

Statement of Reason

Proposed Introduction of 50mph speed limit and extension of current 30mph speed limit.

As part of planning consent for a new entrance to the WEPA Bridgend Paper Mill, it is proposed to extend the current A4063 30mph speed limits as follows;

- (i) **A4063 Coytrahen** - From a point 35 meters (38 yards) north of the centreline point of the A4063's junction with Shwt Bridge, southwards for a distance of approximately 360 meters (394 yards).
- (ii) **A4063 Llangynwyd** - From a point 60 meters (60 yards) south of the centreline point of the junction entrance to Ysgol Gyfun Gyrmraeg Llangynwyd, southwards for a distance of approximately 110 meters (120 yards).

Additionally, the introduction of a 30mph speed limit is proposed as follows:

- (i) **A4063** - From a point 450 meters (492 yards) south east of the centreline point of its junction with the western entrance to WEPA for a distance of approximately 600 meters (656 yards).

Finally, the introduction of a 50mph speed limit (to replace the current national speed limit) between the above 3 proposed 30mph locations on the A4063 is proposed as follows:

- (i) **A4063 Llangynwyd** - From a point 170 meters (186 yards) south of the centreline point of the junction entrance to Ysgol Gyfun Gyrmraeg Llangynwyd, southwards for a distance of approximately 1520 meters (1662 yards).
- (ii) **A4063 Coytrahen** - From a point 35 meters (38 yards) north of the centreline point of the A4063's junction with Shwt Bridge, Northwards for a distance of approximately 780 meters (853 yards).

It is considered that it is appropriate to implement the proposed scheme to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the roads and it is considered the scheme will improve road safety.

In deciding whether or not to make an Order to introduce a 30 mph and 50mph speed limit and extend the current 30mph speed limits, the Council is required to have regard to the matters set out in section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Section 122(1) requires the Council to exercise the functions conferred on it by the 1984 Act as (so far as practicable having regard to the matters specified in section 122(2)) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

The matters to which the Council must have regard in s122 (2) are:-

1. The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
2. The effect on the amenities of any locality affected and 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;
3. The national air quality strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1995;
4. 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;
5. Any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant.

After consideration of the S122 duty, it is considered that it is appropriate to introduce the proposed 30 and 50 mph speed limit

The proposed traffic order is shown on the attached Drawing Number SF21.05, SF21.06 & SF21.07 and overall scheme plan ref E34-1012.

The scheme is being funded by the developer.

The restriction will be signed in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and the road markings will also comply with the requirements of those directions.