

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, FROME)
(20 MPH ZONE) ORDER 2017

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL in exercise of its powers under Section 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1984") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order: -

1. This Order shall come into force on the 29th day of November 2018 and may be cited as the "Somerset County Council (Various Roads, Frome) (20 mph Zone) Order 2017".
2. The provisions of any other Order are hereby revoked but only in so far as they are affected by the restrictions imposed by this Order.
3. No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Council this 23rd day of November 2018.

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was hereunto affixed)
in the presence of)



No. in Register **31593**.....

S. Kelson
authorised Officer

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20 mph Zone

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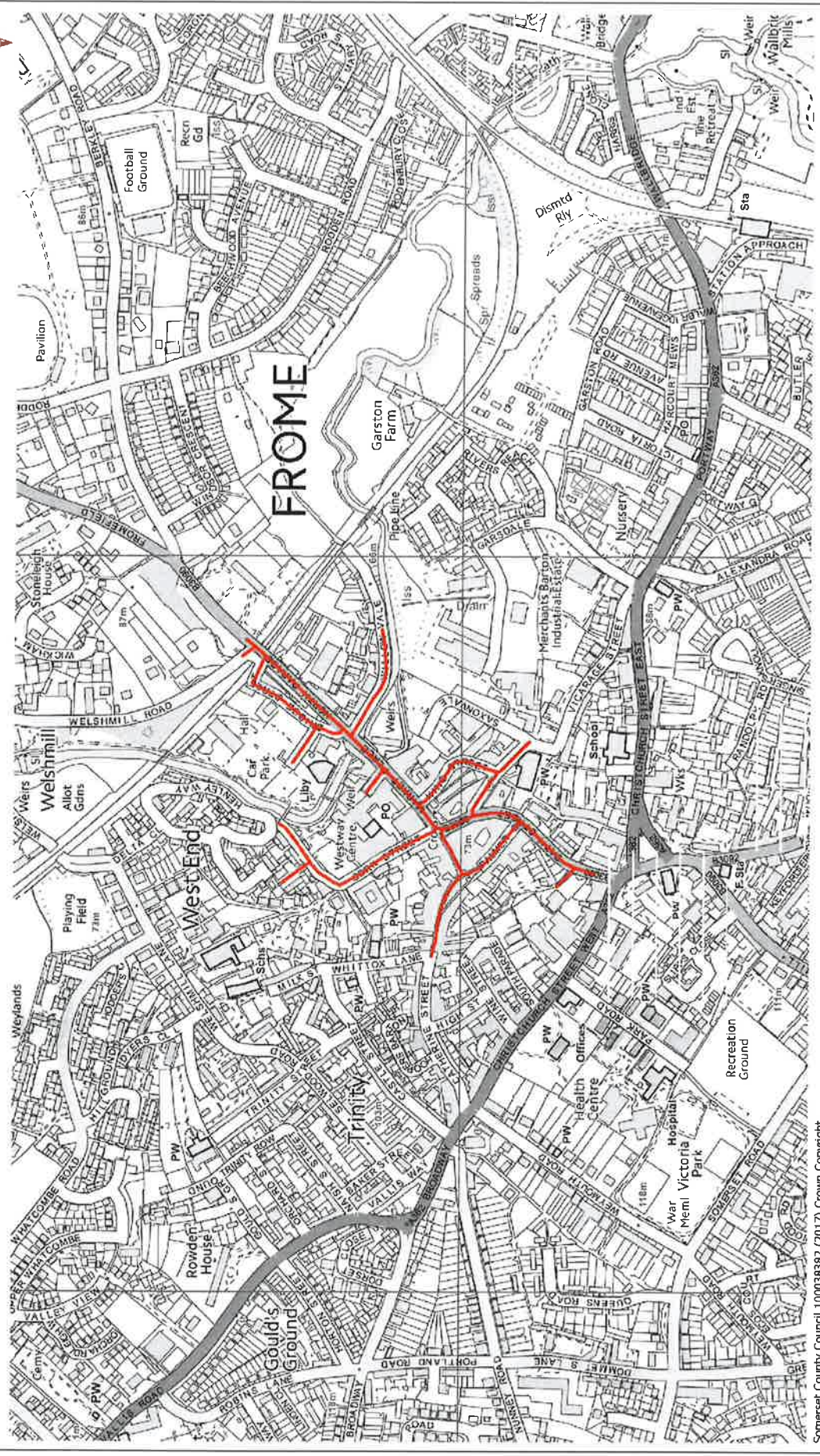
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

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Red Lines represent proposed 20mph zone

Frome Plan
Scale - 1:5,000.00
Easting: 377769, Northing: 148066

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Determination Report:

Executive Portfolio Holder: John Woodman, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.
Division and Local Member: Cllr John Clarke, Frome West
Lead Officer: Jeff Bunting, Traffic Management
Author: Jeff Bunting, Traffic Management
Contact Details: JRBunting@somerset.gov.uk

1. Summary

- 1.1 The proposal is to introduce a 20mph Zone on various roads in Frome town centre. This will in effect reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph.
- 1.2 The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was advertised on the 31st August 2017. The First Notice and proposed draft TRO are shown in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.
- 1.3 Following advertisement of the TRO one objection was received.
- 1.4 The police, emergency services, local members and other statutory consultees did not object to the proposal.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the **(VARIOUS ROADS, FROME)**
(20 MPH ZONE) ORDER 2017 be approved.

3.0 Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders

- 3.1 The TRO (shown in Appendix 1) was advertised in the Mid Somerset Series on the 31st August 2017. As part of this process, all the statutory consultees, local County and District Councillors and the Town Council were consulted.
- 3.2 Following the statutory advertising of the TRO Feedback form Reference Number 227318 was received objecting to the proposal as shown in Appendix 3. After acknowledging and responding to the objector the objection remains.

- 3.3 Individual correspondence of support, objection and responses are available for inspection at the Authors Department. The specific objection and points contained within the letter have been considered and salient points are described below.

Objection reasons include:

“20mph Zone should not be implemented unless there are other traffic calming measures”

“at busy times you can’t reach 20mph”

“20mph Zones will not stop those who choose to ignore the limits”

- 3.4 After considering the objection it is **recommended to approve** the proposals as advertised.

4.0 Resolution of Objections

- 4.1 Following receipt of the objection a response was sent to the objector explaining the reasons for the 20mph Zone proposal with a request to confirm if the objection still applied. The objector responded to this advising that he wished the objection to remain, citing the proposal as a waste of money.

- 4.2 The 20 mph Zone is considered necessary to facilitate Frome Town Council’s plans to enhance the centre of Frome, primarily works to the Market Place. Phase one of these proposals has been completed (The Boyles Cross) and the next phase (scheduled for 2019) will see further improvement works to the opposite side of the road. These enhancement proposals will include improvements to bus and pedestrian facilities for shoppers and visitors to Frome town centre. The 20 mph Zone is considered complimentary to this work and will improve road safety for pedestrians and other road users. Frome Town Council’s improvement works include changes to the visual appearance of the public highway along with other speed reducing features that will increase driver awareness of the 20mph Zone and the need for drivers to reduce their speed. The proposed TRO will not stop those that choose to ignore speed limits, however the 20mph Zone will enable Police enforcement if higher than expected levels of non-compliance are experienced.

Decision record:

The objections received during the consultation period for **(VARIOUS ROADS, FROME) (20 MPH ZONE) ORDER 2017** have been given due consideration and I hereby confirm that the scheme be approved.

I authorise sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order

Signed 

**Bev Norman,
Traffic Manager,
Somerset County Council**

Decision Record:

Date: 22/11 / 2018

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 – First Notice and proposed Traffic Regulation Order
- Appendix 2 - Plan showing advertised proposals
- Appendix 3 – Objection to advertised TRO

Background Papers:

Objection letters and responses (available for inspection at County Hall – contact author)

Appendix 1 – First Notice and Draft Traffic Regulation Order

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL **(VARIOUS ROADS, FROME)** **(20 MPH ZONE) ORDER 2017**

NOTICE is hereby given that Somerset County Council proposes to make the above Order in pursuance of the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which is to impose a 20 mph zone on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule to this Notice.

The provisions of any other Order are hereby revoked but only in so far as they are affected by the restrictions imposed by this order.

A copy of the draft Order, the maps showing the lengths of road affected and the Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected at (i) Somerset Highways, A Block Reception, County Hall, Taunton or (ii) online at www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO. If you are unable to access either please contact 0300 123 2224.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order may do so in writing, quoting reference number KT27072017 and specifying the grounds on which it is made to Somerset County Council, Traffic Management, County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY. To be received no later than the 7th September 2017.

PATRICK FLAHERTY
Chief Executive
Dated: 31st August 2017

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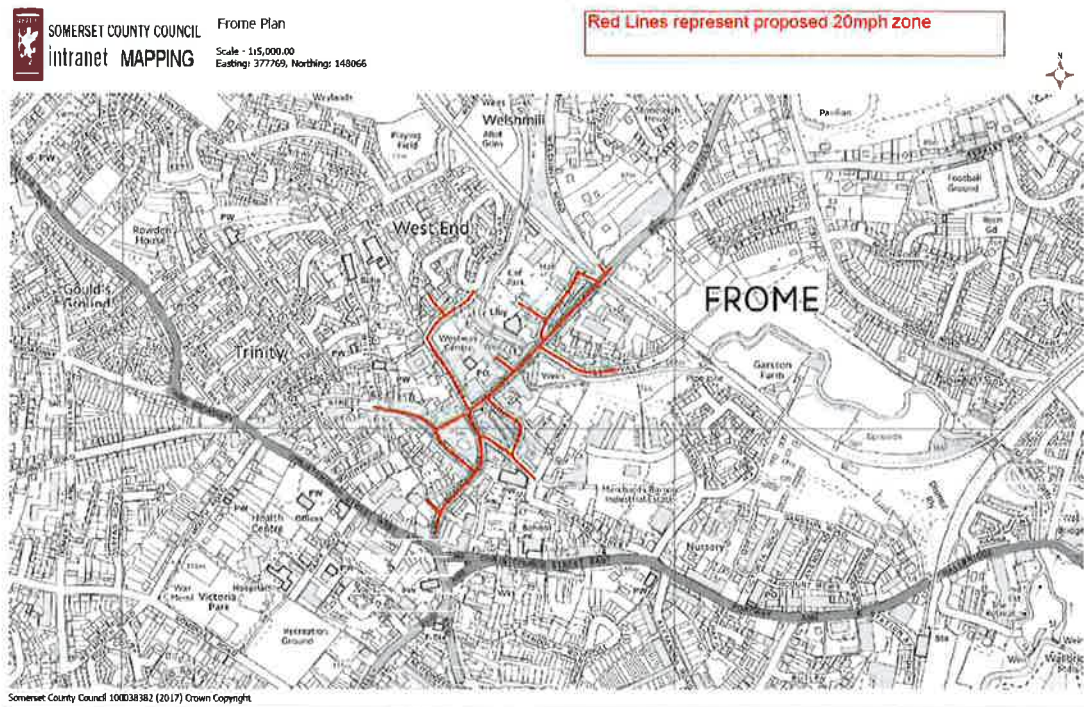
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Appendix 2 - Plans showing initial proposals



Appendix 3 - Objection

Traffic Regulation Order Consultation Feedback

Reference Number: 227381

Date: 18/09/2017

Please specify the
type of feedback you
would like to give:
Objection to the proposal
Our Ref Number: KT27072017

Please enter your comments:

Objection to the above TRO. 20mph zones shouldn't be implemented unless there are other traffic calming measures. At busy times, you can't reach 20mph (not that it would be a target) and the town centre is well known to be brought to a standstill with busses and delivery Lorries loading and unloading. Will it stop pedestrians taking their own life in their hands? No, in fact it will increase the false sense of safety and they will take even more chances to cross where ever they like. What Frome town centre needs is another crossing as everyone is asking for. Make it a pelican crossing and then both pedestrians and vehicular traffic have an equal right to the road and everyone keeps moving.

Although a slightly old statistic from 2014, does the IAM themselves not say that "Serious casualties in 20mph zones also increased by 29% while slight casualties went up by 19%"

20mph zones will not stop those who choose to ignore the limits. It will not stop the "boy racers". The zone will not be enforced and if they are, it will only be a half arsed attempt at 20-30 minutes per week. It can already be seen that speed enforcement in Frome currently has no effect, and recent newspaper reports that speeding continues to increase.

Certain 20mph zones should also only apply during certain times. Most only serve to frustrate drivers (and let's remember that many pedestrians are also 'those' drivers). Many 20mph zones are placed in areas where you couldn't reasonably reach 20mph, let alone want to drive at that speed. This is then a huge cost to the local tax payer. Why for instance is Palmer Street, Stony Street, Willow Vale, Bridge Street and King Street included in the zone? For sake of inclusion that's why. It will be tax payer's money ill spent on roads that you simply wouldn't drive along at 30mph, let alone 20mph. All these roads would need sufficient signage, which would look unsightly. Frome's road network is such that it doesn't allow for the through traffic to go elsewhere. Yes we need to compromise, but I think clearing the town centre road of its current obstructions, the removal of the market place car parking will undoubtedly make the centre safer and introducing a second crossing where people are asking for it, not half way up Bath Street therefore allowing both pedestrian and vehicles right of way when needed. This leads to a fair flow of both foot and a vehicular traffic. Implementing a 20mph zone in an area that sensible drivers wouldn't dream of driving faster is simply not the answer.

I will probably be frowned upon for objecting to a speed limit of this manor, but I think they are an ill thought out easy option that doesn't necessarily fix a problem. There is a perceived public opinion that they are wanted, but many the same public are also those who would exceed the limit. However, this objection will probably fall on deaf ears as I expect it is already a foregone conclusion.

Title Mr

First Name Neil

Surname Young