

Statement of Reasons

Proposed 30 mph Speed Limit – C87 (Road from Natton to Homedowns), Fiddington Fields, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury

Proposal

This is a proposal to replace the existing 50mph and 40mph speed limits on the C87 with a 30mph speed limit, which is detailed in the Schedules below;

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

Road Name & Number	Description
Road from Natton to Homedowns (C87)	From a point approximately 30 metres north of its junction with Homedowns (40290) to a point approximately 5 metres south of its junction with Homedowns (50269).
Homedowns (50269)	For its entire length.
Natton (50268)	For its entire length.

Schedule 2 - 30mph Speed Limit to be Introduced by virtue of street lighting

Road Name & Number	Description
Road from Natton to Homedowns (C87)	From a point 42 metres south of its junction with Platinum Drive (72723) to a point approximately 30 metres 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 and formal crossing points are to be implemented.

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 30mph speed limit due to the substantial roadside development that will be in place.

These roads were previously consulted on as a proposed 40mph, however, on further analysis, it was decided that a 30mph speed limit would be more appropriate once the developments in the area had been completed.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council are proposing to implement the 30mph speed limit under Sections 81, 82 & 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.