WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF REASONS

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, FINCHAMPSTEAD)

(20MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 20XX

This Order proposes to replace existing 30mph and 40mph speed limits with a 20mph speed limit over the full length of The Village (B3348) and for approximately 105m of Fleet Hill, Finchampstead.

The reduction in speed limit is intended to provide a safer road environment through Finchampstead village 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 form part of the village centre and surrounding residential area, providing access to homes, the school, village hall, playing field and other local amenities. Lower speeds better reflect the character and use of the area, helping pedestrians, children and other vulnerable road users to move around more safely and confidently.

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.

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