



ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL (KELSTON CLOSE, YATE) (20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 202(-)

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Background

South Gloucestershire Council made a resolution in September 2013 to ensure that, as far as practicable, all schools in South Gloucestershire are covered by a 20mph speed limit.

This approach is in line with guidance from the Government, which is encouraging local authorities to introduce 20mph speed limits or zones in residential areas being used by people on foot or bicycle.

In addition to the above, it is also essential to review speed limits within the vicinity of schools in response to Covid-19. More recently, an experimental 'school street' scheme has been introduced on Kelston Close for Abbotswood Primary School, and therefore, imposing a 20mph speed limit on Kelston Close would provide an even safer environment for children attending the school and local nursery. The installation of a 20mph speed limit will also help make the operation of the school street safer allowing those who staff the closure to install and remove the closure each day with the added benefit of doing so in a low speed environment.

There is also existing traffic calming measures in place on Kelston Close which further supports and ensures vehicle speeds will be compliant for the introduction of the 20mph speed limit.

Purpose of Scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to reduce traffic speeds to improve road safety for vulnerable road users, as well as making walking and cycling to and from the school more attractive within this residential area.

Proposed Scheme

The proposed scheme is to reduce the existing 30mph speed limit to a 20mph speed limit. The road affected by the proposal is the full extents of Kelston Close.

Drawing Reference

Drawing number T409-123-012 shows the existing 30mph speed limit and drawing number T409-123-013 shows the proposed 20mph speed limit.