



Statement of Reasons for proposing

The Wokingham Borough (Parish of Shinfield) (Revocation and 30mph Speed Limit)(Basingstoke Road, Tabby Drive, Church Lane, Hyde End Lane, Hyde End Road and Beech Hill Road, Wokingham) Order 2023

Wokingham Borough Council has received requests from Shinfield Parish Council, local residents, elected members and by developers to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on Basingstoke Road, Church Lane, Hyde End Lane, Hyde End Road and Beech Hill Road, Shinfield. The proposed 30mph speed limits are intended to help provide a safer road network for all highway users, including motor cyclists, pedal cyclists and pedestrians. Wokingham Borough Council recognises the benefits that lower vehicle speeds has on improving road safety on road within the borough. Lower vehicle speeds reduce the likelihood of accidents and also the severity of injuries if there are any. Wokingham Borough Council is therefore proposing to introduce the above-named order. The Order shall introduce a 30mph speed limit along **Basingstoke Road** - from the junction of Back Lane for a distance of approximately 2525 metres, **Church Lane** - from the junction of Basingstoke Road for a distance of approximately 430 metres, **Hyde End Lane** - from the junction of Church Lane for a distance of approximately 168 metres, **Beech Hill Road** - from the junction of Basingstoke Road for a distance of approximately 655 metres, **Tabby Drive** – from the junction of Basingstoke Road for a distance of approximately 40 metres and **Hyde End Road** from the junction of Basingstoke Road for a distance of approximately 1560 metres and from a point approximately 50m south of Appleton Way in a north and north-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 400 metres.

The Order shall revoke the existing 40mph speed limit in the named lengths of road specified in the following orders Wokingham District Council (Back Lane, B3349 Basingstoke Road, Beech Hill Road and Lambs Lane, Shinfield and Swallowfield) (30 and 40 MPH Speed Limits) Order 2005 (no.18), the Royal County of Berkshire (Church Lane and Brookers Hill, Shinfield) (40 MPH Speed Lane) Order 1995, The Wokingham Borough Council (Hyde End Lane, Ryeish Lane and Croft Road, Spencers Wood)(One-way Traffic, 30 MPH and 40 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2010 and the Royal County of Berkshire (Hyde End Road, Shinfield) (40 MPH Speed Limit) Order 1995.

The proposed restrictions are considered by the Council to be necessary and expedient to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using these roads or prevent the likelihood of such danger arising and to facilitate the passage of traffic. The proposed measures have been subject to consultations with local councillors representing the areas, Shinfield Parish Council and Thames Valley Police.

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