

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Brighton & Hove (Speed Limit) Consolidation Order 2016 Amendment Order No.* 201* (ref: TRO-28-2022)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Brighton & Hove City Council proposes to shorten the 40mph speed restriction on Wilson Avenue and replace with the default national speed limit (30mph). The 30mph restriction will be extended from its current location (north of Marlow Road) to north of the access to Brighton Waste and Recycling Site. The speed limit on the section of Wilson Avenue north of this (until its junction with Warren Road) would remain as 40mph.

The proposed change comes in response to a deputation to the Council's Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee from residents of Wilson Avenue calling for a reduction in the speed limit. The council has subsequently considered the need for a change in the speed limit and whether this would be compliant with the Department for Transport's (DfT) (2013) Guidance on Setting Local Speed Limits¹.

The guidance states that 30mph speed limits are typically applied "*In other built-up areas (where motor vehicle movement is deemed more important) [than in a 20mph area], with development on both sides of the road.*"

The guidance states that 40mph speed limits are typically applied "*On higher quality suburban roads or those on the outskirts of urban areas where there is little development, with few cyclists, pedestrians or equestrians. On roads with good width and layout, parking and waiting restrictions in operation, and buildings set back from the road. On roads that, wherever possible, cater for the needs of non-motorised users through segregation of road space, and have adequate footways and crossing places.*"

Based on the above, the change from a 40mph to 30mph speed limit on Wilson Avenue is deemed to be compliant with the guidance as this section of the road is developed and does not provide full segregation for non-motorised users.

The council has collected data on current traffic speeds at two locations (south of Ticehurst Road and north of Vines Cross Road). At both locations, current traffic speeds average between 32mph and 37mph². The council will monitor the impact of the change of speed limit on traffic speeds to inform whether further changes are needed.

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¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-local-speed-limits/setting-local-speed-limits>

² Average is 24 hour median figure (at which 50% of vehicles travel below and 50% vehicles travel above). Data collected 15 July to 22 July 2022. Ticehurst Road, northbound median speed: 32mph, southbound median speed: 37mph; Vines Cross Road, northbound median speed: 34mph, southbound median speed: 35mph.