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STATEMENT OF REASONS

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(VARIOUS ROADS, EARLEY) (20MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 20XX

This Order proposes to replace existing 30mph speed limits with a 20mph speed limit on various Roads within Earley.

The reduction in speed limit is intended to provide a safer road environment through Earley by reducing the risk and severity of collisions. Lower speeds provide drivers with more time to react and significantly improve the chances of survival should a collision occur. Reduced vehicle speeds also create a safer and more attractive environment for walking, wheeling and cycling. Greater uptake of walking, wheeling and cycling for local journeys offers public health benefits and contributes to improved environmental outcomes. Furthermore, lower speeds encourage a smoother driving style, with less harsh acceleration and braking, which in turn helps to reduce congestion, noise and vehicle emissions.

These roads serve the local shopping precinct and provide important access to nearby schools and surrounding residential areas. There is regular pedestrian activity, particularly around the shops and at school times, and lower speeds are more appropriate to support safer movement for children, pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.

The proposals also respond to ongoing concerns raised by residents about vehicle speeds along these roads. A 20mph limit will help create a calmer, safer environment and encourage walking and cycling within the community.