

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION
by
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PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR A GREENER POWYS
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REPORT AUTHOR: Traffic Engineer North, Highways & Technical Services

REPORT TITLE: Speed Limit Review – Various Roads, Montgomery.

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Purpose

1.1. This report seeks to secure portfolio holder authorisation for local highway authority traffic officers to commence the traffic regulation order consultation and implementation process to modify the extents of the existing speed limits and introduce new speed limits along various roads in the town of Montgomery following discussions with the Town Council. The Order would also revoke the existing restricted roads speed limit Orders within the town of Montgomery.

2. Background

1.1. Full planning consent reference 20/2118/FUL has been secured by a developer to erect 33 affordable local need dwellings, formation of vehicular access road and all associated works on land off Forden Road, Montgomery. One of the developer's obligations with respect to their planning consent is to modify the extent of the existing 30mph speed limit and introduce a new 40mph buffer zone speed limit along Forden Road. A traffic regulation Order would be required to modify the speed limits along Forden Road.

1.2. The developer has already paid the Council's fee to process the speed limit traffic regulation Order.

1.3. The developer will also be funding the required signage and carriageway markings associated with the new and modified speed limits along Forden Road and New Road.

1.4. As part of the same traffic regulation Order proposal, the local highway authority is seeking to make modifications to the existing speed limits on other roads within the town of Montgomery to take into account traffic speed concerns raised by Montgomery Town Council and to eliminate minor discrepancies that currently exist between the existing

restricted roads traffic regulation Order extents and the existing locations of certain speed limit terminal signs.

- 1.5. A small number of non-illuminated speed limit terminal signs will need to be erected along Llandyssil Road and Bishop's Castle Street to facilitate the modified speed limit proposal; and the existing non-illuminated 30mph speed limit signs will need to be relocated further along Station Road to facilitate the new speed limit Order. These minor costs will be funded by the local highway authority.
- 1.6. The new speed limit Order will specify which sections of road will be designated as 30mph and 40mph speed limit roads, and which sections of road will be designated as restricted roads. The restricted roads will initially be the subject of a 30mph speed limit, but will become the subject of a 20mph speed limit after September 2023 as a consequence of the new restricted roads speed limit legislation that has been made by the Welsh Government.
- 1.7. All other adopted highways within the town that are not specified in the Order but are illuminated by a system of street lighting will also become the subject of a 20mph speed limit after September 2023 as a consequence of the new restricted roads speed limit legislation that has been made by the Welsh Government.
- 1.8. The proposal includes the revocation of existing restricted roads traffic regulation Orders listed below to enable the new speed limit extents to be more clearly and accurately defined by the new traffic regulation Order :-
 - a. *The County Council of Montgomery (Restricted Roads) (No.1) Order 1963.*
 - b. *The County Council of Montgomery (Restricted Roads) (No.2) Order 1963.*
 - c. *The County of Powys (Forden Road and Kerry Road, Montgomery) (Restricted Roads) (No.1) Order, 1978.*
 - d. *The County of Powys (Forden Road, Montgomery) (Restricted Roads) (No.1) Order, 1981.*
 - e. *The County of Powys (New Road, Montgomery) (Restricted Roads) (No.1) Order, 1991.*
 - f. *The County of Powys (Bishop's Castle Road, Montgomery) (Restricted Roads) (No.1) Order, 1992.*
- 1.9. Copies of the Orders to be revoked and an indicative plan showing the extents of those Orders are attached at Appendix C for reference purposes.

- 1.10. To avoid any confusion and for the purposes of clarity, the proposed speed limit extents contained within the traffic order are identified on a plan and as written descriptions of individual speed limit extents along those roads within the draft Order. The plan is attached at Appendix A and will be available to view on site notices and on the Council's website during the public consultation phase of the traffic order making process.
- 1.11. The Council's statement of reasons is attached to this report at Appendix B.

2. Advice

- 2.1. No other options are available for consideration at this stage of the Traffic Regulation Order proposal process.
- 2.2. The County Council has engaged with the Town Council and the county councillor whose ward is directly affected by the proposed speed limit modifications.
- 2.3. The proposals support the CIP priority of improving our transport infrastructure by making it safer for people to use the highways within Montgomery and to encourage active travel movements.

3. Resource Implications

- 3.1. All costs associated with the consultation process, the implementation of the Traffic Regular Order and the associated carriageway markings and signage along Forden Road will be funded by the developer.
- 3.2. All the other speed limit terminal and repeater signs that will need to be erected along the other roads in Montgomery will be funded from the existing highway maintenance budget.
- 3.3. The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) notes the report.

5. Legal implications

- 3.4. The Principal Legal Assistant (North) has reviewed the proposals and confirms it is within our power as long as the correct process is followed.
- 3.5. The Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".

6. Data Protection

- 3.6. Personal data will be collected from responses to the public consultation and is essential to undertake this statutory requirement for making a

Traffic Regulation Order. This data will be collected and managed in accordance with the privacy notice that is published on the Traffic Order Consultation page on our website.

- 3.7. The Data Protection Officer notes the processing of personal data in connection with this proposal and makes no further comment.

7. Comments from local members

- 7.1. The proposal will affect residents, businesses, and visitors to Montgomery. Cllr Jeremy Brignell-Thorp has expressed his support for the proposal, as have Dyfed-Powys Police and Montgomery Town Council.

8. Integrated Impact Assessment

- 8.1. An impact assessment is not required.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>1. To resolve that the Traffic Regulation Order consultation procedure is initiated in accordance with The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 for the proposed modification of the existing speed limits and the introduction of new speed limits along various roads in the town of Montgomery as set out in the plans in Appendix A; and if no substantive objections are received the proposal be implemented.</p> <p>2. To revoke the existing restricted roads Orders listed at Appendix C.</p>	<p>To modify the extents of the existing restricted roads speed limits and introduce new 30 mph and 40 mph speed limit buffer zones to mitigate speed concerns and secure the planning gain element of the housing development, in the interests of highway safety.</p>

Relevant Policy:	Corporate Improvement Plan 2021-25 : Improve our Infrastructure to Support Regeneration and Attract Investment - We will actively compete for any grant funding opportunities, and subject to such funding, deliver transport infrastructure projects, develop active travel, support suitable transport options and improve road safety.		
Within Policy:	Y / N	Within Budget:	Y / N

Relevant Local Member(s):	Cllr Jeremy Brignell-Thorp - member for the Forden and Montgomery ward.
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Chris Lloyd
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	As soon as possible

Is a review of the impact of the decision required?	Y/ N
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

- **Appendix A - Proposed speed limit traffic regulation Order plans.**
- **Appendix B - Statement of reasons.**
- **Appendix C – Existing speed limit traffic regulation Orders to be revoked.**