

Statement of Reasons

Proposed 40 mph Speed Limit, Segregated Footway/Cycleway, Traffic Calming and Parallel Crossings– C87 (Road from Natton to Homedowns), Fiddington Fields, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury

Proposal

This is a proposal to replace the existing 50mph speed limit on the C87 with a 40mph speed limit, which is detailed in Schedule 1 below;

Schedule 1 - 40mph Speed Limit to be Introduced

Road Name & Number	Description
Road from Natton to Homedowns (C87)	From a point 29m south of its junction with Natton (50268) to a point 12m north of its junction with Homedowns (40290)

Reasons

The scheme is being proposed in association with the new residential development currently under construction to the east of the C87. The proposals have originated as part of a Section 278 agreement (24/00798/278) relating to this land. The proposed access for this development is also directly onto the C87, just north of where the existing 50mph speed limit is located.

The scheme is being proposed primarily to improve road safety in the vicinity of the C87 and for residents that live within the adjacent housing developments. Once the development has been completed, the C87 will comply with the criteria for a 40mph speed limit due to the substantial roadside development that will be in place.

A segregated footway/cycleway is also being proposed in this location along with some parallel crossings and splitter islands. Combined with the reduction of the existing 50mph speed limit these will improve the safety of pedestrians crossing the road as well as creating a safer environment for all road users.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

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

The Council are proposing to implement the Parallel Crossings under Section 23 of the 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 a Shared Use Footway/Cycleway under Sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended).

The Council are proposing to implement traffic calming features under Section 90G 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.