

Statement of Reason

Proposed introduction of a permanent 40mph speed limit on part the A48 Pyle Road.

The proposed introduction of a 40mph speed limit to replace a short section of the current National speed limit on the A48, Pyle Road between the county boundary to the existing 30mph speed limit. This follows a request from Neath Port Talbot CB Council to support a proposed 40mph speed limit within the Neath Port Talbot County Borough along the A48 north of the county boundary.

In deciding whether or not to make an Order to introduce a 40mph speed limit, 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).

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 40mph speed limit in the interests of road safety and to facilitate the 40mph speed limit north of the county borough within Neath Port Talbot.

The proposed traffic order is shown on the attached Drawing Number EB23.01.

The scheme is being funded by Neath Port Talbot CB Council.

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