



Rhuddlan Town Council Road Safety Working Group

Dear Councillor

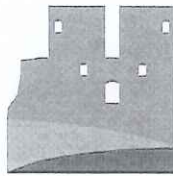
2nd March 2023

Your attendance is requested at a Hybrid meeting of Rhuddlan Town Council's Road Safety Working Group on Tuesday 7th March at 7pm at Rhuddlan Community Centre or by Zoom. **Members of the public** are welcome to attend the meeting. If you wish to attend remotely then please inform the Clerk by 11am on 7th March so that necessary arrangement can be made.

1. Apologies.
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Review of the SIDs
4. Proposed art/poster competition by pupils at Ysgol Y Castell
5. Introduction of 20 mph speed limit in Denbighshire
6. Active Travel Plan update
7. Date of next meeting

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Annwyl Gyngorydd

2 Mawrth 2023

Gofynnir i chi fod yn bresennol yng nghyfarfod Hybrid Gweithgor Diogelwch Ffyrdd Cyngor Tref Rhuddlan a gynhelir yng Nghanolfan Gymunedol Rhuddlan, nos Fawrth, 7 Mawrth, am 7pm neu drwy Zoom. Mae croeso i **aelodau'r cyhoedd** fynychu'r cyfarfod. Os ydych yn dymuno mynychu o bell, yna cysylltwch â'r Clerc erbyn 11am ar 7 Mawrth fel bod modd gwneud y trefniadau angenrheidiol.

1. Ymddiheuriadau.
2. Datgan Buddiant
3. Adolygiad o'r Dyfeisiau Dangos Cyflymder (SIDs)
4. Cystadleuaeth celf /poster arfaethedig gan ddisgyblion Ysgol y Castell
5. Cyflwyno terfyn cyflymder o 20 mya yn Sir Ddinbych
6. Diweddariad ar y Cynllun Teithio Llesol
7. Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf

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Briefing note on the introduction of the default 20 mph speed limit in Wales

Introduction

Officers will shortly be attending meetings with each of the six Member Area Groups, regarding the introduction of the default 20 mph speed limit in towns and villages across Wales.

The meetings will provide officers with an opportunity to explain more about the default speed limit and to answer questions about it. It will also enable members to suggest lengths of road that they believe should be made an exception to the default limit, in accordance with the Welsh Government guidance.

Background

In July 2022, the Senedd approved changes to the law, that will make 20 mph the default speed limit in all towns and villages across Wales.

The default 20 mph limit is proposed to reduce the number of road accidents and to reduce the severity of road accidents. The change is also intended to encourage more walking and cycling to take place.

The default 20 mph limit will come into force on the **17th September 2023**.

Currently, roads in towns and villages that have street lights have a default speed limit of 30 mph. The change to the law means that this default speed limit will change to 20 mph.

This means that all the existing 30 mph signs at the entrances into our towns and villages will need to be changed to 20 mph. In Denbighshire, this means changing nearly 500 signs. All the costs for this work, including officer time, are being fully funded by the Welsh Government.

There are also other works required as a result of the default 20 mph speed limit. These include removing road markings that say "30" and amending some of our electronic signs (known as Vehicle Activated Signs). Again, these works are being fully-funded by the Welsh Government.

The change to the default speed limit only applies to towns and villages where the speed limit is currently 30 mph. It will not affect any other existing speed limits, such as existing 40 mph or 50 mph speed limits, or existing national speed limits of 60 or 70 mph.

The Welsh Government is in the process of launching a nationwide publicity and educational campaign about the default 20 mph speed limit to increase awareness and understanding amongst the general public.

Exceptions

Councils are able to select a small number of roads which they consider shouldn't be included within the default speed limit. Such roads are referred to as "Exceptions".

The Welsh Government has provided criteria to identify locations where exceptions **shouldn't be considered**. This is to ensure a consistent approach to the identification of exceptions.

These criteria are based on the likelihood of pedestrians using a road and wanting to cross that road. In other words, if such a likelihood exists, then an exception shouldn't be made. The criteria are

listed in the bullet points below. Remember, if a length of road meets any of these criteria, then it is recommended that an exception **should not be made**.

- Is the road within 100 metres of a school or other educational establishment?
- Is the road within 100 metres of a community centre?
- Is the road within 100 metres of a hospital?
- Do residential or retail properties front the road, and exceed 20 properties per kilometre of road (i.e. 5 or more properties every 250 metres length of road)?

In practice, nearly all of the road network within our towns and villages will meet this last bullet point.

In order to provide an initial assessment for all of the road network in our towns and villages. The Welsh Government used mapping software to identify an initial list of over 20 exceptions.

In practice, most of this initial list were anomalies and/or were too short in length to consider as exceptions. Generally, the minimum length of a speed limit should be 600 metres, or very exceptionally 300 metres.

Following an assessment by Denbighshire County Council officers, a revised list of exceptions was produced. This list and associated location plans are included in the Appendix to this briefing note.

Officers are presently developing a Traffic Order which will make these proposed exceptions 30 mph by Order. Doing this will mean that these roads don't automatically default to 20 mph when the law changes in September 2023. Ward members will be contacted by consultants working on our behalf as part of the statutory TRO making process regarding any exceptions within their electoral ward.

Identification of additional exceptions

A report on the default 20 mph project was presented to Communities Scrutiny Committee in December 2022. At the Committee, members asked officers to consider how members might suggest additional lengths of roads that they felt should be made an exception to the default 20 mph speed limit.

As such, officers are in the process of visiting each of the six Member Area Groups. Officers will use these meetings to explain more about the 20 mph project, to answer questions, and invite members to propose additional exceptions that they consider to comply with the WG criteria.

We are aiming to get these additional exceptions in place by the 17th September 2023, i.e. for when the default 20 mph speed limit comes into force. Hence, we are working to quite a tight schedule to get these in place. We, therefore, politely request that members can either suggest additional exceptions for consideration during the meeting, or by email by no later than one week following the meeting. It is politely requested that all suggested exceptions for each area are coordinated and submitted in one email by the Chair of each respective MAG.

Emails should be submitted to Ian McLaughlin in the Traffic Section. Email address:
ian.mclaughlin@denbighshire.gov.uk

The suggested exceptions will then be formally considered by officers before being presented in a briefing to Cabinet with recommendations and justification for which should be added to the exception list, and which shouldn't be added. Those which are to be added, will then be taken forward formally in a subsequent Traffic Order.

Mike Jones
Traffic, Parking and Road Safety Manager

Appendix - Part 1

List of proposed exceptions to default 20 mph speed limit

- a. A548 Coast Road, Prestatyn – From its junction with Marine Road East to near the Nant Hall Hotel
- b. B5381 Glascoed Road, St.Asaph – From Cwittir Lane to west of Ffordd William Morgan
- c. A525 Denbigh Road, Ruthin – From its junction with Glasdir Link Road to a point just northwest of Brickfield Lane
- d. B5105 Llanfwrog – South towards Clawddnewydd from junction with the road to Galtegfa
- e. B5437 Carrog - From its junction with the A5 to Carrog Bridge
- f. A525 Rhuddlan Road, Rhyl – From a point north of Bryn Cwybr Roundabout to a point southeast of Bryn Cwnin Road roundabout

Appendix – Part 2

Maps of proposed exceptions to default 20 mph speed limit



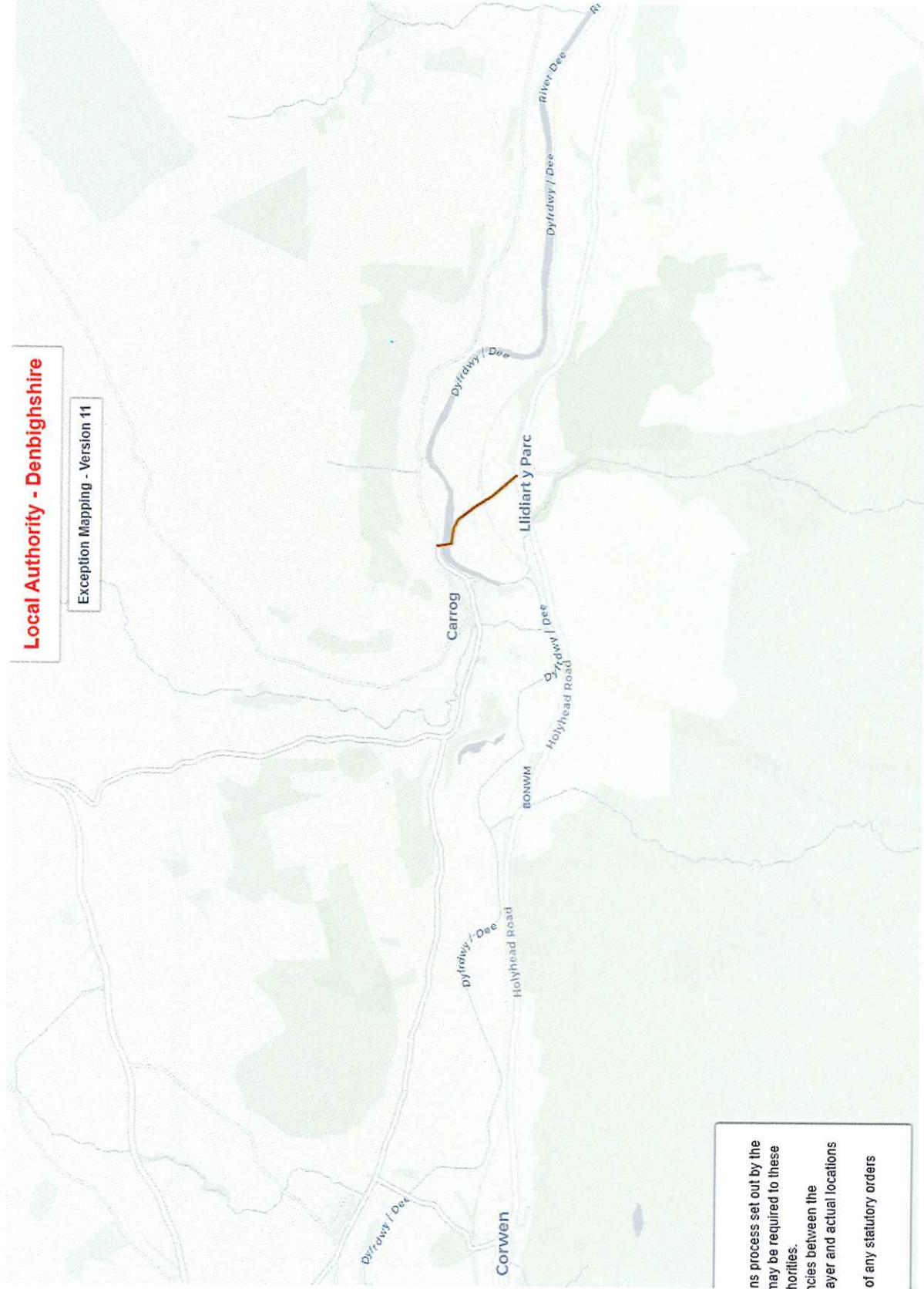
No.1 - A548 Coast Road, Prestatyn – East of Nant Hall Road to Marine Road East





No.3 – A525 Denbigh Road, Ruthin – Glasdir Link Road to northwest of Brickfield Lane

No.4 – B5105 Llanfwrog – South towards Clawddnewydd from junction with road to Gallegfa



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No.5 – B5437 Carrog – A5 to Carrog Bridge

