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STATEMENT OF REASONS

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(VARIOUS ROADS, TWYFORD) (20MPH AND 30MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 20XX

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

The reduction in speed limit is intended to provide a safer road environment through Twyford 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 a village centre and its surrounding residential area which includes several schools and other local amenities including churches, local stores and playing fields. There is regular pedestrian activity in the area and the presence of children and other vulnerable road users makes lower speeds more appropriate, helping people to move around the area more safely and confidently.

The proposals also respond to ongoing concerns raised by residents about vehicle speeds along these roads. New 20mph & 30mph limits will help create a calmer, safer environment and encourage walking and cycling within the community.