

Statement of Reasons

Proposed 40 mph Speed Limit & Shared Use Footway/Cycleway, Bath Road (B4008), Parish of Haresfield and Standish.

Proposal

This is a proposal to:

1. introduce the 40mph speed limit detailed in Schedule 1 below;
2. introduce the shared use footway/cycleway listed in Schedule 2 below.

Schedule 1 - 40mph Speed Limit

Road Name & Number	Description
Bath Road (B4008)	From its junction with Mount Farm Lane (41322) in a southerly direction to a point approximately 350m north of its junction with the Lane to Warren Farm (51136) to join up with the existing 50mph speed limit.

Schedule 2 – Shared Use Footway/Cycleway

Road Name & Number	Extent
Shared Use Footway/Cycleway adjacent to south-east side of Bath Road (B4008)	From the northern giveway line of its roundabout junction for a distance of approximately 5m in a north-easterly direction to join up to the existing shared use footway/cycleway.
Shared Use Footway/Cycleway adjacent to south-east side of Bath Road (B4008)	From the northern giveway line of its roundabout junction for a distance of approximately 40m in a south-westerly direction.
Shared Use Footway/Cycleway adjacent to north-west side of Bath Road (B4008)	From a point approximately 13m south-west of the junction with the access to Javelin Park for a distance of approximately 230m in a south-westerly direction.
Shared Use Footway/Cycleway adjacent to north-east side of the access road to Tritax Park	From its junction with Bath Road (B4008) for a distance of approximately 20m in a north-westerly direction
Shared Use Footway/Cycleway adjacent to south-west side of the access road to Tritax Park	From its junction with Bath Road (B4008) for a distance of approximately 15m in a north-westerly direction

Reasons

The measures are proposed in association with the new Tritax Park development currently under construction to the west of the B4008 (Planning Ref: S.21/2579/OUT). The proposed access for this development is directly onto the B4008. Therefore, there is a requirement to introduce a 40mph speed limit here to ensure vehicles are travelling at the required speeds at the development access.

In addition to the proposed 40mph speed limit, the development works incorporate a section of shared use cycleway/footway improvements on Bath Road (B4008), extending the existing cycle route southwards.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council are proposing to implement the 40mph speed limit under Section 84 and Part IV of 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.

Highways Act 1980

The Council are proposing to implement the Shared Use Footway/Cycleway under Sections 65 & 66 of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended).

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.