

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

Five Crosses



Cheshire West
and Chester

Dear Resident

Five Crosses - Proposed 20 mph Speed Limit

In January 2016 the Council's Cabinet voted to introduce 'signed only' 20 mph speed limits, where appropriate, on all residential roads and outside schools.

Your road has been assessed and meets the criteria for a 'signed only' 20 mph speed limit along with other roads in your area, which are highlighted in blue on the attached plan.

Traffic calming measures will not be included.

Cheshire Police have no objections to the 20 mph speed limit proposal.

A Traffic Regulation Order for the new speed limit will be advertised during week commencing 21 October 2019 until 15 November 2019.

All objections and other representations relating to the Order must be made in writing to the undersigned or by email to the address below by 15 November 2019 and objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

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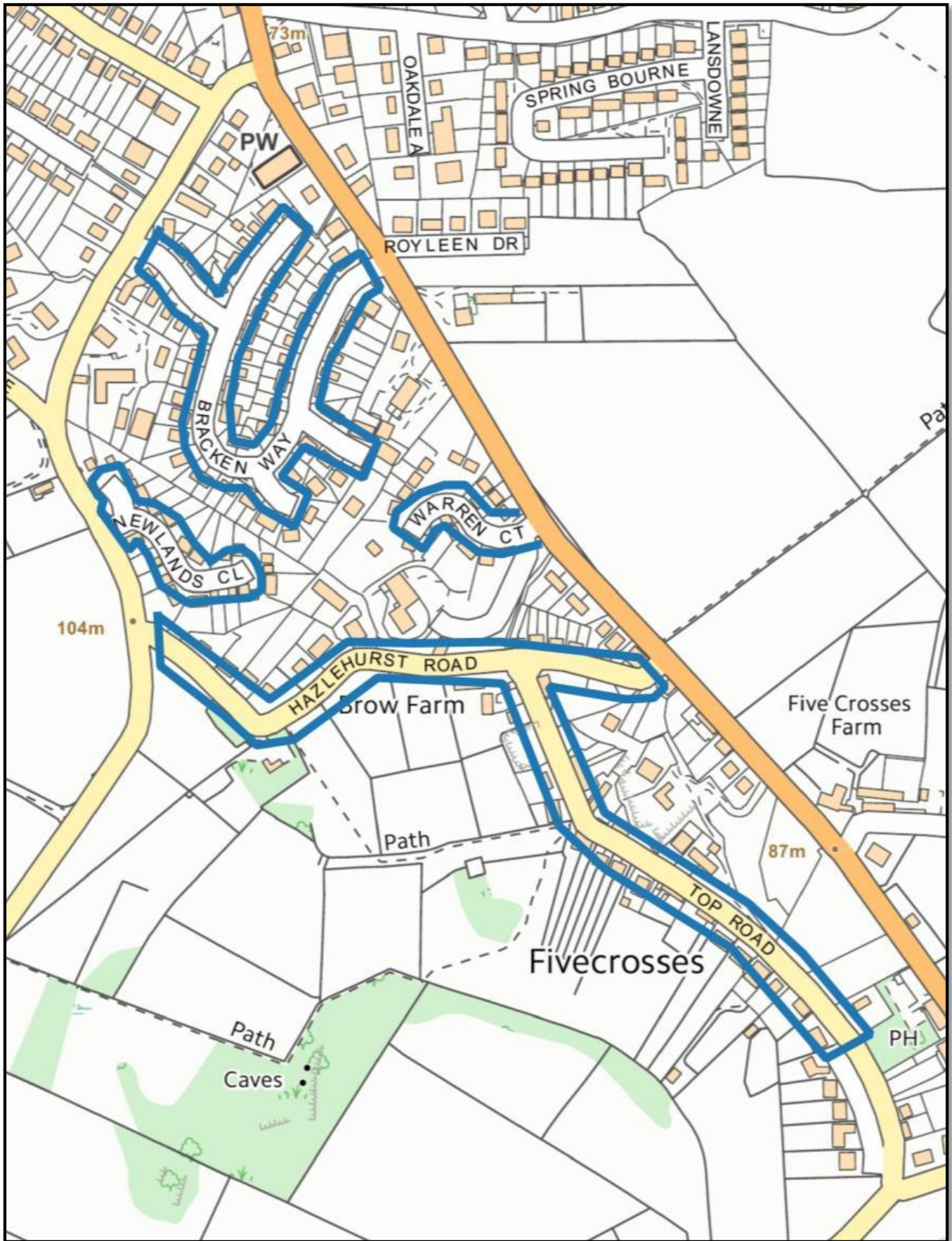
If you have any other enquiries regarding the assessment procedure, the four year programme or 20 mph policy, please email:

communityspeedmanagement@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

A list of 'Frequently Asked Questions' regarding the 20 mph programme has been included at the end of this letter.

Cheshire West & Chester Council will use your information for the purposes of deciding the outcome of the Traffic Regulation Order. This information will not be shared with any third parties, it will be stored securely on the Council's network and will only be kept for as long as is needed to make a decision before being deleted. Your view may be used to draft a report about the proposed changes but you will not be identified individually in this document. If you have any further questions about the use of your data please contact dpawest@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Location of roads included in the proposed 20 mph speed limit.



Frequently Asked Questions – 20 mph Consultation

1. Why are the council proposing a 20 mph speed limit in my area?

In 2013 the Government issued new speed limit guidance and asked local authorities to review limits and consider the introduction of 20 mph limit in residential areas

In January 2016 the council voted to introduce 'signed only' 20 mph speed limits on residential roads that met Department for Transport criteria and to include schools on through routes that met the criteria.

The programme includes over 225 schemes and is currently in year four of a four year programme.

2. How much will the proposals cost for my area?

The proposed areas differ in size; therefore it is difficult to give an exact cost for each area at this stage.

There are 75 identified schemes for this year's programme and the overall budget for this year is £200,000, it is estimated that each area will cost between £600 and £3,500 but this is only a rough guide.

3. Why is my road included within the proposed 20 mph speed limit?

Your road has been included in the 20 mph proposals because it meets the criteria for a 'signed only' 20 mph speed limit. To meet the criteria roads must have an average speed below 24 mph.

4. Why have some roads not been included in the proposals?

Roads with average speeds above 24 mph do not meet the criteria for 'signed only' 20 mph speed limits and have not been included in the programme.

Some of these roads would require traffic calming or other engineering measures to ensure compliance with a lower speed limit which is not in the remit of the programme.

5. Do the proposals consist of traffic calming or other physical measures?

The proposals do not include traffic calming or physical measures such as speed humps.

Roads that require traffic calming or other measures will not be included in the programme.

6. You haven't included roads with known speeding problems.

The purpose of the 20 mph programme is to introduce appropriate speed limits on roads that meet the speed limit criteria.

Speed limits are not used to deal with problems of speeding motorists; which are addressed using engineering measures or enforcement.

Roads requiring engineering measures are not included in the programme. There are different procedures and programmes to deal with speeding issues.

7. How is the proposed 20 mph speed limit going to be enforced

As with all speed limits, the proposed 20 mph speed limit will be enforced by the police based on evidence of a speeding problem.

The proposed scheme in your area is to be introduced on all roads that meet the criteria for 'signed only' 20 mph speed limits; with average speeds below 24 mph, compliance should not be an issue.

To ensure that compliance is being met, should the scheme go ahead, all speed monitoring will be repeated and any evidence of non-compliance will be used by the police to prioritise their enforcement programme.

8. You have included short Cul-de-Sac roads where it would be impossible to speed.

The purpose of the 20 mph programme is to introduce appropriate speed limits.

If Cul-de-Sac roads, which lead off roads with a 20 mph speed limit, were omitted from the scheme the council would be legally required to install 30 mph speed limit terminal signs at the access to the Cul-de Sac roads. This would increase costs and lead to driver confusion and generate many complaints.