

Statement of Reasons

Proposed 30 mph and 40 mph Speed Limits – Various Roads in the Vicinity of the A48 Nibley Crossroads, Parishes of Awre and West Dean

Proposal

This is a proposal to introduce 30mph and 40mph speed limits as detailed in Schedules 1 and 2 below.

Schedule 1

30mph Speed Limit to be Introduced

Road Name & Number	Description
A48 (known in part as High Street and in part as A48 from High Street to Junction with Lensbrook)	From a point approximately 65m south of its junction with Old Station Close (403271) for a distance of approximately 475m in a south-westerly direction.
C16 Road from junction with A48 to junction with Pine Tree Way (commonly known as Main Road)	From a point approximately 75m west of its junction with the A48 from High Street to Junction with Lensbrook for a distance of approximately 500m in a westerly direction.
40186 Pollards Lane	From its junction with C16 Road from junction with A48 to junction with Pine Tree Way (commonly known as Main Road) for a distance of approximately 250m in a northerly direction.

Schedule 2

40mph Speed Limit to be Introduced

Road Name & Number	Description
A48 (known in part as A48 from High Street to Junction with Lensbrook and in part as A48 from Junction with Lensbrook to Lydney Bypass)	From a point approximately 540m south of its junction with Old Station Close (403271) for a distance of approximately 710m in a southerly direction.
C16 Etloe Road	From its junction with the A48 from High Street to Junction with Lensbrook for a distance of approximately 250m in an easterly direction.
C16 Road from junction with A48 to junction with Pine Tree Way (commonly known as Main Road)	From its junction with the A48 from High Street to Junction with Lensbrook for a distance of approximately 75m in an westerly direction.

Reasons

There have been 2 serious and one slight road traffic collisions on these roads in the past five years, as well as numerous near misses reported to Gloucestershire County Council Highways through engagement with local parish residents. The objective of these proposals is to address the ongoing concerns of local and vulnerable road users and mitigate against future collisions and injuries.

The speed limits are proposed in order to improve road safety, including for cyclists and pedestrians; ensure efficient use of the highway; prevent the highway or adjacent structures from becoming damaged; and to preserve amenity and quality of life within the area.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council is proposing to implement the 30mph and 40mph speed limits under Section 84 and Part IV of 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.