

## Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Statement of Reasons

### **Bath and North East Somerset Council**

#### **20MPH SPEED LIMIT – TUNLEY**

#### **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

##### Proposal

To introduce a 20mph speed limit on various roads in Tunley village.

- B3115 Tunley
- The Woodlands, Tunley
- Tunley Hill, Tunley
- Overdale, Tunley
- Stoneage Lane, Tunley
- Sarabeth Drive, Tunley
- Palmers Lane, Tunley

The proposals are shown on drawing no. TCL0042\_01

##### Reasons

Following requests from Tunley Parish Council and with support from the local Ward Members, funding has been secured to introduce a 20mph speed limit on roads in the village of Tunley. It is anticipated that the proposed lower speed limit would improve road safety for all road users in this rural environment and also improve the area for local residents.

The Council has had in mind and discharged the duty (as set out in section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) so far as practicable. It has also had regard to the factors which point in favour of imposing a 20mph Speed Limit. It has balanced the various considerations and concluded that it is appropriate to promote 20mph Speed limit. The Council has also considered and discharged its network management duty under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. It

has concluded that the proposed 20mph Speed Limit is consistent with that duty, having regard to its other policies and objectives.

#### Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

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 Order specifically for the reason(s) shown and marked 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)	

In making this proposal the Council has discharged its duty under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The Council is under a duty pursuant to section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to exercise its duties under the Act (so far as practicable having regard to the subsection (2) matters), to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians).

As for the subsection 122(2) matters:

- a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.

**Comment:** The proposals would have no negative impact on access to any premises within its vicinity.

- b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run.

**Comment:** The proposals would have a positive impact on local amenities, improving road safety for all road users, and improving the area for local residents.

- bb) The strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy)

Comment: The proposals would encourage lower vehicle speeds and could have a positive impact on vehicle emissions.

- c) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles.

Comment: The proposals will have no impact on the passage of public service vehicles.

- d) Any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant.

Comment: n/a

Having balanced the various matters and considerations, the Council has concluded that it is appropriate to progress the proposed Order.

The Council has also discharged its duty under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. It has concluded that the proposed Order is consistent with that duty, given its other policies and objectives.

Neither section 16 nor section 122 of the 1984 Act precludes the making of the proposed Order.

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