottinghamshire Police will continue to enforce all speed limits within the city on a case by case basis. More information on 20mph speed limit proposals for Nottingham city centre can be found on our website, including information on frequently asked questions.

Before progressing with these proposals, and in accordance with statutory procedures and policies, we now wish to consider your views regarding the matter. Creating an area-wide 20mph speed limit for the city centre will only be a success with the support of the community and therefore we would like to hear your views to help us shape any future scheme. Whilst it may not be possible to agree to all your suggestions, they will be incorporated into the proposals whenever appropriate and economically feasible.

Any comments or objections to the proposals can be sent either by letter or email and should be received by 27th September 2021.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us using the details below.

Yours faithfully,

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