

OFFICER DECISION REPORT – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

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INFORMAL CONSULTATION

PREPARED BY: Traffic Management Team, Highways and Traffic Group

TITLE OF REPORT: Kelston Road, Bath Speed Restriction

PROPOSAL: 40mph Speed Limit

SCHEME REF No: 21 – 012

REPORT AUTHOR: Lewis Cox

1. DELEGATION

The delegation to be exercised in this report is contained within **Part 3, Section 4** of the Constitution under the **Delegation of Functions to Officers**, as follows:

Section A	The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Divisional Directors and Heads of Service have delegated power to take any decision falling within their area of responsibility...."
Section B	Without prejudice to the generality of this, Officers are authorised to: serve any notices and make, amend or revoke any orders falling within his/her area of responsibility.
Section D9	An Officer to whom a power, duty or function is delegated may nominate or authorise another Officer to exercise that power, duty or function, provided that Officer reports to or is responsible to the delegator.

For the purpose of this report, the Director of Place Management holds the delegated power to make, amend or revoke any Orders.

2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under Section 1 provides, generally, for Orders to be made for the following reasons, and in the case of this report specifically for the reason(s) shown below:

(a)	for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or	X
(b)	for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or	
(c)	for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or	
(d)	for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing	

	character of the road or adjoining property,	
(e)	(without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or	
(f)	for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs, or	X
(g)	for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality)	

3. **PROPOSAL**

To introduce a 40mph speed limit on Kelston Road between the existing 30mph speed limit in Kelston Village and the existing 40mph speed limit in Bath. It is currently a national speed limit (60mph) along this length of Kelston Road. The proposal is shown in Appendix A.

4. **BACKGROUND**

Councillor O’Doherty, the Ward Member for Newbridge, has previously raised concerns about the speed of traffic using Kelston Road between Kelston Village and Bath, in particular in relation to accessing and waiting at the inbound bus stop adjacent to Kelston Park, where there is no footway. There was also a planning application submitted in 2020 seeking to change the use of Kelston Park from offices to a 30-bed hotel, so there may be increased public transport, walking and cycling activity along Kelston Road as a result.

In addition, the current speed limit along Kelston Road between Kelston Village and Bath is 60mph which, having due regard for the nature and topography of the road, is no longer considered to be appropriate. Furthermore, the speed limit through Kelston Village and in Bath is 30mph, so it is considered that a reduction of the speed limit to 40mph on the westbound approach to Kelston and eastbound approach to Bath will also help to increase compliance of these existing 30mph speed limits.

5. **SOURCE OF FINANCE**

This proposal is being funded through the 2021/2022 Transport Improvement Programme.

6. **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT**

The proposal requires informal consultation with the Chief Constable, Ward Members and the Cabinet Members for Transport.

PROPOSALS APPROVED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AND WARD MEMBERS.



Signature:
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