

Statement of Reasons

Proposed 20mph, 30mph & 50mph Speed Limits Various roads in the Parish of Slimbridge

Proposal

This is a proposal to:

1. introduce a 20mph speed limit on the roads detailed in Schedule 1 below; and
2. introduce a 30mph speed limit on the roads detailed in Schedule 2 below; and
3. introduce a 50mph speed limit on the roads detailed in Schedule 3 below; and
4. introduce a 30mph speed limit on the section of Dursley Road (C348) where street lighting is present, thereby making this section and any adjoining side roads that meet the street lighting requirements subject to a 30mph speed limit by virtue of street lighting.

Schedule 1 - 20mph Speed Limit

Road Name & Number	Description
(C227) known in part as St Johns Road, in part as Churchend, in part as Kingston Road & in part as Newgrounds Lane	From a point approximately 31m north-west of its junction with A38 Slimbridge Crossroads (A38) for the remainder of its length (up to the Wetlands Centre).
Tyning Crescent (42873)	For its entire length
The Close (49592)	For its entire length
Moorend Lane (41616)	From its junction with St Johns Road (C227) to a point approximately 32m north-east of its junction with Tyndale Road (C228)
Merretts Orchard (48263)	For its entire length
Merretts Orchard (48330) (Known as "The Bewicks")	For its entire length
Lightenbrook Lane (41615)	For its entire length
Lancelot Court (48270)	For its entire length
Longaston Close (48302)	For its entire length
Longaston Lane (41613)	For its entire length
Ryalls Lane (41612)	For its entire length
Tudor Arms to Wild Goose Lodge (51681)	For its entire length

Schedule 2 - 30mph Speed Limit

Road Name & Number	Description
Dursley Road (C348)	From a point approximately 327m south-east of its junction with Bristol Road (A38) for the remainder of its length
Wisloe Road (C277)	From its junction with A4135 from Slimbridge Crossroads to Draycott Cam (A4135) for the remainder of its length (where it terminates on the western side of the M5)
Whitehouse Lane (41582)	For its entire length

Schedule 3 - 50mph Speed Limit

Road Name & Number	Description
St Johns Road (C227)	From its junction with A38 Slimbridge Crossroads (A38) for a distance of approximately 31m in a north-easterly direction

Reasons

The Project seeks to reduce vehicle speeds throughout the Parish in order to encourage safer and more sustainable travel, particularly walking and cycling. To support this objective, it is proposed to reduce the existing 30mph speed limit to a 20mph speed limit on several roads within Slimbridge village, and to introduce a 30mph speed limit on Dursley Road, Wisloe Road and the adjoining publicly maintainable side roads within Cambridge. It is also proposed to introduce a short section of 50mph speed limit from the A38 junction up to the start of the new 20mph speed limit, in order to correct an existing anomaly where this part of the carriageway is currently not covered by any Traffic Order.

These measures are proposed to improve road safety and reduce the likelihood of collisions, ensure the efficient use of the highway, and provide benefits to vulnerable road users such as cyclists, including those travelling to the local school and along National Cycle Network Route 41. Lower speeds will also help minimise damage to the highway and adjacent structures, while also preserving the amenities and quality of life in the local area, including a school, nursery, canal facilities, pub, shops, football club grounds, and the Slimbridge Wetlands Centre.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council are proposing to implement the 20mph, 30mph & 50mph speed limits under Sections 82 & 84 and Part IV or Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

More specifically, according to the Road Traffic Regulation Act (RTRA) 1984, it is the duty of a highway authority to 'manage their road network' and 'to improve road safety'. Section 122 of the RTRA 1984 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 1984 Act.

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

All of the associated signing will be in accordance with traffic signs regulations and general directions 2016.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the County 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.