

**The County of Powys (Various Roads, Montgomery)  
(40 MPH Speed Limit, 30 MPH Speed Limit and Restricted Roads) Order 2023**

**Statement of Reasons**

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.*

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.

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.