Title of report: PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT - PHASE 6

Reason for exemption (if any) – N/A

Decision maker
Councillor Martin Whelton, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing

Date of Decision
13 March 2020

Date report made available to decision maker
13 March 2020

Decision

Having considered the recommendations and the representations to the consultation, I agree to the making of the TMO and the implementation of the proposed measures.

I agree not to hold a public inquiry on the consultation process.

Reason for decision
1) Implementing a manifesto pledge from the majority Labour group on Merton Council to introduce a borough-wide 20mph.
2) Introducing a 20 mph will complete the rollout throughout Merton and encourage drivers to travel at a consistently lower speed which will help improve road safety and help prevent injuries and fatalities.
3) Support shown by Merton residents for the implementation of a 20mph zone to help make our roads safer.
4) The borough limit will work alongside neighbouring borough’s 20mph speed limits. This is expected to bring about a cultural change so that it is socially unacceptable to drive over 20mph in London

Alternative options considered and why rejected
Do Nothing. This, however, would be contrary to the Council’s commitment to road safety and this area would be the only area in the borough excluded from the borough wide 20mph speed limit.

Documents relied on in addition to officer report
ROSPA road safety factsheet on 20mph zones and speed limits

Declarations of Interest
None

Cllr Martin Whelton
Cabinet member for regeneration, housing and transport
13 March, 2020