

Statement of Reasons

Proposed 50 mph Speed Limit – A4135 between Dursley & Kingscote

Proposal

This is a proposal:

1. To introduce the 50mph speed limit detailed in the schedule below; and
2. To revoke the existing 50mph speed limit Traffic Order on the A4135 at Kingscote and repropose it within this Traffic Order to consolidate the speed limits on the A4135 into one Traffic Order.

Schedule - 50mph Speed Limit to be Introduced

Road Name & Number	Description
A4135 (known in part as Whiteway Hill & in part as A4135 Whiteway Hill to Kingscote Park & in part as A4135 Kingscote Park to Calcot Crossroads).	From a point approximately 111m south-east of the centreline of its junction with Byron Road (43566) to a point approximately 53m south-east of the centreline of its junction with the C262 (known as 2/262 B4058 to A46 Lasborough).

Reasons

The scheme is being proposed primarily to improve road safety and amenity for all highway users, including pedestrians and cyclists on the A4135 between Dursley & Kingscote, where there is currently a national speed limit. There have been 11 personal injury collisions on this section of road in the last 5 years. This has been flagged up on the Gloucestershire “Hotspot List” as a location that requires intervention. The proposed changes seek to reduce the number and severity of collisions that have occurred here.

Vehicle speed data gathered during the assessment was within the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) guideline intervention level for a 50mph speed limit of 57mph.

It is also proposed to include the existing 50mph speed limit on the A4135 at Kingscote within this order to consolidate the speed limits on the A4135 into one Traffic Order. There will be no changes to the existing signed 50mph speed limit on-street at Kingscote as part of this Traffic Order process.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council are proposing to implement the 50mph 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.