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| <b>Meeting Type:</b> Full Council     | <b>Agenda Item:</b> |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b> 08 April 2026 |                     |

**OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

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| <b>Report Author:</b> Cllr Ainsley   | <b>Purpose:</b> Decision / <del>Discussion</del> / Update |
| <b>Title:</b> Introduction of a 20-mph speed limit on appropriate streets within Oakham  |   |
| <b>Background:</b>   |   |
| <p>This report seeks approval for Oakham Town Council to request that Rutland County Council (RCC) introduces a 20 mph speed limit on appropriate streets within Oakham Town Centre.</p> <p>The recent tragic fatal accident in the town centre has deeply affected our community and prompted reflection on how best to improve safety for all road users. Introducing a 20 mph limit is a practical and effective measure that would reduce the risk and severity of collisions and create a calmer environment for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.</p> <p>Lower speeds are widely recognised as a responsible and proportionate step that can help prevent further harm. National guidance encourages 20 mph limits in built-up areas, particularly where streets are residential or where pedestrian activity is high. Oakham's narrow streets, schools, health facilities and historic centre make it well-suited to a lower speed environment.</p> <p>Comparable market towns are moving in this direction: Stamford can now request 20 mph zones, and Lincolnshire is introducing 20 mph limits outside schools; in the Melton area, 20 mph limits are already used in rural villages where conditions justify them.</p> <p>A scheme in Oakham would align the county town with emerging regional practice. Council is therefore asked to support the principle of a 20 mph limit and request that RCC undertakes the necessary assessment, consultation and Traffic Regulation Order process.</p> |   |
| <b>Proposal:</b>   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Oakham Town Council supports in principle the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit on appropriate streets within Oakham</li> <li>2. Requests that Rutland County Council undertakes the necessary assessment, consultation and Traffic Regulation Order process to implement a scheme.</li> <li>3. Authorises the Chair and Clerk to write formally to RCC setting out this resolution and offering partnership working as detailed in Appendix A</li> </ol>   |   |

For completion by the office

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| <i>Estimates</i><br><input type="checkbox"/>                     | <i>Quotes</i> <input type="checkbox"/>              | <i>Emergency Spend</i> <input type="checkbox"/>     | <i>Sole supplier</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Specialist</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> |                |
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| <i>Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972 amend as necessary</i> |   | <i>Contract Finders</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Supplier:</i>                                 |   |                |