

Appendix C

Objections

1	<p>The current 30 mph regulation on urban speed has been in place for more than 80 years.</p> <p>To modify this without involving a significant two-way consultation with the citizens of the city is both undemocratic and is not the action of a reasonable council who wish to take into consideration the views and requirements of the electorate.</p> <p>The city traffic authorities have evidently had time and resource to discuss the proposal with a private company “Amey” but have seen fit to exclude such detailed involvement with the citizens who it will directly affect.</p> <p>Twenty-nine days to register objections, again without any commitment to discussion within this period, and then to proceed to implementation, it is a declaration of intent which brushes aside discussion and objections, again this is not democratic.</p> <p>The quality of information issued to define the proposal is inadequate. The map is illegible. The offer of a better map and more information on the website is not available to anyone without both a computer and internet access. A significant proportion of the electorate is therefore not adequately informed.</p> <p>The only specific information quoted in the letter is the implementation timing, not a single street name or description of the boundary is given. This lack of information and detail looks more like an attempt to obscure the proposal details rather than inform the electorate.</p> <p>The justification for this proposal is that there will be a reduction in the number and severity of accidents. No numerical information is provided to support this statement, opinion from undisclosed sources should not take precedence over factual information.</p> <p>To support this major change data should be provided on both the total number of accidents in the affected area and the number which may result from both the effective enforcement of the current speed limit and the reduction expected from a reduced limit.</p> <p>The plan, illogically, does not restrict any traffic outside schools. This allows both buses and heavy vehicles to be unaffected in what must be the most vulnerable section whilst restricting all vehicles in far less critical areas. The council must regard the safety of children as less important than the impact of these changes on the bus companies.</p> <p>We are consistently told by the council is they do not have funds to provide the essential services needed in Sheffield. This proposal is to spend public money paying outside contractors has similarities to the debacle when the council paid Amey to cut down perfectly healthy trees when the people of Sheffield expressed this was not what they wanted. This again was after inadequate consultation with the people it affected.</p>
2	<p>I would like to formally object to the addition of crimicar lane to the 20mph zone.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the reduced speed limit will increase pollution on this road. It is been well established that cars and buses in particular pollute consider more at 20 than they do at 30 and crimicar lane is on 3 bus routes. 2. at the top end of crimicar lane off redmires road Virtually all the houses have drives and the paths are wide with great visibility to see traffic in both directions. What will be achieved by reducing the speed limit? <p>3) it appears you have decided to add this road for ease/reduced cost rather than any valid reason. This would mean only having to put up 20mph signs at</p>

	<p>the start/end of crimicar lane for start/end of zone rather than at the start of each side road.</p> <p>4) I don't see other major roads in Sheffield set to 20mph. Crimicar lane is a busy artery road and I question whether it's acceptable to go from a 40mph on redmires road down to 20mph on crimicar lane</p> <p>5) There has been no accident information provided regarding the new area to back up the reasoning behind the new plan.</p> <p>6) if crimicar lane is to go to 20 then why have fullwood road and brookhouse hill not been included. There are considerable more issues with parked cars, paths and pedestrian crossings on these roads than there are on crimicar lane.</p> <p>7) how are you going to enforce the 20mph zones. I lived in Crookes previously and people continue to drive at 30 through 20 zones without fear from prosecution.</p>
3	<p>I am writing to object to the proposed implementation of a 20 mph speed limit in Lodgemoor. Given this zone is suggested in addition to the Fulwood 20mph zone, this would mean this whole western area of the city will be blanketed in a 20mph zone. Whilst safety is paramount (I have young children in the area who walk to school most days), maintaining a 30mph speed limit on main roads is essential for ensuring efficient traffic flow and minimising disruptions to daily commutes. The current proposal (as was the case with respect to the Fulwood proposal) has not analysed the way the roads in the area are used. I have no objections to the 20mph zone on residential side streets where children are likely to be playing out, but it is not appropriate to apply this speed restriction to all roads in the area. Routes such as Crimicar Lane are key to traffic flow in and out of the area, as demonstrated by the fact it is a major bus route. A lot of drivers will simply ignore the 20mph speed limit on these types of roads, which then becomes counterproductive - it will make it socially acceptable to break the speed limit because everyone is doing so. 30mph has been considered safe for a number of years - let's focus on making people stick to the 30mph speed limit rather than reducing the speed limit on main roads, which by your own admission in your consultation letter, few people will actually adhere to.</p>
4	<p>I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed additional blanket implementation of a 20mph speed limit in our area.</p> <p>Whilst I do not object to introducing 20mph limits on minor side roads and cul-de-sacs, applying this blanket restriction and including our main thoroughfares is misguided and counterproductive. For that reason I must object to the current proposal.</p> <p>My concerns are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Journey Times: The main through roads serve as vital arteries for travel within our community and beyond. A 20mph limit would increase journey times for residents, commuters, taxis and buses, causing unnecessary inconvenience and frustration. • Negative Impact on Businesses: Many businesses rely on the efficient flow of traffic on these roads for deliveries and customer access. A 20mph limit could deter customers and hinder deliveries, negatively impacting local businesses and the economy. • Safety Concerns at Low Speeds: While promoting safety is noble, research suggests that slower speeds on high-volume roads can create safety hazards. Bunching of vehicles, increased driver frustration, and potential disregard for the limit can lead to risky manoeuvres and potential accidents.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative Solutions: Instead of a blanket 20mph limit, consider targeted traffic calming measures on specific sections of the road where speeding is a proven issue and traffic analysis shows this to be a problem. This could involve things like improved crossing points or targeted enforcement in high-risk areas. <p>I urge the council to reconsider the proposed blanket 20mph limit and instead exclude the main traffic routes, such as the full length of Crimicar Lane.</p> <p>I would like to finish by repeating two points from the objection I sent to your last consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is not appropriate that roads like Hallamshire Road become 20mph. These larger roads and bus routes (except those directly passing schools) are plenty wide enough with the verges for any children to be safe (including my children of 5 and 8 who walk to school along Hallamshire Road to school). <i>I know that the 20mph limit on Hallamshire Road has now been passed, but I urge you to think again about covering the additional proposed area with a blanket 20mph limit.</i> - For me, it would make more sense to target speeding by drivers doing 35/40/45 mph in a 30mph than punish those who currently adhere to the speed limit and drive around at no more than 30mph with a line of cars tailgating them
5	<p>I am writing to object to the proposed speed limits at Lodge Moor. It is a safe area with very few accidents that I am aware of - Drivers go carefully on these roads and are considerate. I feel very safe when walking around the area</p> <p>The main problem is around Hallam School at drop off times - maybe that needs looking at..</p> <p>I think that Redmires Road should see a speed reduction from 40mph to 30mph as cars do seem to speed along there.</p> <p>If the speed reduction goes ahead then bus timetables will have to be amended as they will have to go slower.</p> <p>Could not the money spent on the large number of Road signs and (horrible) markings on the road be better spent on repairing the hundreds of Pot holes in the area - these are the cause of some accidents especially with cyclists</p>
6	<p>I live on Crimicar Lane, Fulwood, Sheffield, S10 4FD. I would like to formally object to the proposed 20mph speed limit, covering the Fulwood area.</p> <p>I do not believe this is necessary and will only cause more traffic issues, and congestion than we already have. I have lived In this area all my life and know it to be a safe area and there are very little, if any collisions which have occurred here. I do not believe 30 mph is excessive and the only issues I see are the school drop off and pick up times. This needs to be targeted to stop parents and carers having to get within yards of the schools in order to pick up or drop off their children. Maybe education and enforcement in this area would be negate having to reduce the speed limit.</p>
7	<p>Having experienced 20 mph areas widely here in Sheffield and also in Bristol, I strongly object to this proposal.</p> <p>By all means make Redmires Road up to the end of housing areas 30mph - a reduction from 40, and enforce the 30 mph limit on Blackbrook Road, which is often exceeded. But a general 20 mph restriction should be avoided except in close proximity to shopping areas and schools.</p> <p>In residential areas parked cars already provided plenty of restrictions on the speed of traffic.</p> <p>Slowing commercial vehicles further will significantly add to delivery companies costs by reducing the number of deliveries they can make in a day. Vehicles will burn their fuel less efficiently thus adding to pollution not cutting it.</p> <p>I rather suspect that your motivation is to slow traffic down and then prosecute anyone driving at about 22 mph or more. Driving at 20 has caused me to worry far more about watching my speed rather than watching for people stepping into the road or vehicles leaving side roads or parking places.</p>

8	<p>Thank you for sharing the proposed plans to change the 30 mph speed limits to 20 mph in areas of Lodge Moor. As a resident in this area, I would like to register my objection to the plans. My main concern is that this plan (and other similar, already implemented plans in the city, including the low emissions zone in the city) are not taking a holistic approach to the city's transport, sustainability and infrastructure.</p> <p>While a lower speed limit is safe for pedestrians on the roads, it is only one category of population, who should mainly be <i>not</i> on the roads, except designated crossing and other situations which require additional care by the pedestrians, not drivers. If we extend the low speed limit argument, the best way is not to drive!</p> <p>The main reason that we do not take such a drastic step of "no driving" is to balance various aspects of the city and life, however, such a balanced and holistic consideration is not included in this plan. There are other and more impactful ways of improving road safety, given below, but the council has neither included them in this plan nor is generally concerned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - condition of roads: road surfaces are in a very bad state, making them unfit and unsafe for drivers and others surroundings. Maintaining high quality of roads will significantly improve safety. - parking: on road parking is the main safety issue in Sheffield, especially with the hilly roads. In many areas, traffic can only move in one direction due to parking. This becomes even worse on bus routes. This needs to change and requires a bold and long-term vision for something that will improve road safety significantly. <p>Further, these plans ignore sustainability completely - the plans will mean that cars will have to use a lower gear, which uses more energy and produces more pollution (also true for EVs, I can explain separately as an expert on this matter). Vehicles will also spend more time for the same journey, which means even more pollution, causing higher illnesses and unsustainability. It also leads to more use of roads (vehicles will be on the road longer, which will erode the roads more), making roads unsafe and repairs more costly. Finally, the road users will need to spend more of their personal time on roads (a 50% increase in travel time for a one mile journey), making us as a community less productive (less time for other activities including job, leisure and family).</p> <p>In summary, this proposal will not solve the intended problems and will increase other problems. As such, a holistic approach is needed, considering all aspects of city life.</p>
9	<p>I object to 20mph speed limits, the hills around here are steep, especially Crimicar lane, and especially just past Hallamshire road. If you restrict the speed when it's snowed, which is every year, drivers will struggle to get up it as they won't have the momentum. I live on Crimicar lane, the amount of drivers who struggle as it is, is phenomenal.</p> <p>Lowering speed will block up the road, cause accidents as cars will be stuck and sometimes abandoned. This will cause chaos with residents.</p> <p>Th vast majority of drivers around here, respect the 30 mph limit as it is.</p> <p>Why is the council wasting money on something it doesn't need again !!</p> <p>Surely the amount of pot holes, uneven road surfaces, tarmac that is breaking away and needs repair is a better use of money.</p>
10	<p>Having received the recent extension to the Lodge Moor 20mph limit area I would like to raise my objection.</p> <p>I feel the increase in the area would be a waste in resources necessarily on multiple grounds.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For all of the roads identified it is not possible to drive above 20mph due to parked cars and the current road condition 2. Better traffic calming methods should be invested in such as speed bumps like the hospital estate or priority give ways 3. If it were in place it would not be enforced and there is no benefit to it 4. The extended area is sufficiently away from Hallam school 5. More signs would just be ignored.

	<p>The funds would be much better spent on highway condition than this consultation and hopefully not the additional unenforced signs.</p> <p>I didn't object to the previous area due to the proximity to the school but this takes it too far.</p>
11	<p>I would like to strongly object to the proposed 20mph Speed Limit around the Fulwood area.</p> <p>I believe there is insufficient reasoning for this change and it would cause more traffic congestion and therefore an actual increase in potential collisions. There are sufficient paths for walking, so there is no reason people should feel unsafe walking.</p>
12	<p>I am in receipt of your letter dated 1st February 2024, with its attachment of a map showing the proposed areas involved in the scheme. Given that the road names are virtually unreadable even when using a magnifying glass, this is useless. Perhaps this is the idea?</p> <p>Whilst I appreciate that any objection by the public is unlikely to have any effect whatsoever, I would ask you to consider the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . reducing the speed limit to 20 mph will inevitably lead to driver frustration, and therefore, almost certainly, to more accidents rather than fewer; . I can't imagine that it would be easy for anyone with a powerful car to drive it at 20 mph (even I find it difficult with a 1200 cc engine car). <p>Perhaps you might think about the following options to make roads safer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . enforce the 30 mph restriction more rigorously; . ban cyclists from riding two or more abreast. <p>Do you have any substantial evidence that lowering the speed limit to 20mph will make roads safer for pedestrians? If so, what?</p> <p>Please take this email as registering my objection to the scheme.</p>
13	<p>As a local resident in Fulwood I wish to formally object to the above proposed scheme.</p> <p><u>Grounds</u> The proposed scheme will actually make the key roads in Fulwood more dangerous rather than less so in practice, especially for local residents. This is because of the additional frustration it will cause to the many through drivers who commute through the area on the way to and from work across the Mayfield Valley to North Sheffield and who therefore can be expected in practice to drive more dangerously in response to slower vehicles blocking them reaching their work destinations in time. <i>This already happens to some extent even with the current 30mph speed limits</i> and can therefore confidently be expected to become a worse danger unless the new limit is proposed to be continually enforced with the required extra manpower. However, I do not believe the latter requirement has also been proposed in this instance.</p>
14	<p>I hereby object to the proposed expansion of the 20 mph zone around Crimicar Lane. The evidence for these is low and all they do is annoy drivers and everyone will still drive at the same speed. Please note my objection</p>

15	<p>I find it totally ridiculous to bring such stupid speed limits in areas of Fulwood and Lodge Moor , ie. Crimicar Lane where once the children have gone to school and working people have left their homes for the day , this area is like a ghost town. The notion of trying to drive uphill at 20mph from Fulwood to lodge moor suggests that a very low gear will have to be used and an overrevving of the accelerator pedal.</p> <p>I am also wondering how you will police this idea as I understand from a recent issue of the Morning Telegraph that you are intending to have a 20 limit on almost all of the streets in our area. I look forward to seeing multiple police cars all wandering the area to catch those pensioners who are quite proficient at driving at 30 on empty roads having done it all their lives. !!!!</p> <p>The fact that having lived at my property in Lodge Moor for over 55 years I have in that time seen exactly 2 police officers. One who just drove down our street for no reason last year and a police lady who came out at my request to talk to a neighbour about carrying her baby in a car without a seat belt.</p> <p>I am also unable to understand why anyone would want to walk or cycle around here as most of my neighbours realise that to get anywhere they all need to use their cars.</p> <p>As I didn't vote for any party at present running this council I don't see why I should waste my time listening to your ridiculous ideas</p>
16	<p>I'm writing to object strongly against the proposed 20mph speed limit in Lodgemoor. I find the speed of 20mph is too low a speed for the area especially with the amount of traffic that redmires road gets at any time, this will cause a backlog of traffic for people travelling to work in the morning and evenings aswell as disruption to the local area, why when we have minimal traffic accidents in the area would you decide to spend on making it a 20mph area instead of actually spending on the likes of the road surfaces and the trees (of which some are in a disgraceful state) to put up 20mph speed signs is beyond me, well done to whoever has decided to propose this obviously they either have no idea of the area or are that pedantic they feel that maybe 1 or 2 cars which have overtaken them on redmires road has driven them to wanting 20mph to cover them, it's pathetic, leave the speed limits as they are, sort out the sunken road surfaces and the trees which are misshapen or damaged due to the recent weather and spend the rest on making the city centre more attractive to people instead of ruining it for people and having to make people travel to Meadowhall, to think of it, it must be the same person who came up with the idea of the clean air system in the city centre, how by stopping vans or vehicles of a certain year and co2 emissions is stopping the fumes and bad air travelling INTO the city centre by the environment. Hopefully this will be quashed before it gets approved.</p>
17	<p>I am writing to formally object to the proposed 20mph limit in Lodge Moor. The current 30 mph maximum speed limit is nationally recognised for urban areas and, for the majority of drivers in Lodge Moor, there appears to be a high level of compliance. There are some instances of motorists driving well in excess of the speed limit on the 40mph Redmires Road but within the Lodge Moor area my experience is that drivers are sensible and considerate.</p> <p>The proposal to limit the whole area to 20mph will be counter-productive. Generations of drivers have been taught that the legal maximum speed in a built-up area is 30mph and in the absence of any contravening facts or a national debate on the topic the common view is that this speed is still an appropriate limit for where people live. If a maximum 20mph limit is placed on the whole area of Lodge Moor, without an obvious rationale for its imposition most driving residents will a) become annoyed and b) disregard the new instructions.</p> <p>These roads are (obviously) most travelled by the residents of Lodge Moor and hence the lower limit – and the seemingly unnecessary additional inconvenience – will be experienced on a daily basis. Whilst you state there are potential benefits in your proposal, these are weak and there's no evidence provided that a) these are an issue today or b) these will be materially improved as a result. I fear you will lose the</p>

	<p>support of the Lodge Moor residents by tackling an easy 'soft' target rather than be seen to invest in solving some of the significant traffic issues in the city. For example, the stationary queues of traffic from the University RAB to the Weston Hospital during visiting hours (caused by the queue of cars waiting to get into the Weston car park) or the chaos of the railway station traffic system which can queue back to beyond the traffic lights on Fornham Street.</p> <p>Achieving compliance to a blanket 20mph limit will consequently be difficult. If you enforce compliance there will be additional Council costs and further anger from road users.</p> <p>Furthermore, your proposals will also limit the speed of buses through Lodge Moor. The bus service is bad and slow enough already without putting in measures to make it worse!</p> <p>Whilst my preference would be to leave the area as it is – no additional costs, no compliance issues, existing quality of bus service – if the Council is minded to go ahead with the scheme I suggest the following more focussed approach which, with communication, may have a higher level of acceptance from the residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access/Through roads – keep all access and through roads at current limits. These are needed to provide sensible traffic flow through, around and into/out of Lodge Moor. e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crimicar Lane ○ Redmires Road ○ Blackbrook road ○ Etc • Bus Routes – Maintain 30/40mph limits – these are access roads • Estates and Cul-de-sacs – reduce to 20mph. Specific (understandable) areas to target safer speeds in line with your safety aim. E.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Fairway ○ Moorside ○ Lodge Moor Hospital ○ Etc • Schools – 20mph in the vicinity of Hallam school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personally I'd also impose a clearway of the immediate area during the start and end of school to reduce incidents from parents parking unsafely too close to the school and increasing the risk to others • Lodge Lane/Blackbrook Road/Redmires Road junction – introduce a traffic calming measure to reduce the number of collisions at this junction <p>I would run this scheme for 12 months and report back to the residents on the success (or otherwise) of the changes – via appropriate data collected through this period and previously (reduction in the number of accidents / incidents etc). If the scheme has not been successful it should be reverted back to the nationally accepted 30mph limit.</p>
18	<p>I am writing this letter in objection to your proposals. Today's modern cars travelling at 20mph will probably be in 2nd gear whereas a car doing 30mph will be in 3rd gear and therefore doing the same amount of revs per minute. The time taken to travel 20mph to 30mph is 50% longer and therefore pollution will be 50% higher. This could be a detriment to residents and at worst case scenarios, premature death.</p>
19	<p>I wish to raise a formal objection to the proposed 20mph roads around lodge moor, having lived here for many years I know the area well and drive and walk frequently on these roads.</p> <p>I feel the proposed considerably lower speed limit is unnecessary and just an additional way to waste council funds. These roads are small enough that you struggle to even get over 20mph and anyone who does speed will take no notice of any new regulations or signage. In particular the lodge moor estate where I live with my family, the speed bumps make it impossible to get over 20mph, and now you will install ugly eyesore signs to state 20mph which people do anyway. This estate is not at risk of speeding or dangerous driving, everyone is very considerate.</p>

	<p>As a frequent walker, with very small kids, I do not feel speeding is the issue on the roads, there is always good visibility along roads with good sized roads. I would rather raise the issue of a limited number of dropped kerbs - for pushchairs, for example walking from red mires to the row of shops, there is no dropped kerb on the car park side at the end of the footpath. If you are so concerned about speeding then install crossings or speed bumps, not huge numbers of ugly signs and notices.</p> <p>I do hope that the council money is not wasted on this, all these new 20 zones are only being introduced as the council now has the power to do so, rather than that they are needed.</p>
20	<p>Although I agree that a 20mph speed restriction is of benefit in the immediate environs of a school during the time of arrival and departure of pupils and on little used side streets like my own Peterborough Drive, I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to a reduction in the speed limit on main thoroughfares such as Crimicar Lane and Redmires Road.</p> <p>I have ME which causes chronic fatigue and orthostatic intolerance which drastically limits my ability to sit/stand upright. I am rarely able to leave the house but a speed reduction from 30mph to 20mph would mean that my journey to and from the dentist for example, which currently takes 20 minutes, would be increased to 30 minutes and could well mean that I am no longer able to drive there myself. Even a healthy person has the right to travel at a modest speed in order to avoid spending too great a proportion of their time travelling. This order and similar ones for other areas of the city are combining to overly restrict the freedom of drivers and are overly weighted in favour of pedestrians.</p>