

PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

THE PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL (SOUTH WEST AREA) (DERESTRICTION AND 20MPH SPEED LIMIT) (NO 03) ORDER 2007

Notice is hereby given that the Portsmouth City Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. The effect will be as follows:

A) PROPOSED DERESTRICTION AND REDUCTION IN SPEED LIMIT FROM 30MPH TO 20MPH

Albany Road	Camber Quay	Dugald Drummond Street
Albert Grove	Captains Row	Duncan Road
Alderwell Street	Carlisle Road	Dunsmore Close
Alec Rose Lane	Castle Close	
Alexandra Road	Castle Road	Earlsdon Street
April Square	Cavendish Road	East Street
Arundel Street	Cecil Grove	Eastern Villas Road
Ashburton Road	Cecil Place	Eldon Street
Astley Street	Central Street	Elm Street
Auckland Road East	Chadderton Gardens	Elphinstone Road
Auckland Road west	Chapel Street, Southsea	Exchange Road
Australia Close	Charles Dickens Street	Exmouth Road
	Charles Street	
Baileys Road	Chelsea Road	Farthing Lane
Bath Square	Chester Place	Flint Street
Bathing Lane	Chivers Close	Florence Road
Battery Row	Church Path North	Fontwell Road
Beach Road	Church Road	Forbury Road
Beaufort Road	Clarendon Place	Foster Road
Bedford Street	Clarendon Street	Fraiser Road
Belmont Place	Clifton Street	French Street
Belmont Street	Coburg Street	Friary Close
Berkshire Close	Collingwood Road	Froddington Road
Blackfriars Close	Colpoy Street	Furness Road
Blackfriars Road	Commercial Place	
Blount Road	Common Street	Garnier Street
Boarhunt Close	Copper Street	Gloucester View
Boulton Road	Cottage Grove	Gold Street
Brandon Road	Cowber Road	Goodwood Road
Broad Street	Crabbe Court	Grand Parade
Broughan Road	Crasswell Street	Great Southsea Street
Buckingham Place	Cross Street, Somerstown	Green Road
Buckingham Street	Crown Street	Greetham Street
Burgoyne Road		Grosvenor Street
Buriton Street	Dartmouth Muse	Grove Road North
Bush Street East	Denning Muse	Grove Road South
Bush Street West	Diamond Street	Guildhall Walk
	Dorothy Dymond Street	
Camber Place	Drummond Road	Hale Street North

Hale Street South	Milverton Close	Selbourne Terrace
Halfpenny Lane	Montgomerie Road	Serpentine Road
Hambrook Street	Murefield Road	Settlers Close
Hamilton Road, Southsea		Shaftsbury Road
Hendy Close	Napier Road	Shirley Road
Hereford Road	Nelson Road, Southsea	Sliver Street
High Street, Old	Netley Road	Slingsby Close
Portsmouth	Netley Terrace	Somers Road
Highbury Street	Nickel Street	Somers Road North
Hillborough Crescent	Nightingale Road	Somerset Road
Hudson Road	Nobbs Lane	Spring Gardens
Hyde Park Road	Norfolk Street	St Andrews Road,
Hyde Street	Northam Street	Southsea
	Nutfield Place	St Catherines Street
Inglis Road		St Davids Road
Isambard Brunel Road	Ockendon Close	St Edwards Road
	Omega Street	St Faiths Road
Jacobs Street	Onslow Road	St James's Road
	Ormsby Road	St Nicholas Street
Kenilworth Road	Oyster Street	St Pauls Road
Kent Road		St Pauls Square
King Albert Street	Pains Road	St Peters Grove
King Henry I Street	Paradise Street	St Simons Road
King Street	Park Street	St Thomas's Street
Kirkstall Road	Peacock Lane	St Ursula Grove
	Pelam Road	St Vincent Road
Landport Street, Landport	Pembroke Close	St Vincent Street
Landport Street, Southsea	Penny Street	Stafford Road
Lansdowne Street	Playfair Road	Stamford Street
Lennox Road South	Plymouth Street	Stanley Lane
Lennox Road North	Port Royal Street	Stanley Street
Little Coburg Street	Portland Road	Steel Street
Little Hambrook Street	Poynings Place	Stone Street
Little Southsea Street		Sussex Place
Lombard Street	Queens Crescent	Sussex Road
Lords Street	Queens Grove	
Lowcay Road	Queens Place	Taswell Road
Lower Church Path	Queens Way	Temple Street
Lower Forbury Road	Quinton Close	The Mary Rose Street
Lucknow Street		The Retreat
	Radnor Street	The Thicket
Malvern Road	Raglan Street	The Vale
Maple Road	Regent Place	Timpson Road
Margate Road	Richmond Place,	Tonbridge Street
Marmion Avenue	Southsea	Tottenham Road
Marmion Road	Richmond Road	Tower Alley
Maxstoke Close	Rivers Street	Tower Street
Meadow Street	Rugby Road	Trimmers Court
Melbourne Place		Tyseley Road
Merriden Road	Sackville Street	
Merton Road	Seagers Court	Union Place
Middle Street	Sedgley Close	Upper Arundel Street

Upper Church Path	West Street	Windsor Lane
	White Hart Road	Wisborough Road
Victoria Grove	White Swan Road	Woodpath
Villiers Road	Wilberforce Road	Woodville Drive
Vivash Road	Wilson Grove	Worsley Road
	Wilton Place	Worthing Road
Waltham Street	Wilton Terrace	
Warblington Street	Wiltshire Street	Yarborough Road
Warwick Crescent	Wimbledon Park Road	Yorke Street
Wellington Street	Wimpole Street	

B) CITY COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER

It has been proved that the speed at which vehicles travel is directly related to the severity of injuries sustained by casualties resulting from a road traffic accident. For this reason it is considered essential that vehicles travelling through the congested narrow residential roads within the City should be restricted to 20mph. This speed is appropriate for the type and nature of these roads and would improve road safety for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly for children and other vulnerable road users.

A copy of the draft Order, a poster to view, plus leaflets, are available at the Information Desk, Ground Floor, Civic Offices, Portsmouth during normal office hours. A copy of this notice is available from the city council website at <http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/8403.html> and a poster / leaflets are also available in Community Centres, Health Centres, Libraries and Schools in the affected area.

Persons wishing either to object to or support these proposals may do so by sending their representations **in writing** to Margaret O'Neill, Directorate of Environment and Transport, Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Portsmouth, PO1 2AS or via email to engineers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk quoting ref: **MON/TWM/1148/3/07TRO03** by the **20th June 2007** stating the grounds of objection/support. Orders covering residential roads in the central east and north west areas of the city are also currently on consultation (see the same sources of information as above for further details).

A dedicated telephone number for callers to leave a **voice mail message** for queries has been set up on **(023) 9268 8655**. Officers will endeavour to get back to callers' queries within 2 workings days.

Under the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, any letters of representation, which are received, may be open to inspection by members of the public.

Charles Stunell
Head of Transport and Street Management

Dated: 30th May 2007

Proposed 20mph speed limits – frequently asked questions

- *Why my area?*
- The City has been divided into six sectors of residential areas bounded by the classified road network.
The 20mph speed limit is to be proposed / introduced as shown below, with the final three on consultation until the dates shown:

Sector	Year of Introduction	Consultation Until
South East	2006/07	closed
Central West	2006/07	closed
North East	2006/07	closed
South West	2007/08	20th June 2007
Central East	2007/08	21 st June 2007
North West	2007/08	22 nd June 2007

This programme was prepared after considering the number of road casualties in an area, Traffic Management and Safety Schemes already identified in the current work programme, and concerns / requests for lower speeds made by residents.

- *Why not my area?*
- The programme is designed to reduce speeds and create a culture where driving too fast in residential areas is seen as anti-social. The 20mph speed limit is only suitable for roads where there is dense housing and which do not form part of the trunk road network. In some cases roads which are either very short or cul-de-sacs have not been included. This is because existing speeds are already slow and to include them in the 20mph limit would mean putting up unnecessary signs, which would add to unnecessary street clutter. Speeds in these roads will be monitored to ensure they stay low, and if necessary they can be included at a later date.
- *What are the environmental impacts?*
- The impact of the 20mph speed limit on the environment is likely to be neutral as the roads included in the scheme are those which have been found to already have low average speeds. Therefore, reducing the speeds by 2 or 3 mph will have a minimal affect on air quality.
- *Will there be humps and bumps?*
- Where the **speed limit** is lowered to 20mph, as opposed to creating a **20mph zone**, we are allowed to control speeds by signs alone. To do this it is necessary that the average existing speeds are 24mph or less. Speed surveys have been carried out in a representational sample of roads and only roads which fit this requirement are included in the scheme. If roads do not comply then separate consultation will be carried out at a later date to find out if residents want road humps.
- *Will it be enforced and who will do it?*
- The speed limit will only be lowered where the existing speeds are 24mph or less. It has been found elsewhere that by reducing the speed limit alone with repeater signs as a reminder the average speeds are reduced by 3-4mph. For this reason it is not expected that extensive enforcement will be needed. However, if we find that there are specific and persistent non-compliance issues in some of the roads then the Police will make spot checks and issue speeding fines to offenders.

- *Will any parking be lost?*
- Parking will not be affected by the scheme

- *Will it make any difference to safety?*
- Yes, the speeds at which vehicles travel is directly linked to the severity of injuries sustained in the event of an accident. A pedestrian, if struck by a vehicle driving at 20mph, is likely to suffer slight injuries. At 30mph they would be severely hurt and at 40mph or above are likely to be killed. Reducing the speed limit to 20mph will have a direct impact on pedestrian safety and is one of the principal reasons for introducing the scheme throughout the city.

- *Will the City become full of 20mph signs?*
- Signs are necessary to alert drivers that they are entering a 20mph area. This will be done using special signs at the junctions where the speed limit changes. It is also necessary to remind drivers of the speed limit and this will be done by erecting small (300mm) diameter repeater signs at regular intervals. The repeater signs will be erected on existing lamp posts unless it is absolutely impossible to do so, thereby minimising street clutter while at the same time keeping drivers informed.

- *What if I don't want it?*
- If you are opposed to the draft Traffic Regulation Order to change the speed limit in your area to 20mph you are entitled to comment **in writing** to Margaret O'Neill, Directorate of Environment and Transport, Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Portsmouth, PO1 2AS or via email to engineers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk quoting ref: **MON/TWM/1148/3/07TRO03** by **20th June 2007** stating the grounds of objection / support.

- If you have a query you can leave a **voice mail message** at **(023) 9268 8655**. We will try to get back to you in two working days.

- Your objection will then be reported to the Executive Member for Environment and Transportation at his next available decision making meeting.

- *When will my road be done?*
- If your road has been included in the programme then the speed limit will change either this or next year.

- *Will speed cameras be installed?*
- No, speed cameras are not permitted to be used to enforce a new speed limit.

- *Will it be permanent?*
- It is intended that the new speed limit will be permanent, although thorough monitoring of its effectiveness will be carried out and if necessary further measures introduced to ensure compliance.

- *Does 20mph also apply to cyclists?*
- The speed limit applies to all road users including cyclists.

- *30mph is not dangerous driving. Won't lowering the speed limit cause delays to motorists?*

- The nature of the City's residential roads is that due to their narrowness and dense parking it is neither safe nor appropriate for vehicles to travel at speeds greater than 20mph. This is borne out by the speed surveys, carried out prior to introducing the schemes, which show that in almost all cases the existing average speed is in the range of 18-24mph on the chosen roads.
- *Isn't this just a waste of Council Tax?*
- This scheme is funded by the Government.
- *Do all associated signs need to be illuminated?*
- The speed limit signs at the junctions off principal or trunk roads are not required to be lit if they are less than 50metres from a street light.
- *What has the reaction been to those areas that are already 20mph?*
- To date the reaction from residents of areas where 20mph speed limit is in place has been overwhelmingly in favour.