

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Report



Date: 3 October 2025

Report to: Service Manager Asset and Network

Report of: Dylan Jones, Engineer

Subject: Proposed 20mph Speed Limit – Sutton Way, Whitby Road, Stanney Lane, Chester Road Old Hall Drive, Chapel Mews and Oak Grove, Ellesmere Port.

Introduction

Council Members recently agreed to expand the existing 20mph speed limit policy to include roads outside educational establishments that currently have speed limits of 30mph or higher and included within this review is an area of Ellesmere Port Town Centre as shown on the attached plan EP/TRO/GS/DRJ/12, where it is now proposed to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph.

The Specific Purposes of the proposed restriction are:

- Avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- Preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Improving road safety near educational establishments is a Council priority. Lower speed limits and safer travel routes help protect children and young people, while also delivering broader community benefits, such as reduced traffic incidents, improved air quality, and increased uptake of walking and cycling.

To achieve mean speed compliance with current policy it is proposed to utilise repeater signage and roundel road markings. Details of the SLA shown below.

Table showing the mean speed on monitored roads: -

Road Name	Mean Speed (mph)
A5032 Whitby Road	26.1
B5132 Sutton Way	28.7

Plan showing location of monitoring point with recorded mean speed.



Location plan of all roads included in proposed 20 mph scheme.



Consultation

The local members, Cllr K Shore, Cllr J Roach and Cllr R Bisset, and the Police were asked for their comments on the 15th of September regarding the proposal.

Cllrs K Shore and R Bisset did not respond.

Cllr J Roach responded confirming support for the proposal however requested that consideration be given to extend the scheme on Chester Road, a response has been provided explaining that this would not be possible as the extents of the scheme have been determined following a site specific Speed Limit Assessment (SLA) and that to extend another SLA would be required and this would need to be funded via his member's budget.

Cheshire Police responded with no objections.

Recommendations

Public and statutory consultee list be given notice of the Council's intention to introduce a 20mph speed limit on the following roads:

- Sutton Way – From its junction with Whitby Road for a distance of 311 metres in a north-westerly direction.
- Whitby Road – From a point 35 metres southwest of the centreline of its junction with Civic Way for the rest of its length in a south-westerly direction to its crossover to Chester Road. A total distance of 473 metres.
- Stanney Lane – From its junction with Whitby Road for a distance of 278 metres in a south-easterly direction.
- Chester Road – From a point 15 metres north of the centreline of its junction with Pembroke Drive for the rest of its length in a northerly direction to its crossover to Whitby Road. A total distance of 312 metres.
- Wellington Road – From its junction with Stanney Lane for a distance of 14 metres in an easterly direction.
- Old Hall Drive – From its junction with Stanney Lane for its entire length.
- Chapel Mews – From its junction with Whitby Road for its entire length.
- Oak Grove – From its junction with Chester Road for its entire length.

In the event that no adverse comments are received, to proceed as advertised.



Signed -

Date – 6th October 2025