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STATEMENT OF REASONS

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(HARE HATCH) (VARIOUS 30MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 20XX

This Order proposes to replace existing 60mph speed limits with a 30mph speed limit over the full length of Scarletts Lane, Milley Lane, Castle End Road and for approximately 830m of Waltham Road, Hare Hatch.

The reduction in speed limit is intended to provide a safer road environment through Hare Hatch 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 residential and commercial properties within Hare Hatch and are in some sections narrow in nature. A reduction in the speed limit will reduce the risk of collisions between vehicles transiting through Hare Hatch and vehicles accessing and egressing from residential and commercial access points along the roads. Lower speeds will allow vehicles to manage interactions with other traffic through narrower sections of highway in a safer manner.

The proposals respond to ongoing concerns raised by residents about vehicle speeds along these roads. A 30mph limit will help create a calmer, safer environment and encourage walking and cycling within the community.

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