ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984

THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL (CITYWIDE (PART OF)) (20MPH SPEED LIMIT) (NO. 2A) ORDER 202x

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Bridge of Don

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Introduction

The Scottish Government introduced a National Strategy that seeks to ensure all appropriate roads in built-up areas have a safer speed limit of 20mph by 2025. It is expected that the initiative will improve road safety for pedestrians and other road users.

The National 20mph speed limits initiative is in line with 'Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030', an initiative that was published in February 2021. The framework highlights The Scottish Government's vision to have the best road safety performance in the world by 2030 and an ambitious long-term goal where no one is seriously injured or killed on Scottish roads by 2050. Through this framework, The Scottish Government aim to improve road safety and half road deaths by 2030 and achieve Vision Zero by 2050.

The introduction of 20mph speed limit on appropriate roads in built-up environments across Scotland is expected to reduce perceptions of road danger, thereby people will be encouraged to walk and cycle, consequently improving health, and promoting active travel. In addition, this strategy will create more pleasant streets and neighbourhoods by providing a more equitable balance between different road users, and as a result promote inclusivity. Furthermore, there will be a change in social and cultural attitudes towards vehicular speed and road safety as the 20mph speed limit will be the norm in urban areas.

Travelling at 20mph or less, also reduces the risk of being involved in a collision. This is because reaction time to changes in the environment, unexpected events etc. is reduced at higher speed, while the vehicle stopping distances / time to take avoidance action also increases; these factors in combination increasing the likelihood of a collision occurring. Additionally, the Scottish Government / Road Safety Scotland highlights a pedestrian where hit by a motor vehicle at 30 mph, is seven times more likely to die than at 20 mph.

Proposal

Given the benefits of 20mph speed limit and in line with the Scottish Government's 20mph national strategy, which is consistent with Scotland's Road Safety Framework, a citywide assessment of roads in Aberdeen was conducted to determine roads that meet the Scottish Government's requirements and certain roads were identified to meet the Scottish Government's criteria.

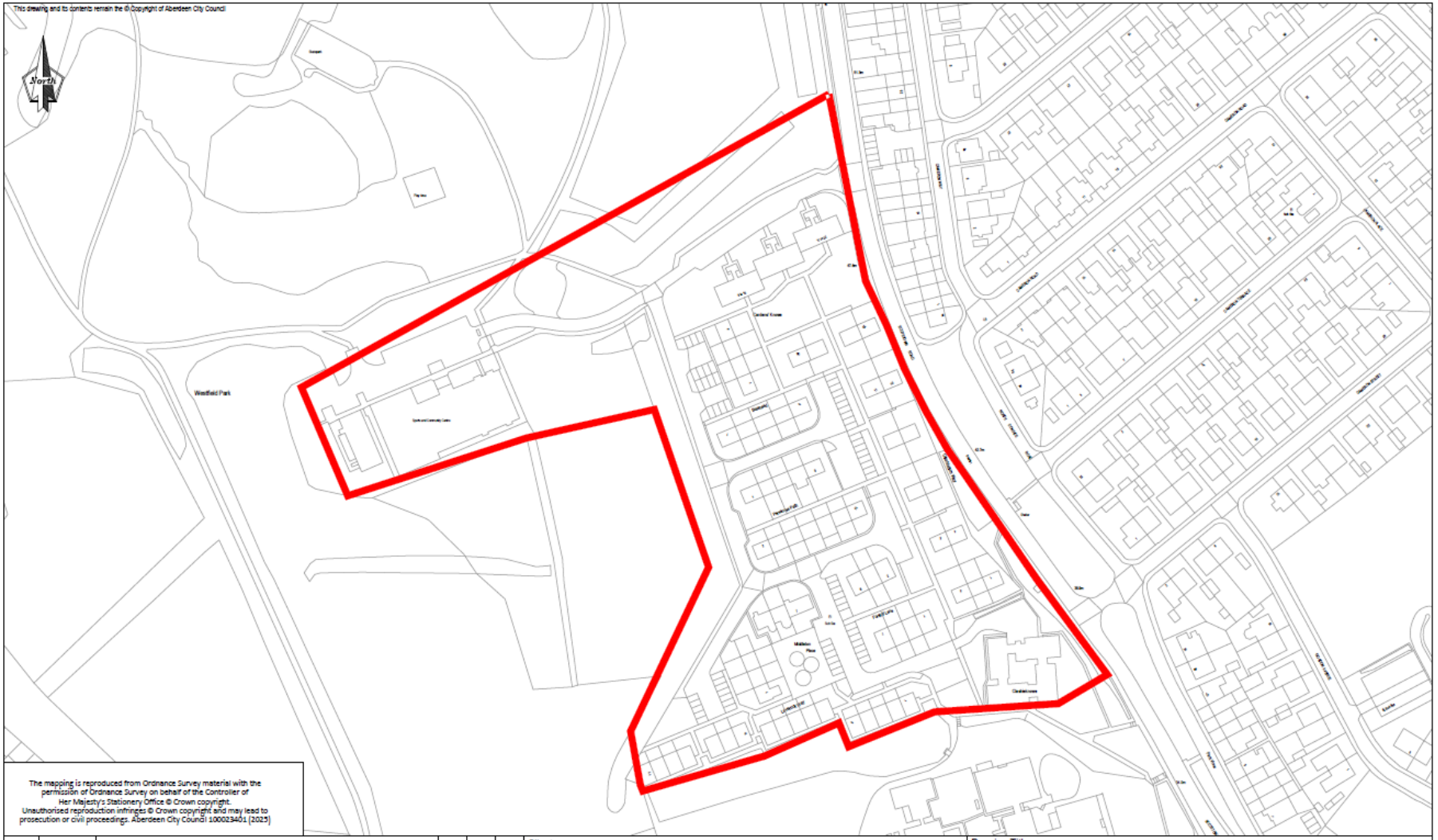
A traffic regulation order (TRO) process was conducted for the identified streets albeit according to electoral wards. To properly manage the number of streets identified and effectively process them for consultation and implementation, six northernmost wards were successfully promoted for TRO. However, due to administrative error, certain roads that meet the Scottish Government's requirements were omitted from the six northern wards, Officers therefore propose a 20mph speed limit reduction is imposed on the streets listed below.

Estimated Implementation Cost (citywide) – £1,000,000

List of proposed 20mph streets.

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