



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Wokingham Borough Council (Bearwood Road, Winnersh) (30 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2025

This Order replaces an existing 40 mph speed limit on part of Bearwood Road with a 30 mph speed limit by designating the road as a restricted road, in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The new limit aligns with the system of street lighting along this section of the road and aims to improve safety for all road users, particularly in the vicinity of local residential areas and where pedestrian activity is increasing. The Order also supports the installation of a new zebra crossing on Bearwood Road, providing a safer crossing point for pedestrians. The reduced speed limit is necessary to ensure the safe operation of the crossing in accordance with national guidance. In addition, the Order simplifies speed limit signing by applying the default 30 mph limit for restricted roads, removing the need for repeater signs, and forms part of the Council's statutory duties to secure the safe movement of traffic and protect vulnerable users such as pedestrians and cyclists.