

Statement of Reasons

Proposed 20mph speed limit, Bristol Road and Southgate Street, Gloucester

Proposal

The proposal is to introduce a new 20mph speed limit on Bristol Road, Gloucester from its junction with St Ann Way/Trier Way (A430) to a point 8 metres north of its junction with Linden Road (481523). Additionally, a 20mph speed limit is also proposed on the southernmost section of Southgate Street to maintain consistency along the entirety of the route.

Reasons

The measures are proposed as a result of concerns being raised regarding the appropriateness of the current 30mph speed limit in place along the northernmost section of Bristol Road. There are several junctions, parked vehicles on-street, and businesses fronting the carriageway at this location, in addition to very frequent pedestrian movements. This location is also number 3 on Gloucestershire County Council's accident hotspot list. Additionally, this section of carriageway qualifies for a 20mph speed limit according to DfT's "Setting Local Speed Limits" guidance. Therefore, for the reasons set out above, Gloucestershire County Council are proposing to introduce a 20mph speed limit on Bristol Road.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council are proposing to implement the 20mph speed limit 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.