

Statement of Reasons

Proposed 40mph speed limit extension, Spine Road East, South Cerney.

Proposal

The proposal is to introduce the speed limits detailed in the Schedules below:

Schedule 1 – 40mph Speed Limit

Road Name & Number	Description
Spine Road East (B4696)	From a point approximately 600m south-west of its junction with Station Road (C179) for a distance of approximately 1530m in a north-easterly direction
Station Road (C179)	From its junction with Spine Road East (B4696) for a distance of approximately 930m in a north-westerly direction

Schedule 2 – 50mph Speed Limit

Road Name & Number	Description
Spine Road East (B4696)	From a point approximately 600m south-west of its junction with Station Road (C179) to a point approximately 450m south-west of its junction with Broadway Lane (41008)

Reasons

The 40mph speed limit extension is proposed to facilitate the installation of a formal crossing where the active travel link between South Cerney to the north and Cricklade to the south intersects with Spine Road East, which is currently located within a 50mph speed limit. The existing vehicle speeds at the location of the active travel link exceeds the threshold for implementing a stand-alone signal crossing. Therefore, the speed limit extension will enable the future installation of the crossing facility, once speeds have been sufficiently reduced.

The 50mph speed limit is being proposed to reduce the extent of the existing 50mph speed limit on Spine Road East to align with the new proposed south-western extent of the 40mph speed limit.

The speed limit proposal on Station Road (C179) is proposed as an administrative exercise so that the speed limits along this section of carriageway are included within one Traffic Order. There will be no changes to the on-street extents of the speed limit on Station Road (C179) as part of this Traffic Order process.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Council are proposing to implement the 40mph & 50mph speed limits 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.

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.