

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Traffic Regulation Order: 20mph Speed Limits – Isle of Man

Affected Roads:

Various residential roads

Type of TRO:

Speed Limit Order

Proposing Authority:

Department of Infrastructure, Isle of Man Government

Purpose of the Order

This Traffic Regulation Order supersedes a previous 20mph speed limit area-wide approach, focusing now on the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on residential roads surrounding key educational establishments in Central Douglas, namely Ballakermeen High School, Henry Bloom Noble Primary School, St Mary's Primary School, St Ninian's School, and Scoill yn Jubilee.

This revised approach reflects the feedback from recent public and stakeholder consultation and aligns with more closely to political direction from the Court of Tynwald.

This initiative aligns with 'Our Island Plan', delivering focused, evidence-based measures promoting safer, greener, and more connected communities.

Objectives

The proposed 20mph speed limit aims to:

- **Support healthier lifestyles** by making walking and cycling to school safer and more appealing.
- **Foster more inclusive and people-friendly streets**, promoting less intimidating crossing conditions and enhancing the accessibility of footways for vulnerable users.
- **Improve road safety**, reducing the risk and severity of collisions for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.
- **Encourage considerate driving** by creating an environment where slower speeds are the norm, promoting modal change.
- **Reduce noise and air pollution**, contributing to a cleaner, quieter environment.

Implementation

- The 20mph limit will apply only to residential roads. Major primary, distributor and access routes will generally retain existing limits unless reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Implementation will be via signage alone; no new physical traffic calming (e.g., speed humps) is planned.
- Success depends on public support, education, and cultural change, not enforcement alone. The Isle of Man Constabulary have confirmed their operational model of enforcement deployment would continue and include any newly graded speed limits.

Benefits

- Safer streets, particularly for vulnerable users such as children, the elderly, and those with mobility challenges.
- Increased community well-being through active travel and reduced traffic impact.
- A cost-effective, minimally disruptive approach to improving public spaces.
- Progress toward a more sustainable transport system, in line with strategic Government goals.