

## **ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL**

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **THE ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL (VARIABLE 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) (ISLAND SCHOOLS) ORDER 2023**

#### **COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE ORDER**

The Council proposes to introduce a traffic order which will create a variable twenty miles per hour speed limit on sections of the following roads outside of the island schools:

- B9063, Eday for a distance of 357m.
- B9046, Flotta for a distance of 253m.
- Howar Road, North Ronaldsay for a distance of 433m.
- B9047, North Walls for a distance of 420m.
- School Road, Papa Westray for a distance of 362m.
- B9064, Rousay for a distance of 400m.
- Airfield Road, Sanday for a distance of 317m and School Road, Sanday for a distance of 172m.
- B9059, Shapinsay for a distance of 346m.
- B9060, Stronsay for a distance of 305m.
- B9066, Westray for a distance of 300m and Noup Road, Westray for a distance of 210m.

Transport Scotland's Good Practice Guide on 20 mph Speed Restrictions recommends that "20 mph should be the standard speed limit in the vicinity of schools. At schools where a 20 mph limit or zone is not already in place a part-time speed limit can be used".

It is proposed to bring road safety measures for the island schools in line with Orkney's mainland schools and ensure all of Orkney's schools have a variable 20 mph speed limit in place.

The reasons for proposing to make the order are given below.

- A notice of motion was lodged at the Council's General Meeting on 7th December 2021 regarding the installation of a 20mph speed limit on the roads in the vicinity of each of those schools in Orkney that still do not have one. It was recommended that, as soon as practicable but no later

than the end of 2023, a 20 mph zone or speed limit should be introduced on the roads in the vicinity of island schools.

- At a meeting of the Corporate Leadership Team on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 it was recommended that a Stage 2 Project Appraisal be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee.
- The Policy and Resources Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 recommended approval for the funding of the installation of mandatory variable part-time speed limits at island schools.
- The introduction of lower variable 20 mph speed limits will improve road safety for pedestrians, cyclists, walkers and all other road users for all of the roads specified within the Order.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hayley Green', written in a cursive style.

Hayley Green  
Corporate Director

24 January 2023