

Statement of Reasons

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (SOMMERFELD ROAD AND HADLEY ROAD, HADLEY) (40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2021

Proposals

It is proposed to install a 40mph Speed Limit along a short section of Sommerfeld Road and Hadley Road.

Following a review of vehicle speeds along Sommerfeld Road and Hadley Road (in particular the area near to Middle Pool) it is proposed to introduce a short section of 40mph speed limit. The proposed 40mph limit will start on Sommerfeld Road (south-east of Patchett Close) and end in the vicinity of the existing 30mph gateway feature when entering Wombridge.

Due to the function of the road and the road environment this short section of 40mph speed limit will aid compliance when leaving the residential area on Sommerfeld Road by providing a consistent message between the speed limit and road characteristics; thereby becoming a self-enforcing limit. The change in speed limit to the proposed 40mph from the existing 30mph will be reflective of changes in road layout and characteristics, including entering a residential area and new gateway features (30mph signs and associated carriageway lining). This will indicate to drivers that a change in environment has occurred and that it is congruent with lower speeds and will therefore also aid speed limit compliance. A similar beneficial effect is expected to be seen upon entering Wombridge.

Increased speed compliance as a result of these measures will ensure greater safety for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

In deciding to introduce this speed limit the Council have had regard to the duty set out in Section 122 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 so as to:

Secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians)

Section 1(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising

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