

ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL (20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) (VARIOUS ROADS IN KIRKWALL) ORDER 2025

COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE ORDER

The Council proposes to introduce three traffic orders which will create a twenty miles per hour speed limit on various sections of roads in Kirkwall, Orkney.

The reasons for proposing to make the orders are given below.

- The Road Safety Framework 2030 supports The Scottish Government's commitment to make streets feel safer and encourage walking, wheeling and cycling by implementing 20 mph speed limits where it is appropriate to do so.
- The Council undertook an assessment, which was submitted to Transport Scotland in March 2023, of all urban roads to identify those 30 mph roads on the network which are appropriate for a speed limit of 20 mph.
- On 10 September 2024, the Development and Infrastructure Committee recommended to the Council:
 - i. That the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure be authorised to procure an external consultant, funded by Transport Scotland, to carry out a public engagement exercise in respect of the proposal to progress with the introduction of 20 mph speed limits on various roads across Orkney and prepare temporary traffic regulation orders.
 - ii. That the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure should submit a report, to the Development and Infrastructure Committee, detailing the outcome of the public engagement exercise and prior to the introduction of temporary traffic regulation orders.
- At its meeting on 4th February 2025, the Development and Infrastructure Committee resolved that the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure should undertake the statutory consultation process in respect of

the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits on various sections of road throughout Orkney.

- The introduction of lower speed limits will improve road safety for pedestrians, cyclists, walkers and all other road users for all of the roads specified within the orders.

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Hayley Green

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30 June 2025