



AGENDA ITEM NO.7

Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership

11th June 2013

Report Title: 20mph Inner North area (Phase 3) – Briefing Paper

Why do it?

There are three key benefits to reducing speeds on Bristol's roads:

- Health - reducing traffic speeds will encourage more people to walk and cycle and increase mobility for children and older people.
- Safety - reducing traffic speeds to 20 mph will reduce the rates and severity of injuries.
- Community - streets with lower traffic speeds have higher levels of sociability and greater social cohesion

Other Cities

Other cities that have introduced 20mph include Portsmouth, Newcastle, Oxford, Bath, Edinburgh, Manchester, Liverpool and many more. In the latest national survey, it stated that 60% of people are now in favour of blanket ban in built up areas.

Project Background

Bristol introduced two pilot schemes in 2010. The Inner South pilot in May and the Inner East pilot in Oct. The monitoring report shows an increase in walking and cycling and that 89% of residents support 20mph on all residential streets.

In March 2011, the Joint Local Transport Plan set out the policy commitment to progress 20 mph citywide. In July 2012, the 20mph rollout citywide was agreed at cabinet and has subsequently been supported by the mayor.

The cabinet report set out the proposal where 90% of all adopted roads in Bristol will have a default speed of 20 mph (these are unclassified roads and those classified as C roads). All other adopted 'A' and 'B' roads would need to have a case made for them to retain the 30 mph speed limit.

The only roads that are exempt from the project are 40 and 50 mph roads and dual carriageways. It will be a sign only scheme with no physical measures. It was agreed to introduce this in six phases starting with central Bristol continuing until 2015.

Implementation for the Central area (Phase 1) is planned for Oct 2013, Inner South Area (Phase 2) is planned for Jan 2014, Inner North area (Phase 3) is planned for Apr 2014,

East area (Phase 4) is planned for August 2014, Outer North area (Phase 5) is planned for Nov 2014 and Outer South area (Phase 6) for Feb 2015. (See attached Phasing map.)

Project Criteria

The cabinet report set out design principles where roads should be included as 20 mph.

They are:

- those with a designated high street function with primary shopping frontages
- roads designated as secondary shopping frontages
- B and A roads with school entrances or school within 200 metres which are routes to school.
- Roads with other local trip attracters such as parks, leisure facilities, health centres, hospitals, public transport hubs and interchanges within 200 metres.

Engagement process

The decision to introduce 20 mph citywide has already been taken. The purpose of the public engagement is to look at which roads people feel should be excluded, to find out how people feel about the scheme and to raise awareness of the project. It was agreed that each phase needs to be considered on a phase by phase basis as each area has different variables.

For each phase we are visiting each Neighbourhood Forum and Partnership meetings and we are holding public displays in local libraries and to find out local views and issues. We also have regular meetings with the police, public transport operators, businesses, taxis operators, Road Haulage Association, Institute of Advanced Motorists, NHS, Sustrans and Roadpeace to discuss each area.

Decision Process

For each phase all 'A' and 'B' roads and any additional roads that are suggested from the public engagement process will be assessed against the design principles. Speed surveys will be undertaken on these roads and the police will be involved in reviewing these to ensure that if a main road is to be included, it would be suitable for the lower speed.

The road layout, land use, local views and speed data are all used to be put together a proposal that will be circulated to the Partnership groups for further comment. The proposal will form the basis of a Traffic Regulation Order where there will be a formal consultation process before the final decision is taken.

Inner North area (Phase 3) / Outer North area (Phase 5)

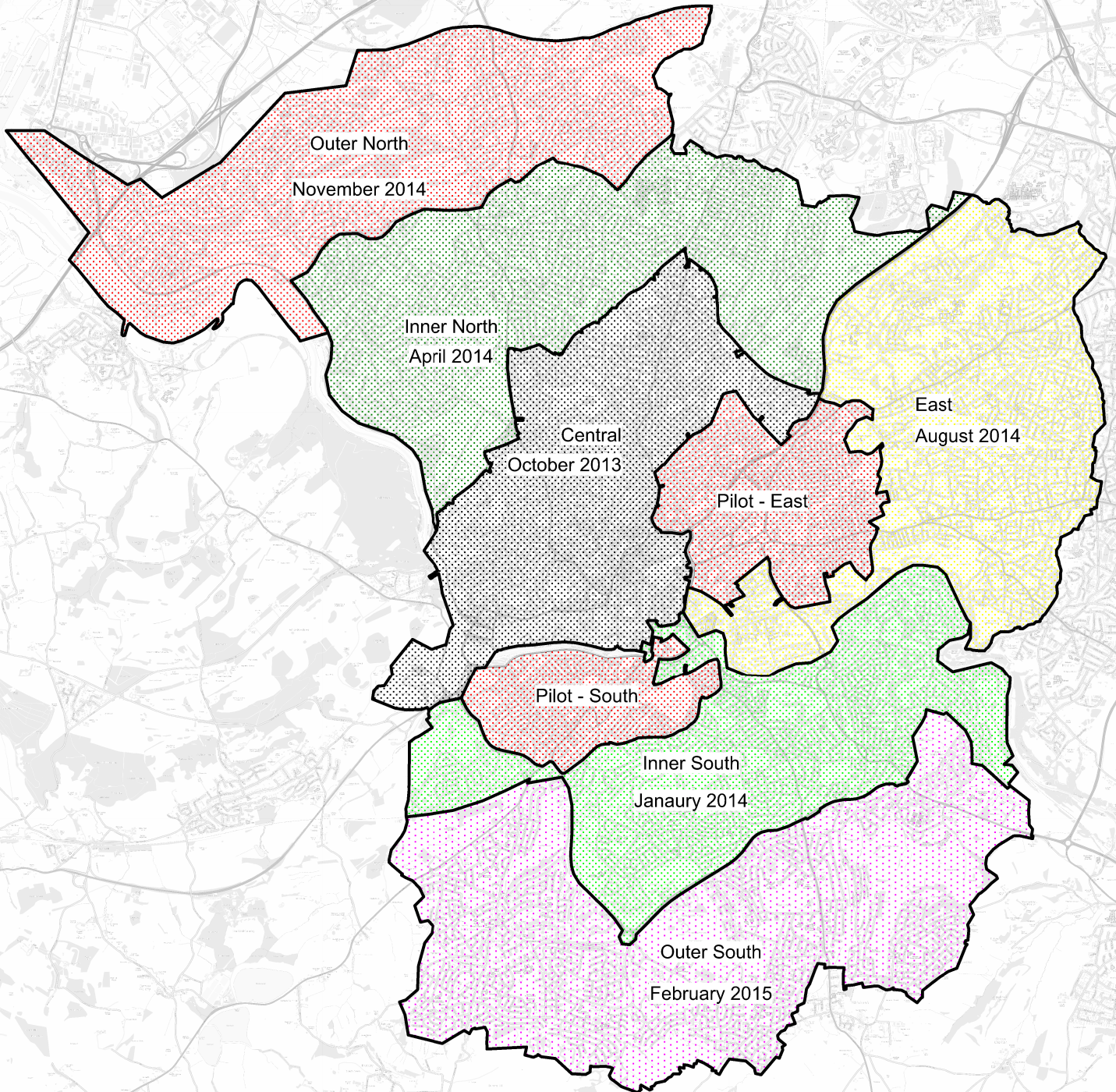
The attached map shows the areas in the Inner North area (Phase 3). Sea Mills is included in this phase. Lawrence Weston, Shirehampton and Avonmouth are in the Outer North area (Phase 5).

For the Inner North area (Phase 3) the informal consultation has started and will continue until August. The proposal will be circulated in September, with the formal consultation as part of the Traffic Regulation Order planned for October 2013.

For the Outer North area (Phase 5) the informal consultation will begin in October 2013 and will continue until January. The proposal will be circulated in February 2014, with the formal consultation as part of the Traffic Regulation Order planned for June 2014.

20 mph rollout with operative date

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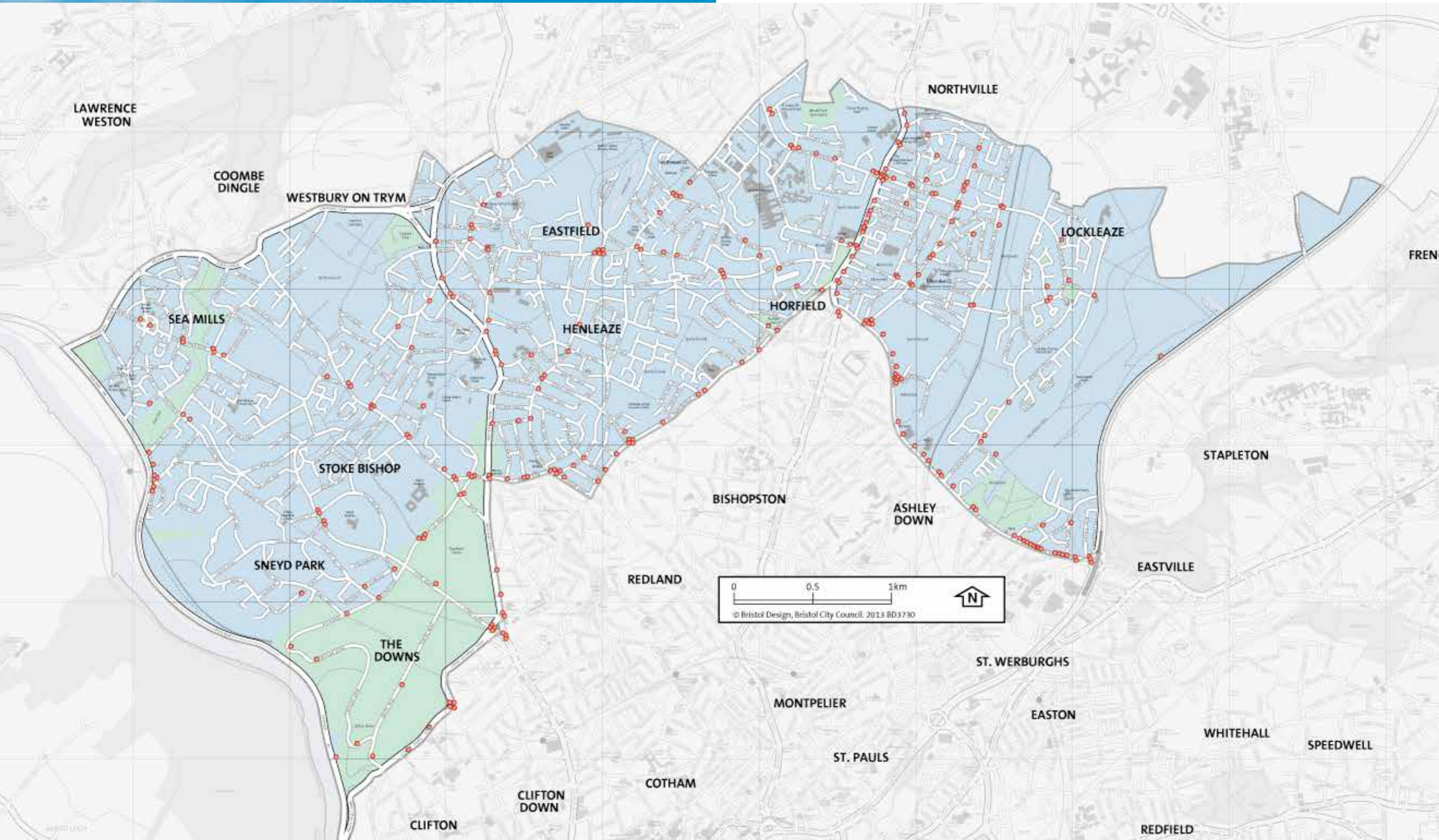


INNER NORTH AREA COLLISION LOCATIONS



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BRISTOL IS BETTER AT 20

In July last year the Council gave its approval to bring in a 20mph speed limit in Bristol, meaning that all roads except 40mph, 50mph and dual carriageways will be considered for the 20 mph speed limit.

The speed limit change will be introduced throughout Bristol in six areas. The first area will be central Bristol and the surrounding wards in October 2013. Your area falls into the Inner North area. The new speed limit is proposed to be introduced here in Spring 2014 and will apply to all vehicles on the road.

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

Safety, health and community are the three key benefits of introducing a reduction from 30mph to 20mph on Bristol's roads.

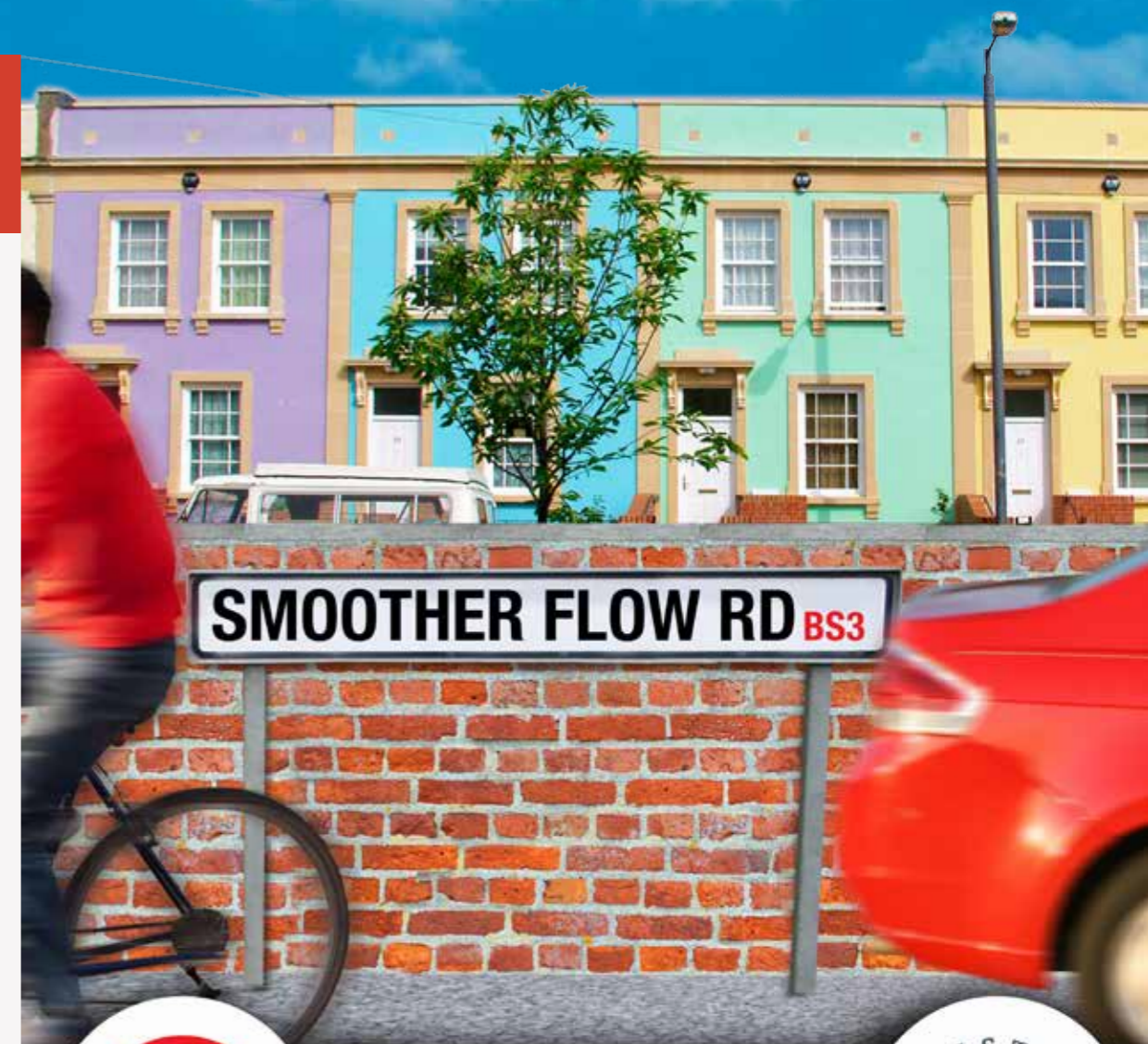
- 20** Lower road speeds mean that walking and cycling are more attractive choices, making us healthier;
- 20** Driving at 20 mph will also help reduce the severity of road collisions;
- 20** Slower traffic will support vulnerable people to move around in their local communities and encourage people to mix with others.....

all with negligible effects on your journey times!

We will be holding a number of public displays about the introduction of 20 mph in your area in the coming weeks. You can find a full list of times and location at www.bristol20mph.co.uk or by calling **0117 9036449**.

We will also be undertaking a formal consultation to agree which roads will be excluded from the scheme in your area. This consultation forms part of the Traffic Regulation Order process. During this time you will be able to review the proposal and lodge views.

You can also find out more information on our website www.bristol20mph.co.uk or if you have any questions you can email 20mph@bristol.gov.uk or phone **0117 9036449**.



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