



# HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14 August 2012

# REPORT

**Subject Heading:**

**ACADEMY FIELDS ROAD  
DEVELOPMENT  
20mph Zone and One-Way Road  
outcome of public consultation**

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**The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives**

Clean, safe and green borough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SUMMARY**

This report sets out the outcome to a public consultation on proposals to make the roads within the Academy Fields Road development subject to a 20mph Zone and to make a section of Academy Fields Road one-way.

This scheme is within the **Squirrels Heath** ward.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the responses and information set out in this report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the various elements be implemented as set out in the following report and shown on Drawings;
  - QA647/02/03B
2. Developers contribute 10% of the cost of the development road works as Section 38/278 Highways Act Agreement contributions, for the adoption of the roads listed above. The estimated cost of £1,000 for the implementation of the works detailed in this report can be met from these contributions.

## REPORT DETAIL

### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Academy Fields Road, Academy Fields Close, Oxford Close and Scholars Way form a self-contained residential estate accessed via 2 junctions with Heath Park Road.
- 1.2 The estate is traffic calmed and was intended to be a 20mph Zone. In addition a section of Academy Fields Road is constructed as a one-way loop running between the eastern and western junctions with Heath Park Road. The site has been signed with this regime for some years prior to adoption as a public highway in September 2011.
- 1.3 In order that the 20mph Zone and one-way loop is enforceable, the appropriate Traffic Regulations Orders are required to be in place. Before a decision can be taken on the introduction of TROs statutory advertisement of the proposals is required.
- 1.4 The draft TROs were displayed on site and advertised on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2012 with a closing date for comments being 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Copies of the draft TROs were also sent to statutory consultees. Individual letters were not sent to residents within the development given that the estate has been operating with the appropriate signage in place for years.

## **2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation**

2.1 By the close of consultation, no responses were received.

## **3.0 Staff Comments**

3.1 The estate has been operating with 20mph Zone and one-way signage in place for some time. As these proposals seek to regularise what is already in place, Staff recommend that the TROs be made and put into operation.

## **IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

### **Financial implications and risks:**

The estimated cost of £1,000 will be met from the developer's S38/278 Highways Act Agreement contribution to road adoptions.

### **Legal implications and risks:**

20mph Zones and one-way streets require the advertisement of Traffic Regulation Orders before a decision can be made on their implementation.

### **Human Resources implications and risks:**

None.

### **Equalities Implications and Risks:**

20mph Zones can help reduce traffic speeds and the risk of collisions, especially involving vulnerable users. Older and younger people find it more difficult to judge traffic speed and they are especially at risk of being involved in a collision.

The Council has a general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that its highway network is accessible to all, but especially where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded. The implementation of road safety measures assist the Council in meeting its duty under the Act.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**