

# **The Borough Council of Gateshead (Bensham Grove Area) (Waiting and Speed Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Order 2016**

## **Statement of Reasons**

The proposed introduction of the 20 mph zone scheme for this area is identified as part of the Council's speed management plan, which recommends that the standard speed limit in urban areas is 30mph, with local speed limits of 20mph, encouraged in situations where there is a particular risk to vulnerable road users.

In May 2009 Cabinet approved an implementation strategy to introduce 20mph speed limits or zones at specified retail centres, at schools and within previously traffic calmed areas. This is because these areas are identified as being used by vulnerable road users.

The proposed scheme is therefore in line with these policies as the introduction of a 20mph speed zone around the traffic calmed residential streets, is in the vicinity of Bensham Grove School.

The proposed introduction of the prohibition of waiting at any time restrictions on Elysium Lane and Alston Street are required following concerns raised with the Council that vehicles are parking in such a way to cause obstruction and reduce overall road width, which is preventing turning manoeuvres and compromising road safety.

The manner, in which the vehicles are parking, reduces the carriageway width, which in turn restricts the access and movement of larger vehicles such as refuge vehicles and emergency service vehicles, which are unable to service and access those roads. This results in compromising road safety for people using those roads and the proposed restrictions are designed to resolve this issue.