

## **Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Shipley Area Committee to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

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### **Subject:**

**Petition regarding traffic speeds on Mexborough Road, Bolton Woods.**

### **Summary statement:**

**A petition has been received regarding concerns with the speed of cars and motorcycles on Mexborough Road, Bolton Woods.**

### **EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:**

**The Shipley Traffic Team provides a diverse range of road safety schemes and activities that engage with individuals across the Shipley constituency.**

**In formulating the options proposed in this report, due regard has been given to the Council's duty under s149 of the Equality Act 2010.**

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### **Overview & Scrutiny Area:**

**Regeneration & Environment**

## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report relates to a petition regarding the concerns of signatories with the speed of cars and motorcycles travelling along Mexborough Road.
- 1.2 The petition's front page is shown within Appendix 1 of this report.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 In May 2020, the Council received a 25 signature petition regarding concerns with speeding cars and motorcycles on Mexborough Road, Bolton Woods.
- 2.2 The Covid pandemic and its effect on staffing levels and working arrangements has meant that dealing with this petition was delayed until now.
- 2.3 Mexborough Road is a 125 metre long residential street adjoining Bolton Hall Road and Livingstone Road and is subject to a 30mph speed limit. A plan identifying the extents of Mexborough Road is shown within Appendix 2 of this report.
- 2.4 The carriageway width is 9.2 metres, with the respective widths of the northern and southern footways being 2.3 and 2.6 metres.
- 2.5 There are 35 residential properties located along Mexborough Road, as well as Bolton Woods Social Club and an industrial premise. Mexborough Road provides vehicular access to Benson Court and approximately 4 residential properties located on that street.
- 2.6 Very few properties fronting Mexborough Road have off-street parking availability, meaning that the majority of residents park on-street. Some parking occurs along both sides of the street at all times - parking levels evidenced during site visits being highest in the afternoon and early evening.
- 2.7 The street has a system of street lighting.

## **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Council records show that no traffic collisions resulting in personal injury have occurred on Mexborough Road during the five year period ending 12 May 2022 (the latest five year period for which Council records are available).

- 3.2 A survey of traffic speeds involving the use of a data logger installed on Mexborough Road between 10 June and 16 June 2020 (thereby including weekdays and the weekend) produced the following results:

East-bound (ie. travelling uphill):

Total volume = 661 vehicles

Mean speed = 18mph

85<sup>th</sup> Percentile (ie. the speed at which 85% of traffic was travelling at, or below, along Mexborough Road (under free flow conditions)) = 25mph

10 vehicles were recorded travelling 31-35mph, 3 vehicles were travelling 36-40mph, and 1 vehicle at 46-50mph (the highest recorded speed band). No vehicles were recorded as travelling 41-45mph.

Of the 661 vehicles recorded, 647 (98%) were driving at or below the speed limit.

West-bound (ie. travelling downhill):

Total volume = 609 vehicles

Mean speed = 16mph

85<sup>th</sup> Percentile (ie. the speed at which 85% of traffic was travelling at, or below, along Mexborough Road (under free flow conditions)) = 22mph

9 vehicles were recorded travelling 31-35mph, and 1 vehicle was travelling 36-40mph (the highest recorded speed band).

Of the 609 vehicles recorded, 599 (98%) were driving at or below the speed limit.

Given the location of Mexborough Road and its classification as a C road, it is likely that most (if not all) of the traffic using the street is local in nature.

#### **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 4.1 The cost of providing measures to seek to address the speeds of the relatively small proportion of vehicles not complying with the existing speed limit, or to revise the existing speed limit, would be in the region of £10,000.

## **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

5.1 There are no significant risks arising out of this reports proposed recommendations.

## **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

6.1 The proposals in this report are within the Council's powers as Highway Authority under the terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

## **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

None

### **7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

There are no greenhouse gas emissions impacts associated with this report.

### **7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

This Committee's Safer Roads Programme delivers a wide-range of projects including traffic calming schemes. Such measures, along with partnership activities, form part of improving safety in local communities.

### **7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

There are no implications for the Human Rights Act arising from this report.

### **7.5 TRADE UNION**

There are no trade union implications.

## **7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Mexborough Road is located within the Windhill & Wrose Ward. Respective Ward members would be involved in the development of any site specific projects arising from this report.

## **7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING**

None

## **7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT**

None

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None

## **9. OPTIONS**

### **9.1 Option 1 – That:**

- This Committee notes the petitioners' concerns and recommends no further action other than formally advising West Yorkshire Police of the petitioners' concerns regarding speeding on Mexborough Road.
- The lead petitioner be advised accordingly.

### **9.2 Option 2 – That:**

- Mexborough Road be added to the list of scheme candidates to be considered annually by this Committee for possible inclusion within its future Safer Roads Programme.
- West Yorkshire Police be formally advised of the petitioners' concerns regarding Speeding on Mexborough Road
- The lead petitioner be advised accordingly.

9.3 Option 3 – That:

- Members may prefer to take a course of action other than that indicated in the above options or the recommendations, in which case they will receive appropriate guidance from officers.

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommended –

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**11. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – The petition's front page

Appendix 2 – Location plan identifying Mexborough Road and the location of the traffic survey.

**12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None

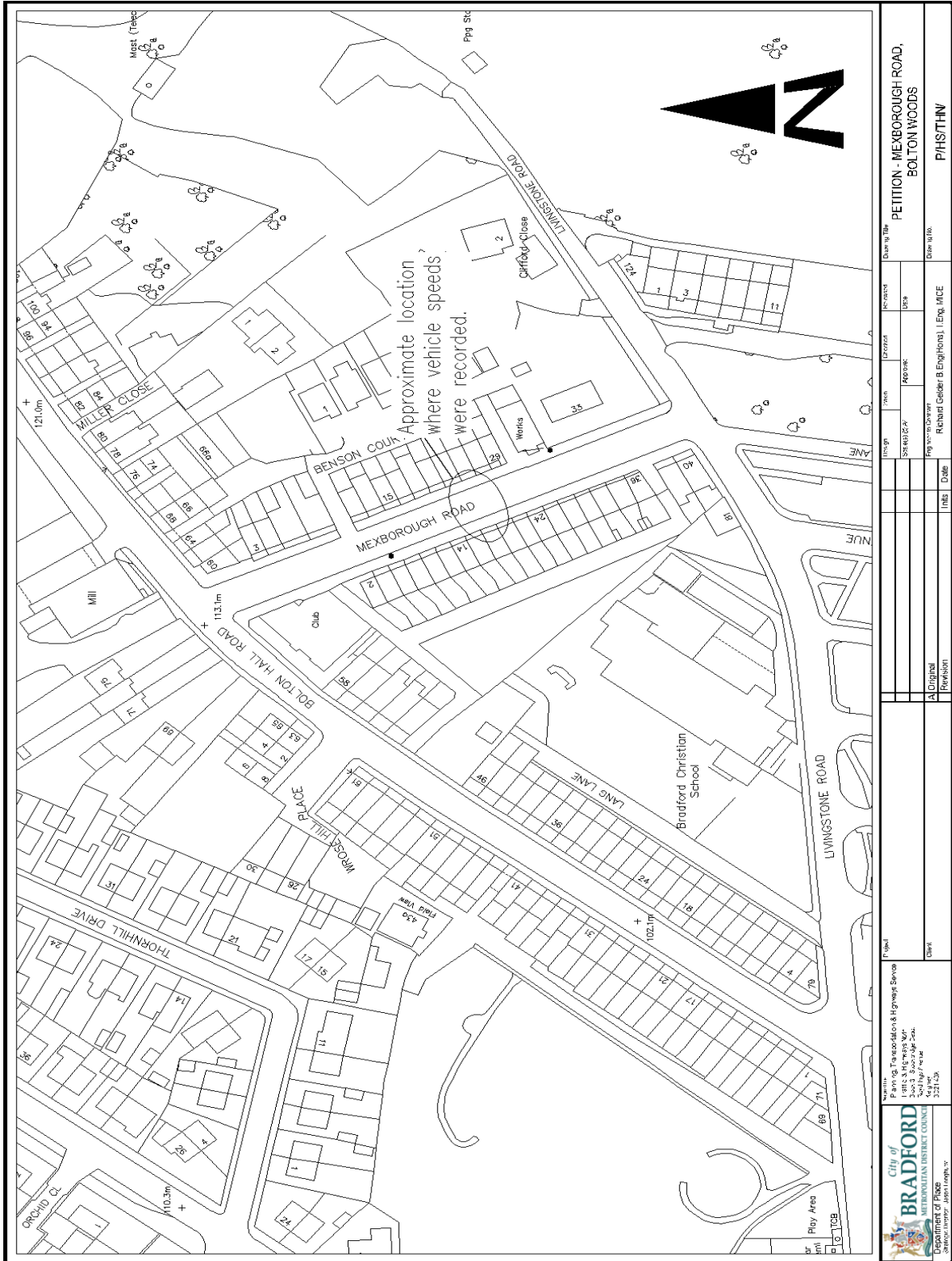
## **Appendix 1**

May 30th 2020

We the residents of Marlborough Road, Bradford, BD2 1BL, are presenting a petition to you for speed restrictions for our residential street.

Cars and motorbikes speed up and down our street at various times of the night and day. Not only is this anti-social behaviour, it is dangerous. Many residents have children and pets. It would only take 1 child or animal to run out between the cars after a ball for a fatal accident to happen. There have been several near misses in recent months.

We would be grateful for your advice and consideration on this matter as a matter of urgency



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