

Statement of Reasons

Proposed 30mph & 40mph Speed Limits, A417 Gloucester Road, Hartpury.

Proposal

This is a proposal:

1. To introduce a north-westerly extension to the existing 30mph speed limit on A417 Gloucester Road by revoking the existing 40mph speed limit and introducing a 30mph speed limit as detailed in Schedule 1 below; and
2. To reduce the extent of the existing 40mph speed limit on A417 Gloucester Road to align with the new proposed north-western extent of the 30mph speed limit as detailed in Schedule 2 below.

Schedule 1 **30mph Speed Limit**

Road Name & Number	Description
Gloucester Road (A417)	From a point approximately 56m south of the centreline of its junction with Danford Lane (40447) to a point approximately 336m north-west of the centreline of its junction with Corsend Road (C69)

Schedule 2 **40mph Speed Limit**

Road Name & Number	Description
Gloucester Road (A417)	From a point approximately 336m north-west of the centreline of its junction with Corsend Road (C69) to a point approximately 910m north-west of its junction with Corsend Road (C69).

Reasons

The proposed measures are in association with the recently approved residential development at Little Orchard, located west of the A417 (planning ref. P1160/23/FUL). As part of the development works, there is a proposal to relocate the 30mph speed limit terminals to the northwest. This extension aims to ensure the safe operation of the highway during the construction phase and for general traffic movements once the development is completed. Additionally, the extension will include existing developments fronting the road north of Hartpury within the 30mph speed limit, in alignment with the Department for Transport (DfT) guidance on setting local speed limits. The scheme is developer funded.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council are proposing to implement the 30mph & 40mph speed limits under Section 84 and Part IV or Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA).

More specifically, according to the RTRA, it is the duty of a highway authority to 'manage their road network' and 'to improve road safety'. Section 122 of the RTRA states that local authorities must, so far as is practicable, exercise their functions under the RTRA so as to 'secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic'.

The proposals therefore accord with the RTRA.

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

The associated signing and lining will be in accordance with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 3.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.