

Statement of Reasons

Proposal – Cirencester Road, Minchinhampton

This is a proposal to:

1. Introduce an eastern extension to the existing 30mph speed limit as signed on site on Cirencester Road by revoking the existing 40mph speed limit in the section where there is streetlighting and introducing a 30mph speed limit by virtue of street lighting (restricted road); and
2. Rectify anomalies between the existing 30mph speed limit by virtue of a Traffic Order and the on-site situation by revoking the existing Traffic Order and introducing a 30mph speed limit by virtue of street lighting (restricted road where there is street lighting) as detailed in Schedule 2 below and by Traffic Order as detailed in Schedule 1 below (where there is no streetlighting) along Cirencester Road; and
3. Remake the extent of the existing 40mph speed limit as detailed in Schedule 3 below.

Schedule 1 - 30mph Speed Limit to be Introduced by Traffic Order

Road Name & Number	Description
Cirencester Road (C268)	From a point approximately 85m west of the centre point of its junction with Butt Street (C270) for a distance of approximately 92m in an easterly direction.

Schedule 2 - 30mph Speed Limit to be a Restricted Road

Road Name & Number	Description
Cirencester Road (C268)	From its junction with Butt Street (C270) to a point approximately 384m east of the centre point of its junction with Besbury Park (45937)

Schedule 3 - 40mph Speed Limit to be Introduced by Traffic Order

Road Name & Number	Description
Cirencester Road (C268)	From a point approximately 384m east of the centre point of its junction with Besbury Park (45937) to a point approximately 148m east of the centre point of its junction with the C271 Beeches Park to Junction with Cirencester Road (known as Hampton Road).

Reasons

In 2024 Gloucestershire County Council advertised its intention to introduce an eastern extension to the existing 30mph speed limit on Cirencester Road, Minchinhampton. The proposal was in association with the development of the Minchinhampton Medical Centre and was to relocate the 30mph speed limit terminals eastwards, to ensure that vehicles have sufficiently slowed down prior to reaching the junction to the new Medical Centre. The scheme was funded by the Developer.

This extension to the 30mph speed limit was introduced under a Traffic Order and started from the end of the original eastern extent of the streetlighting on Cirencester Road. Subsequently, additional streetlighting has now been installed eastwards on Cirencester Road to a point beyond the current extent of the 30mph speed limit. As a result of this streetlighting installation, there is a requirement to revoke the 30mph speed limit by Traffic Order, given this section of carriageway would now qualify as a 30mph speed limit by virtue of streetlighting (restricted road). As part of this

process, the existing terminal signs will be extended further eastward, to the location of the easternmost streetlight. As a result, the existing 40mph speed limit will need to be re-made to align with the new extent of the 30mph speed limit by virtue of streetlighting (restricted road).

In addition, a small section of 30mph speed limit by Traffic Order (where there is no streetlighting) at the Butt Street end of Cirencester Road will be remade under this new Traffic Order, to consolidate the speed limits on this section of carriageway into one Traffic Order. There will be no changes to the western extent of the 30mph speed limit on Cirencester Road.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council is proposing to implement the 30mph speed limit (restricted road where there is streetlighting) under Sections 81 - 83 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA) and the 30mph speed limit (where there is no streetlighting) and 40mph speed limit under Section 84 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to 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.

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

All of 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.

Statutory Consultation

A consultation process has been undertaken with all of the Statutory Consultees, including the Police, Emergency Services, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association, the local Parish Council, Local Highways Manager and County Councillor. No objections were raised.

A Public Consultation (Notice of Proposal) process is now due to take place, hence the publication of these documents.