

OLD FOREST ROAD 30MPH SPEED LIMIT

Statement of Reasons for proposing

Wokingham Borough Council is proposing to introduce the above-named order, which seeks to revoke paragraph 3 and Schedule 2 of the Royal County of Berkshire (Restricted Roads and 40mph speed limit) (Winnersh and Wokingham) (No. 9) Order 1979 and to introduce a 30mph speed limit along Old Forest Road, Wokingham from its junction with A329 Reading Road to a point 100 metres northeast of its junction with Ashton Road, a distance of approximately 842 metres.

The proposed restrictions are considered by the Council to be necessary and expedient to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using these roads or prevent the likelihood of such danger arising and to facilitate the passage of traffic. The proposed measures have been subject to consultations with local councillors representing the areas and the Police.

DRAFT ORDER

Wokingham Borough Council (Old Forest Road, Wokingham) (Revocation and 30mph Speed Limit) Order 2023.

Wokingham Borough Council as Traffic Authority in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 84 and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended ("The Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with the Act hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order shall come into operation on xxxxxxxxxxxx2023 and may be cited as the

Wokingham Borough Council (Old Forest Road, Wokingham) (Revocation and 30mph Speed Limit) Order 2023.
2. Paragraph 3 and Schedule 2 of the **Royal County of Berkshire (Restricted Roads and 40mph speed limit) (Winnersh and Wokingham) (No. 9) Order 1979** is hereby revoked in its entirety.
3. While the Order is in force the length of road specified in Schedule 1 to this order shall be restricted for the purpose of section 83 of the Act.
4. Save as provided in article 5 and 6 hereof, no person shall drive a vehicle at a speed exceeding 30mph at the section of road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order while the Order is in force.
5. No statutory provision imposing a speed limit on motor vehicles shall apply to any vehicle on an occasion when it is being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police

purposes, if the observance of that provision would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion.

6. No speed limit imposed by this Order shall apply to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of the Regulations.
7. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Order Inspection and Representations

A copy of the proposed Order, plan showing the parts of the highway and areas affected by the Order and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during office hours Monday to Friday at the Wokingham Borough Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 1WN from 9th March 2023 for a period of 21 days from the date of this Notice.

Any representations or objections to the proposals with the grounds on which they are made must be made in writing to Traffic Management, Parking and Road Safety, Wokingham Borough Council, Shute End, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 1WN, quoting ref. **Old Forest Road TRO**. Objections and representations can also be submitted by email to TM.consultations@wokingham.gov.uk. The deadline for the receipt of objections is 23.59 pm on 30th March 2023.