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### **Proposed 20mph Speed limit Area**

Dear Occupant,

The City Council is proposing to change the speed limit to 20mph in Waterthorpe. The attached plan shows where the proposed 20mph speed limit will be.

### **Why are we doing this and what will it look like?**

Lower speeds will help make neighbourhoods safer, more pleasant places for all, particularly our children.

- Lower speeds reduce the severity of injuries for anyone involved in a collision
- Some collisions will be avoided altogether
- People are more likely to feel safe when walking and cycling

In the past, we have built road humps in 20mph areas to keep speeds low. Whilst those schemes have been very successful, they are also very expensive. Cuts to the funding we receive from Central Government for transport related projects mean we can no longer afford such schemes.

Therefore, new 20mph limits will be indicated by traffic signs and road markings only. This is less expensive, which allows us to reduce speeds in more residential areas in order to make our neighbourhoods safer places. Speed limit signs will mark the entrances to each 20mph area, additional smaller signs will be fixed to lamp posts to remind drivers of the new speed limit.

Speed reductions in 'sign-only' 20mph areas can be small to start with but we are committed to working with the community to spread the message that lower speeds will make the area safer for residents.

Every driver that slows down helps to make the area safer.

### **What happens next?**

We plan to introduce the new speed limit in February 2023, but this will depend on the response we receive to this letter.

If you would like to register your support for the proposal or object, please write to us by e-mail or letter, details below.

**Email: [20mphAreas@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:20mphAreas@sheffield.gov.uk)**

### **Or write to:**

Transport, Traffic and Parking Service, Howden House, 1 Union Street, Sheffield,  
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**Formal objections must be received by 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Kind regards

Strategic Transport, Sustainability, and Infrastructure

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