

**NON-KEY DECISION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

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**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