

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, BRIDGWATER)
(PARISHES OF SPAXTON, WEMBDON AND BRIDGWATER)
(REVOCATION OF DERESTRICTED SPEED LIMIT AND INTRODUCTION OF
50MPH SPEED LIMIT AND 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2018

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL in exercise of its powers under Section 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act of 1984”) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order shall come into force on the 10th day of April 2018 and may be cited as the “Somerset County Council (Various Roads, Bridgwater) (Parish of Spaxton, Wembon and Bridgwater) (Revocation of Derestricted Speed Limit and Introduction of 50mph Speed Limit and 40mph Speed Limit) Order 2018”.
2. The provisions of any other Order are hereby revoked but only in so far as they are affected by the restrictions imposed by this Order.
3. No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule 1 to this Order.
4. No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule 2 to this Order.

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GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Council this 6th day of April 2018

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was hereunto affixed)
in the presence of)



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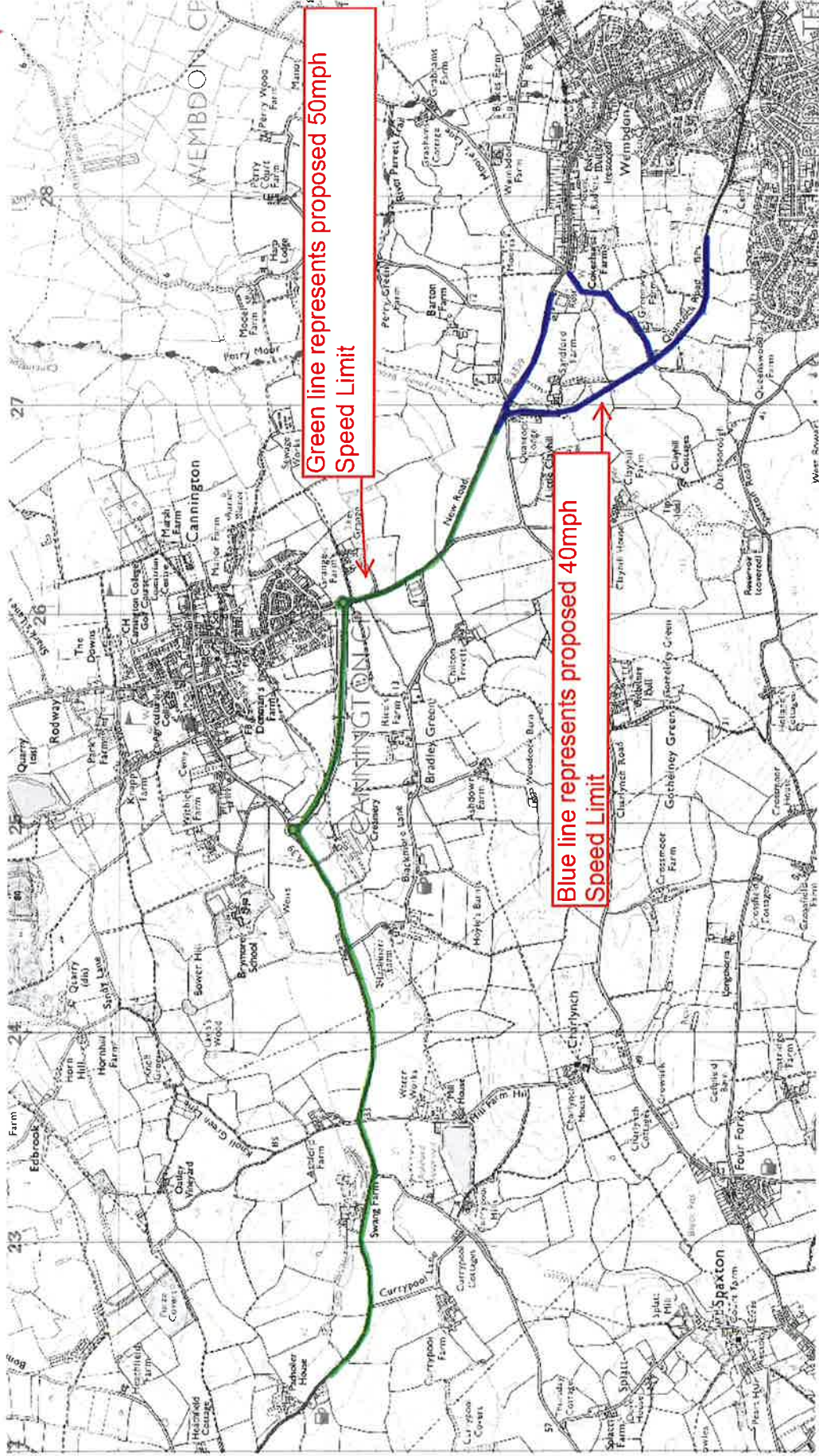
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STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

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.

Various Roads, Bridgwater

Revocation of derestricted Speed Limit and introduction of 50mph Speed Limit and 40mph Speed Limit



TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
DETERMINATION REPORT

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Executive Portfolio Holder: John Woodman, Cabinet Member-Highways

Division and Local Members: Ann Bown, Bridgwater West. Mike Caswell, Cannington

Lead Officer: Steve Gooding, Engineering Design Team Engineer

Author: Jeff Bunting - Senior Traffic Engineer

Contact Details: trafficmanagement@somerset.gov.uk

1 Summary

- 1.1 The proposal is to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for 50mph and 40mph Speed Limits on the A39 between Bridgwater and Keenthorne.
- 1.2 Reducing the current national speed limit is considered necessary to address the significant collision history along the affected lengths of road; a total of 37 injury accidents have been recorded in the most recent 5-year period available. Furthermore, the development of Hinkley Point C and associated new infrastructure projects adjoining the A39, e.g. creation of new Hinkley Point C Park and Ride site, will impact on the function of the road and composition of road users reinforcing the need to seek speed limits which are lower than the national speed limit.
- 1.3 The TRO was advertised in the Somerset County Gazette on 16th January 2018. The proposed TRO/public notice, draft TRO and plan are shown in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 1a**.
- 1.4 Following advertisement of the TRO one objection was received. The objector and reasons for objecting to the proposal are shown in **Appendix 2**.
- 1.5 The police, emergency services, local members and other statutory consultees did not object to the proposal.
- 1.6 The scheme is being funded from Section 106 Planning monies from the Hinkley Point C development which is also funding other infrastructure projects within the area.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the **(VARIOUS ROADS, BRIDGWATER)**
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3 Objections

3.1 1 objection to the advertised TRO was received shown in **Appendix 2**. Individual letters/emails of objection and responses are available for inspection at the authors Department.

3.2 Summary of objection reasons:

“Objection to the total waste of scarce resources and Highways Management time and energy in the pursuit of schemes such as is proposed. There is absolutely no reason to implement these restrictions as anyone who uses the A39 regularly will attest that the average speed you can travel at during the working day and early evening would not bring you anywhere near the speed limits proposed.

This section of road is very busy and is used by very many commercial vehicles ie HGV and Passenger carrying vehicles, the road is used by many agricultural vehicles. These vehicles are all limited to maximum 50 mph and create a natural ‘rolling’ speed limit, so why spend all of this money on something that is unnecessary anyway. As the road is currently 60 mph this figure is very rarely reached and those that do exceed this limit, the proposed new limit will undoubtedly make no difference whatsoever.”

Decision record

The objection received during the consultation period has been given due consideration and I hereby confirm that the TRO (**VARIOUS ROADS, BRIDGWATER**) (**PARISHES OF SPAXTON, WEMBDON AND BRIDGWATER**) (**REVOCATION OF DERESTRICTED SPEED LIMIT AND INTRODUCTION OF 50MPH SPEED LIMIT AND 40MPH SPEED LIMIT**) ORDER 2018 be approved

I authorise the sealing of this Traffic Regulation Order

Signed..........

Bev Norman
Strategic Manager- Traffic Management and Road Safety, Somerset County Council

Date: 3rd April 2018

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NOTICE is hereby given that Somerset County Council proposes to make the above Order in pursuance of the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which is to introduce a 50 mph and 40 mph Speed Limit on the lengths of road as specified in the Schedules to this Order.

The provisions of any other Order are hereby revoked but only in so far as they are affected by the restrictions imposed by this order.

A copy of the draft Order, the maps showing the lengths of road affected and the Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected at Somerset Highways, A Block Reception, County Hall, Taunton and online at www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO. If you are unable to access either please contact 0300 123 2224.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order may do so in writing, quoting reference number KT17112017 and specifying the grounds on which it is made to Somerset County Council, Traffic Management, County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY.
To be received no later than the 6th February 2018.

The names and addresses of anyone writing in may be made available for public inspection and will be included in a report that may be published on the Somerset County Council website, unless the individuals concerned state, in writing, their objection to their names and addresses being made so available or being included in the publication.

PATRICK FLAHERTY
Chief Executive
Dated: 16th January 2018

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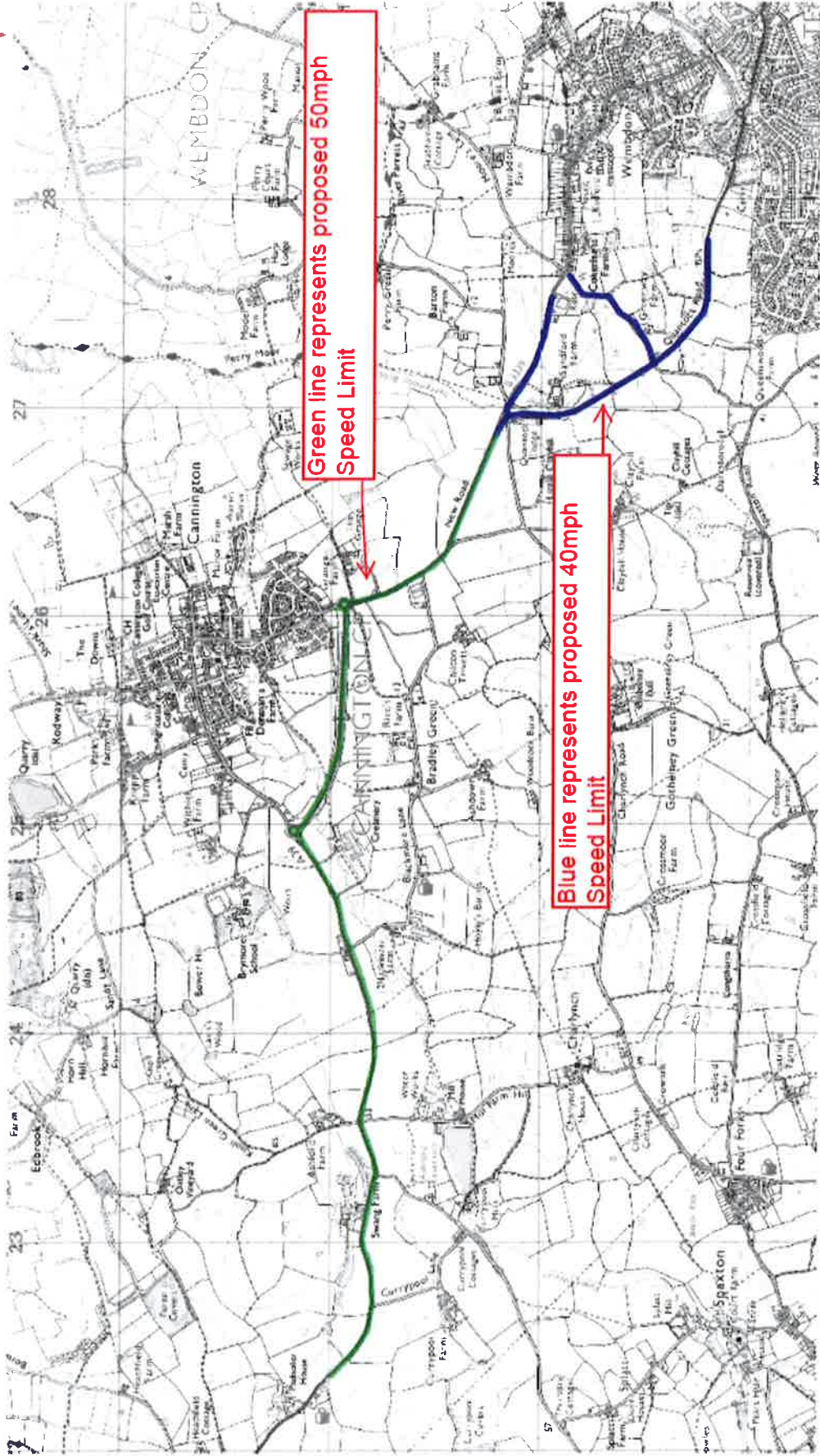
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From: Malcolm Hogg <boss525@sky.com>
Sent: 2018/01/25 01:14:54
To: SCC General Enquiries <Generalenquiries@somerset.gov.uk>
Subject: Speed limit consultation KT17112017

Sirs,

I feel I must register my objection to the total waste of scarce resources and Highways Management time and energy in the pursuit of schemes such as is proposed. There is absolutely no reason to implement these restrictions as anyone who uses the A39 regularly will attest that the average speed you can travel at during the working day and early evening would not bring you anywhere near the speed limits proposed. They are therefore a waste of time and council tax payers money.

This section of road is very busy and is used by very many commercial vehicles ie HGV and Passenger carrying vehicles, the road is used by many agricultural vehicles. These vehicles are all limited to maximum 50 mph and create a natural 'rolling' speed limit, so why spend all of this money on something that is unnecessary anyway. As the road is currently 60 mph this figure is very rarely reached and those that do exceed this limit, the proposed new limit will undoubtedly make no difference whatsoever.

I think, like many people that time is well overdue for SCC /Somerset Highways to look at their costs and budgets and spend more time cutting down on existing wastage on the highways rather than looking for ways to waste funds on 'tunnel visioned' proposals with little chance of making any difference. The police have scant resources to patrol the area now, what chance have they of enforcing a 10 mph difference.

TOTAL WASTE.

Yours faithfully

Malcolm Hogg
Nether Stowey Resident