



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DIDCOT 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.

Oxfordshire County Council is therefore proposing to introduce a 20mph speed limit within the Ladygrove part of Didcot, replacing the existing 30mph limits on the residential roads lying north & east of the railway line in their entirety. The proposals have been put forward following road safety concerns raised by the town Council, and seek an improvement of road safety for all users, and a reduction of the Counties carbon footprint, which form part of a countywide programme of works that seeks to deliver 'a safer place with a safer pace'.

The remaining roads within Didcot lying south of the railway line will remain as existing, whilst having taken into account the current road environment, traffic usage, and their strategic importance the A4130 perimeter road (50mph) & A4130 Abingdon Road (30mph) will also remain unchanged as currently signed.

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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