

THE COUNTY OF POWYS
(NEWTOWN BYPASS SIDE ROADS)
(30 AND 40 MPH) AND (REVOCATION) SPEED LIMIT ORDER 2019

Statement of Reasons

1.0 Background

- 1.1 As a consequence of the construction of Newtown Bypass, the bypassed sections of the A483(T) and the A489(T) trunk roads through Newtown (i.e. parts of Pool Road, New Road, Llanidloes Road and Dolfor Road) have been de-trunked, reclassified and renumbered as class 1 and class 2 county highways, thereby becoming the responsibility of Powys County Council. Part of the class 1 A489 (Kerry Road) between Pool Road and the bypass has also been reclassified as a class 2 county highway.
- 1.2 The Welsh Government has allocated additional funding to enable Powys County Council to carry out necessary modifications associated with these de-trunked roads following the completion of the bypass construction works.
- 1.3 Temporary speed limits have been in force during the bypass construction works, and modifications to the permanent speed limits along those lengths of road were agreed as part of the bypass design. Powys County Council now has the authority and responsibility to make the necessary Traffic Regulation Order to introduce these permanent speed limits. The costs for introducing the permanent Traffic Regulation Order will be funded from the additional monies allocated by the Welsh Government referred to above.
- 1.4 The proposed speed limit extensions are considered to be compliant with the Welsh Assembly Government Circular No. 24/2009 "Setting Local Speed Limits in Wales", and the proposed speed limit modifications are supported by Dyfed-Powys Police.
- 1.5 Those lengths of road which are illuminated by a system of street lighting, and are not proposed to be the subject of a speed limit other than 30 mph, have the status of a "restricted road" as defined in Section 81 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. A Traffic Regulation Order is not therefore required along those sections of road to prohibit traffic speeds in excess of 30 mph.
- 1.6 The Welsh Government are responsible for introducing the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders to regulate the speed limits along the bypass itself, which will have the status of the new trunk road(s).

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 To introduce a permanent Traffic Regulation Order to modify the permanent speed limits along the de-trunked sections of Pool Road, New Road, Llanidloes Road and Dolfor Road; and along the reclassified section of Kerry Road.