

STATEMENT OF REASONS

for

City of Coventry (Stoneleigh Road & Gibbet Hill Road)(40mph Speed Limit) Revocation Order 2024

Following concerns raised by local residents and changes to adjacent and adjoining speed limits, it is proposed to revoke the existing 40mph speed limit extents on Stoneleigh Road and Gibbet Hill Road. This will mean that where the existing 40mph limit is revoked the road will revert to a 30mph national speed limit, by virtue of having Restricted Road status.

The proposed length of Stoneleigh Road which is to become 30mph has residential properties, and the reduction in speed limit will improve the appeal and safety of this length of road for cyclists and residents.

The speed limit has been reduced along some lengths of Gibbet Hill Road since the original 40mph speed limit order was introduced in 1979; some sections now being 30mph or 20mph as the environment has changed with developments in the area, leaving a short section of 40mph. Reducing the 40mph speed limit to 30mph should bring about a reduction in traffic speed which will lower traffic noise and improve the amenity of the road to residents, cyclists and pedestrians.

The Director of City Services and Commercial has delegated powers to approve the publishing of Traffic Regulation Orders and Notices of Intent

EFFECT

1. This Statement of Reasons relates to the making of the following Road Traffic Regulation Order.

- **City of Coventry (Stoneleigh Road & Gibbet Hill Road)(40mph Speed Limit) Revocation Order 2024**

The general effect of these proposals will be to:

- i. Revoke the existing 40mph speed limit on Stoneleigh Road, from the point where it enters the City of Coventry Local Authority (the City Boundary), thereby reverting to 30mph National Speed Limit by virtue of the road having Restricted Road Status
- ii. Remove the existing 40mph speed limit on Gibbet Hill Road, from its junction with Kenilworth Road to a point approximately 40m south of the access road formerly known as Cryfield Grange, where it currently becomes 30mph, thereby reverting to 30mph National Speed Limit by virtue of the road having Restricted Road Status

2. The Director for City Services and Commercial has delegated powers to approve the publishing of Traffic Regulation Orders

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3. When considering whether to make a traffic order the Council is under a duty pursuant to S.122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway having regard to the matters specified in S.122(2). It is considered that the proposal will improve access and amenity for pedestrians and cyclists accessing the University of Warwick, reduce vehicle speeds and improve the amenity for residents .

Furthermore, it is considered that the proposals will affect matters specified in S.122(2) as follows:

(a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;

The proposed change will not affect access to any premises.

(b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run;

Slower traffic will improve the amenity of these roads for other users, namely pedestrians and cyclists.

(c) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles

Gibbet Hill Road is a bus route, with associated bus stops; the proposed change of speed limit will improve safety for pedestrians, some of whom may be accessing bus boarding points.

(d) any other relevant matters

There are varying speed limits in place along Gibbet Hill Road and this change to National Speed Limit (30mph) will provide consistency and continuity along its length

4. The proposed traffic order is to be implemented in accordance with Section 1(1), Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) as it appears to the Authority that it is expedient to make them:

(a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising

(c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)

(e) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on foot

(f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs

5. The proposed changes and the authority's reasons are as follows:

Stoneleigh Road – Revocation of 40mph speed limit (to revert to National Speed Limit of 30mph)

The proposed revocation of the existing 40mph speed limit on Stoneleigh Road will result in the road becoming subject to the national speed limit, 30mph. This will assist to slow down traffic and improve safety for all road users

Gibbet Hill Road – Revocation of 40mph speed limit (to revert to National Speed Limit of 30mph)

The proposed revocation of the existing 40mph speed limit on Gibbet Hill Road will result in the road becoming subject to the national speed limit, 30mph. This will assist to slow down traffic and improve safety.