



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHARLBURY AREA) (SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 20**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Oxfordshire County Council wants to make our built environments safer and more attractive places to walk and cycle. To enable this, 20mph speed restrictions are being used to help promote alternative modes of transport for local travel.

Streets are central to everyday life in Oxfordshire. They play a role in all transport journey's and are places where people shop, work and spend time. Improving the experience of being on Oxfordshire's streets will therefore improve people's local areas and their everyday lives. Improving streets to encourage active travel will also help to deliver further benefits for people in Oxfordshire. A wide range of people choosing to walk, and cycle will help to improve public health, reduce road noise, improve air quality and make local areas more relaxing. Furthermore, 20mph speed limits will help reduce casualty rates and improve road safety.

Following concerns raised by the town council regarding road safety on local roads, Oxfordshire County Council is proposing to introduce a 20mph speed limit throughout Charlbury, incorporating the current 20mph speed limit in centre of the town and replacing the majority of the existing 30mph speed limit on the residential roads within the 'built-up' areas in the process.

Additionally, the existing 30mph speed limit on the B4026 Pound Hill/Charlbury Road will be extended northwards to beyond the access to the Camping & Caravan site, replacing the existing 40mph speed limit in the process. This aspect supersedes the proposed extended limit which was previously consulted on in May 2022, and seeks to improve road safety for vulnerable road-users, specifically the pedestrians walking to and from the camp site, bringing forward changes suggested over some years by local residents in the town.

Other existing 30mph, 40mph & 50mph speed limits will remain in place, with Officers having taken the current road environment & traffic usage into account.

A zebra crossing is also proposed for The Slade, which seeks to improve road safety by assisting vulnerable pedestrians cross the carriageway in the vicinity of the Charlbury Primary School.

The County Council continues its responsibility to consider the provision of convenient and safe movement of motor vehicles and other traffic, and the proposed measures are aimed at ensuring that danger is minimised whilst facilitating the effective and safe passage of traffic.

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