

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

**THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DISTRICT OF
WARWICK) (SPEED LIMIT) (VARIATION) ORDER 2017**

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the above named Order, pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to impose a 40 mph speed limit on that length of the A425 Southam Road, Radford Semele which is described in the Schedule below.

A copy of the proposed Order, together with a plan showing the length of road affected and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected at the Main Reception, Shire Hall, Market Place, Warwick; at Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hall, Leamington Spa; and at Leamington Spa Library & Information Centre, Royal Pumps Rooms, Parade, Leamington Spa during usual opening hours.

Any enquiries relating to the proposals may be made to Ema Jones, Communities Group, Warwickshire County Council (telephone number: 01926 412536).

Any objections to the proposals, which must be in writing and specify the grounds on which they are made, should be addressed to Ema Jones, Communities Group, PO Box 43, Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4SX. (Objections, and the name of the objector, will normally be treated as public information and may be published.) Objections must be sent so as to be received by 8 December 2017.

SCHEDULE

(Proposed 40 mph Speed Limit)

A425 Southam Road, Radford Semele

From a point 246 metres south-east of its junction with Lewis Road, south-eastwards for a distance of 687 metres.

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Head of Law & Governance

Shire Hall, Warwick
16 November 2017



Ema Jones <emajones@warwickshire.gov.uk>

FW: Speed limit change notice

1 message

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To: "emajones@warwickshire.gov.uk" <emajones@warwickshire.gov.uk>

30 November 2017 at 09:13

Dear Ema,

I reply on behalf of the Chief Constable in response to your e-mail dated 14th November 2017 in relation to the speed limit change to 40mph from the existing 50mph on the A425 Southam Road, Radford Semele. Details of the proposal are also shown on the supplied Drawing. No. TR/10341.

I have no objections to the 40mph speed limit being introduced as shown on the Drawing TR/10341.

Yours Sincerely

Bob Haynes

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From: Ema Jones [mailto:emajones@warwickshire.gov.uk]**Sent:** 14 November 2017 16:16**To:** Rouse, Peter 9105**Subject:** Speed limit change notice

To whom it may concern,

Please find the notice and map attached, any comments would be appreciated before the 8th December 2017. I have sent this out separately to others.

Kind regards

Ema

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5th December 2017

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Dear Ms Jones

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
The Warwickshire County Council (Various Roads, District of Warwick) (Speed Limit)
(Variation) Order 2017
Schedule – proposed 40 m.p.h. speed limit
Site address : A425 Southam Road, Radford Semele

The WCC proposal to implement a 40 m.p.h. speed limit on the stretch of the A425 Southam Road was discussed at the meeting of my Parish Council on Monday 27th November last.

The Councillors' unanimous view is that this proposal should be rejected.

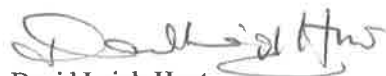
On a unanimous basis the Council puts forward the counter –proposal that the present temporary extension to the 30 m.p.h. speed limit should be made permanent.

This is in the interests of road safety within the area of the Village of Radford Semele.

I attach my Council's written submission in opposing the proposal to implement the revised speed limit referred to in the Schedule to the draft Order.

Please will you confirm receipt and that our submission has been placed before the appropriate WCC panel.

Yours sincerely



David Leigh-Hunt
Clerk to the Parish Council

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
The Warwickshire County Council (Various Roads, District of
Warwick) (Speed Limit) (Variation) Order 2017
Schedule: (Proposed 40 mph Speed Limit)

Site Address: A425 Southam Road, Radford Semele

Radford Semele Parish Council opposes the proposed 40 mph speed limit imposition on behalf of the local community. (It is also noted that there is no mention of a proposed implementation date).

The stretch of the A425 that is the subject of this Variation Order is bounded to the north by developments subject to planning applications W/14/0322, W/15/0297 and W15/1293 (60 units) and W/16/0196 and W/17/0152(150units).

This length of highway is, at present, protected by a temporary 30 mph order. This was imposed in the interests of road safety whilst 200+ houses were constructed at the development site adjacent to that stretch of the A425.

At this time this development is nowhere near complete.

Traffic entering and leaving the village routinely exceed the speed limit. The Transport Statements attached to the Planning Applications for the developments show this in their traffic measurement statistics.

A Parish Councillor has also witnessed a number of near misses at the site entrance and this is before the next phase (150) has even been built.

No doubt WCC will argue that a 30 mph area is normally covered by street lighting and that the probable cost of installation in this area would be prohibitive. It has been independently ascertained that the cost of such provision should be no more than £20K. It is this Council's opinion that you cannot put a price on road safety. We believe that any necessary work would qualify as Highway Infrastructure and therefore proper to be funded by funds obtained by the WCC through S106 agreements. According to the S106 agreements for these developments a total sum of £555K has been allocated as a Highways Contribution. This sum would seem more than adequate to provide street lighting as well as the highway improvement works on the A425 that are quoted in the S106 agreement.

The Design and Access Statements for the developments set great store by seeking to achieve integration with the existing village settlement. Leaving the road unlit and varying the speed limit can hardly be construed as helping integration. There are already serious concerns for pedestrian safety when attempting to cross the A425 to access shops, school etc. Raising the speed limit can only lead to exacerbating the situation.

Residents of Phase 1 of the development have also shown their disquiet by voicing their opinions in opposition to planning application W17/0152, citing problems accessing the A425, safe pedestrian access to the village amenities and being isolated.

We quote:-

"Crossing the road as a pedestrian presents even greater danger, particularly for the young, the elderly and the disabled. This results in the new housing estate feeling very detached from the Radford Semele village and as a consequence, we rarely use the amenities of the village, feeling much safer driving into Leamington Spa. Without any plans for amenities on Phase 2, or improvements in traffic calming, this will be exacerbated".

The Parish Council, in the light of the evidence presented above, can see no justification in not maintaining the "status quo". The variation order should be withdrawn.