

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH (VARIOUS ROADS) (REVOCATIONS AND VARIATIONS OF SPEED LIMITS) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

STATEMENT OF REASONS

From 17 September 2023, Welsh Government legislation will cause the default speed limit on restricted roads in Wales to be reduced from 30mph to 20mph. Recognising that it will not be appropriate for all such roads to be subject to the new 20mph speed limit, the Welsh Government has published the following guidance document: [Setting exceptions to the 20mph default speed limit for restricted roads](#)

Bridgend County Borough Council has assessed the roads for which it has responsibility as a Highway Authority to ascertain which should retain a 30mph limit after 17 September 2023. It has applied the criteria set out in the guidance and the factors specified within section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

In April 2023, the Council conducted an online engagement exercise in which it sought views about its proposal to retain a 30mph speed limit in various locations from the general public, statutory bodies, the Community & Town Councils, Bridgend County Borough Councillors and the Chief Officer of Police. It has taken the responses to that consultation into consideration.

The Council proposes to make the Bridgend County Borough (Various Roads) (Revocations and Variations of Speed Limits) Traffic Regulation Order 2023 to retain 30mph speed limits on the lengths of roads specified with Schedule 1 of the Order. The proposed Order also makes consequential amendments and revokes provisions of previous Orders where necessary.