

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee	Stratford on Avon West Joint Committee
Date of Committee	18 September 2008
Report Title	Speed Limit Review Objections to the Statutory Consultation
Summary	<p>Following formal advertisement of the speed limit review proposals, objections have been received for the following routes:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stratford Area 2. A3400 Shipston Road 3. A4189 Gannaway Road 4. A4189 Blackford Hill, Henley-in-Arden 5. A435 Alcester Road, Studley 6. B4088 Evesham Road 7. B4089 Alcester Road, Great Alne 8. B4090 Alcester Heath, Alcester 9. B4092 Jill Lane, Sambourne 10. B4102 Earswood Common, Tanworth-in-Arden 11. B439 Evesham Road, Stratford/Bidford 12. B4632 Campden Road <p>Those routes which have generated objections are summarised within the attached Appendices A-L, and officers responses have been included. Therefore, it is recommended that each objection is considered separately by this Committee and that due consideration is given to officers' recommendations contained within the appendices.</p>
For further information please contact	<p>Jo Edwards Senior Road Safety Engineer Tel. 01926 412028 joedwards@warwickshire.gov.uk</p>
Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?	Yes/No
Background Papers	Objection correspondence

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s)
(With brief comments, if appropriate)
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive
- Legal I Marriott – comments incorporated.
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police (Please see Appendices)
- Other Bodies/Individuals Parish Council, Emergency Services, Road Haulage Associations.

FINAL DECISION **YES** (If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

**Stratford on Avon West Joint Committee –
18 September 2008**

**Speed Limit Review
Objections to the Statutory Consultation**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and
Economy**

Recommendation

It is recommended that each proposal which has generated objections is considered separately by this Committee and that the consideration is given to officers' recommendations contained within the appendices.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Following the formal advertisement of the speed limit review proposals, those proposals which have generated objections are summarised within the attached **Appendices A-L**, and officers responses have been included. It is recommended that each proposal is considered separately by this Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 In 2007 a new Speed Management Strategy was approved by the Council. This covers three key areas: Education, Engineering and Enforcement. The setting of speed limits is a key element of this strategy. The Speed Limit Review on all A and B roads was developed in response to this strategy and Department for Transport (DfT) guidelines (Circular 1/2006).

The review was carried out in two parts:-

- (i) A technical review of all A and B class roads by officers.
 - (ii) A consultation exercise to determine community concerns.
- 2.2 The technical review was completed at the end of 2007. The findings from this review were determined by using the criteria of the Council's Speed Management Strategy i.e. analysing the existing speed data to identify the mean speeds of drivers, the environment and nature of the road and any relevant injury accident data.
- 2.3 The Speed Management Strategy places great importance on community concerns, and refers to the environmental impact of traffic and the level of public anxiety. Therefore, in order to address this, feedback was sought through a

wide range of media including, the production of a speed limit review website and the development of a speed limit review brochure. In addition, local radio and local newspapers have been used extensively.

3. Speed Limit Review Seminar

- 3.1 A seminar was held on the 2 April 2008, which consisted of Local Members and officers. The purpose of the seminar was to identify (section by section for each route), whether the consensus of views expressed by the local community supported or opposed the findings of the technical part of the review. As a result of this exercise, a number of changes were made to the proposals, to incorporate the views of the community.
- 3.2. Following the seminar, Stratford Area Committee (7 May 2008), gave approval to legally advertise the speed limit changes, and to carry out a statutory consultation exercise.

4. Statutory Consultation

- 4.1 Legal notices advertising the speed limit review proposals were placed on the roads and in the press on the 10 July 2008, with an objection period from 10 July to the 1 August 2008.
- 4.2 Letters were sent inviting comments on the proposed Orders to the Local Member, Parish Council, Warwickshire Police, Emergency Services, Road Haulage Associations and other external organisations.

5. Objections

- 5.1 Following formal advertisement of the proposals objections have been received and these are listed in **Appendices A-L**.
- 5.2 The legal process of advertising and receiving objections is only intended to consider proposals to change speed limits, however, objections have also been received for stretches of road where no changes are proposed. Strictly speaking these objections are outside the process but it was felt Members should be informed of them and they are listed in **Appendix M**. Changes to the speed limits on new stretches of road would require new formal procedures.

6. Enforcement of Speed Limits

- 6.1 In making decisions on these orders Members should be aware that the Police only have very limited resources for enforcing existing or new speed limits.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 It is recommended that each proposal is considered separately. In order to comply with County Council policy, any amendments to the proposed speed limit changes would need to meet the criteria of the Speed Management Strategy, as approved by Cabinet in September 2007.

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Speed Limit Review Objections

General Objection

Objector and Reasons – Mr N Humphreys: (Mr Humphreys makes numerous comments in his letter of objection. The main points have been summarised). The consultation process is inadequate, discriminatory and loaded against objectors. Applying 50mph speed limits is not an appropriate solution to individual hazards on rural roads. Both 50mph and 30mph limits are counterproductive in road safety terms. The government sponsored research that underpins blanket rural 50mph limits is both flawed and contrived and therefore Dft guidelines are not reliable. Unreasonable limits that criminalise safe behaviour severely undermine the quality of life of drivers who take road safety seriously and this has a negative impact on public support for road safety, the Police and law and order in general.

Officers Comments – An extensive consultation exercise has been undertaken and details of proposals have been available through a wide range of media since the start of 2008. The proposals meet the criteria of the Speed Management Strategy and research has shown that there are many benefits in reducing speed limits, as long as they are appropriate for the environment of the road. In addition to reducing accidents and the severity of injuries, there are many environmental benefits as a result of lower speed limits.

Recommendation - It is recommended that the Stratford Area proposals are implemented as advertised.

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Speed Limit Review Objections

S/1 A3400 Shipston Road (drawing no. SLR/S/1/J)

Existing Speed Limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 50mph

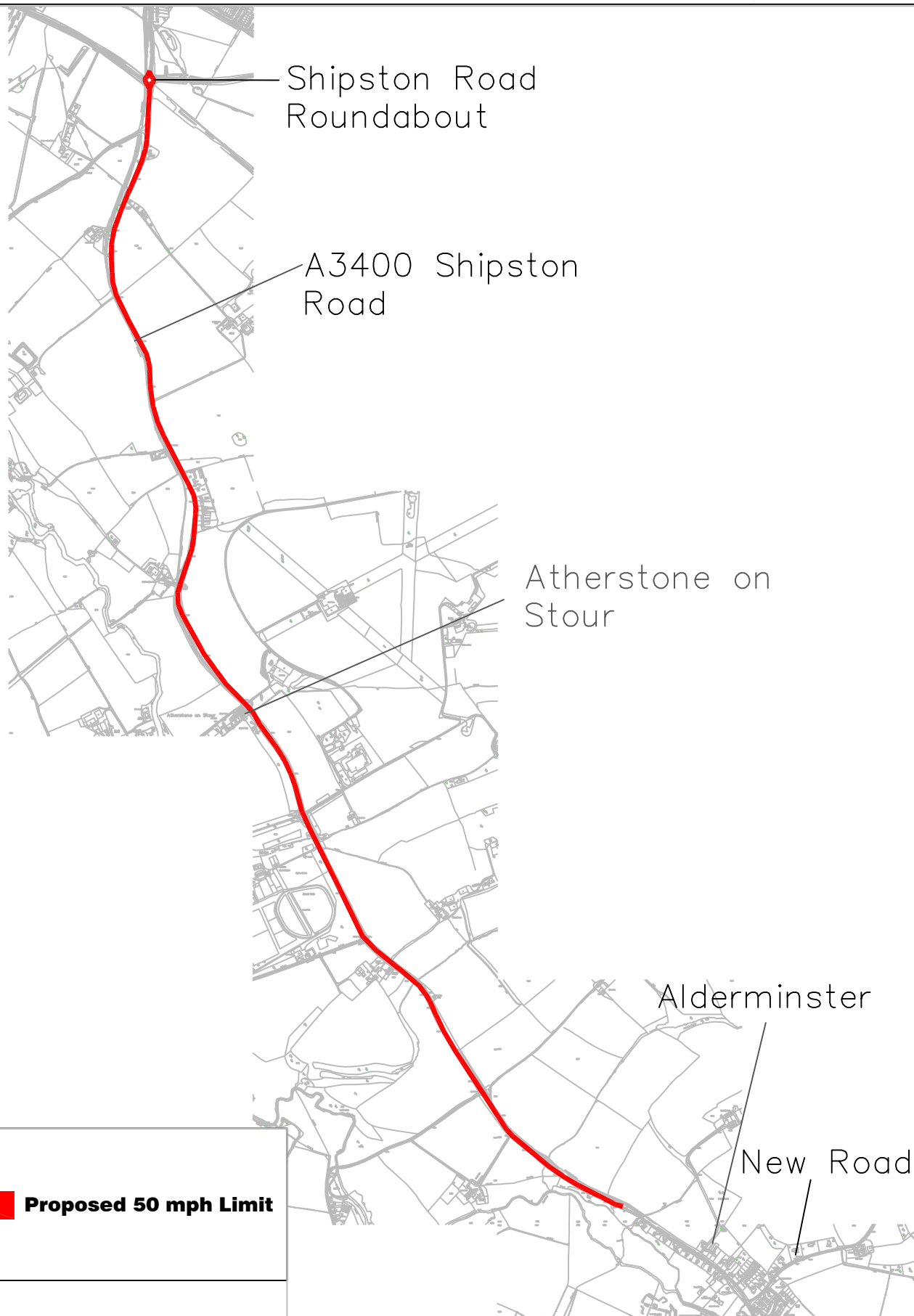
Objector and Reasons – Mr M J Reynolds: Find it difficult to accept this order and feel it is a complete retrograde step and can see no reason for changing the present limits. Cannot understand how this has been arrived at. Few serious accidents, those that have occurred would not have been prevented by the reduction of any speed limit.

Police Comments – Warwickshire Police do not formally object to the proposal, but have stated that they do not support the 50mph limit.

Officers Comments –The speed limit proposals are based on the Dft circular 01/2006 and County Councils own Speed Management Strategy. The criteria includes the existing speed of vehicles, the environment and nature of the road, and community concerns, as well as collisions along a route. There have been 14 personal injury collisions along this route in the last 3 years. The environment of the road includes a high number of bends and accesses and mean speeds are below 50mph. Therefore the limit is already self-enforcing and the route meets the criteria for a 50mph limit.

Recommendation - It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.

It is essential that for those routes which run through more than one Joint Committee area, approval will be required from each Committee prior to implementation.



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A3400 Shipston Road
Proposed 50 mph limit



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Speed Limit Review Objections

S/3 A4189 Gannaway Road, nr Claverdon (drawing no. SLR/S/3/A)

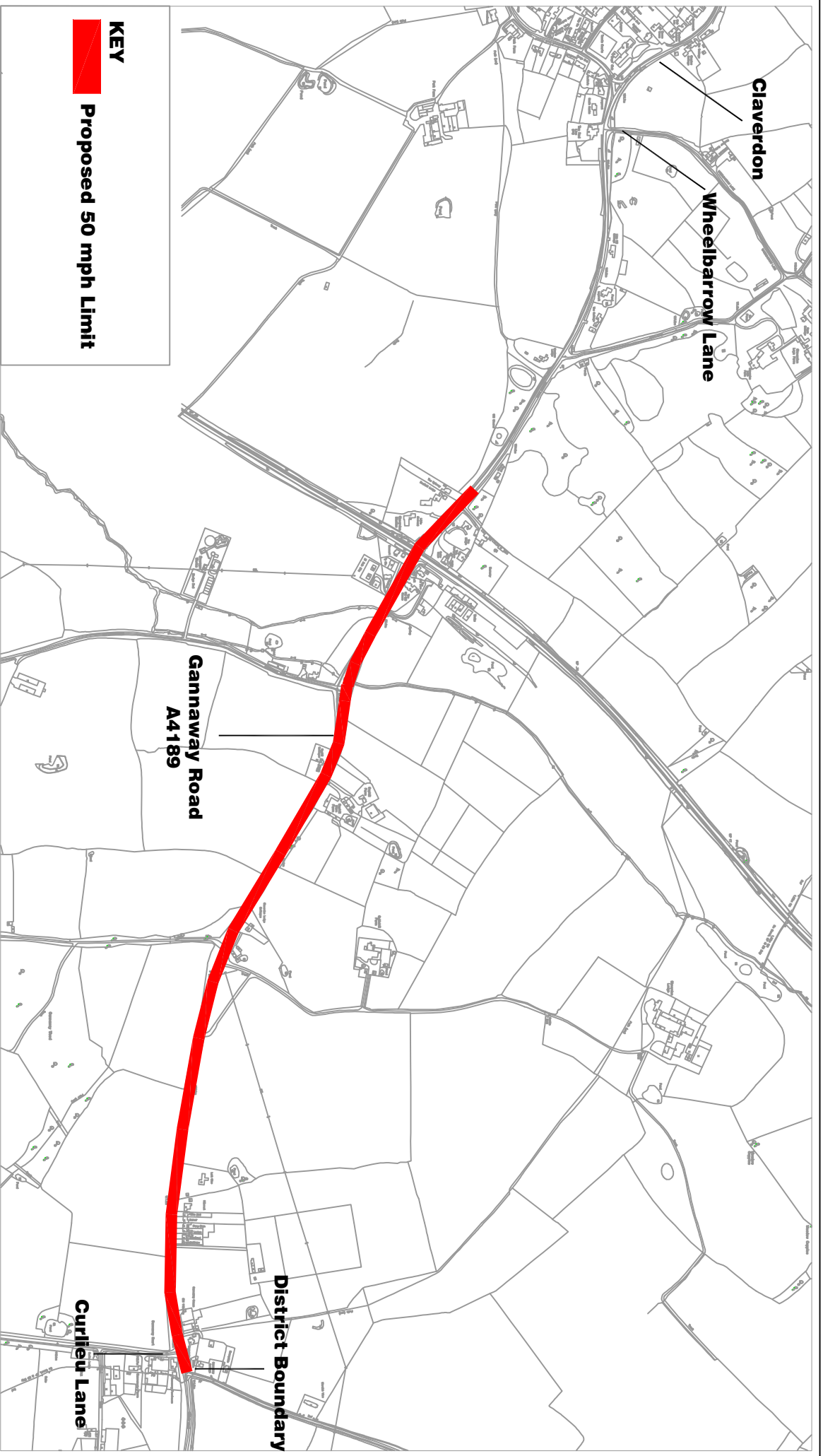
Existing Speed Limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 50mph

Objector and Reasons – Claverdon Parish Council: Speed limits do not change things to benefit the village, do not address the issue of reducing accidents at black spots, possible that there will be less incentive to slow down from 50mph limit. Frustration of being kept at a lower limit is more likely to result in riskier driving habits through the village. Rather than blanket 50mph install 50mph 100 yards either side of Gannaway crossroads only, with SLOW signs.

Police Comments – Warwickshire Police do not formally object to the proposal, but have stated that they do not support the 50mph limit.

Officers Comments –The 50mph limit will reduce vehicle speeds on approach to Claverdon, which will be of benefit when slowing down for the lower limits at the village. A short section of 50mph at the Gannaway crossroads would be less effective at reducing vehicle speeds and would encourage drivers to increase their speeds on approach to the village. There has been strong community support for the 50mph limit.

Recommendation - It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.



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 Proposed 50 mph Limit

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S/3 A4189 Blackford Hill, Henley-in-Arden (drawing no. SLR/S/3/E)

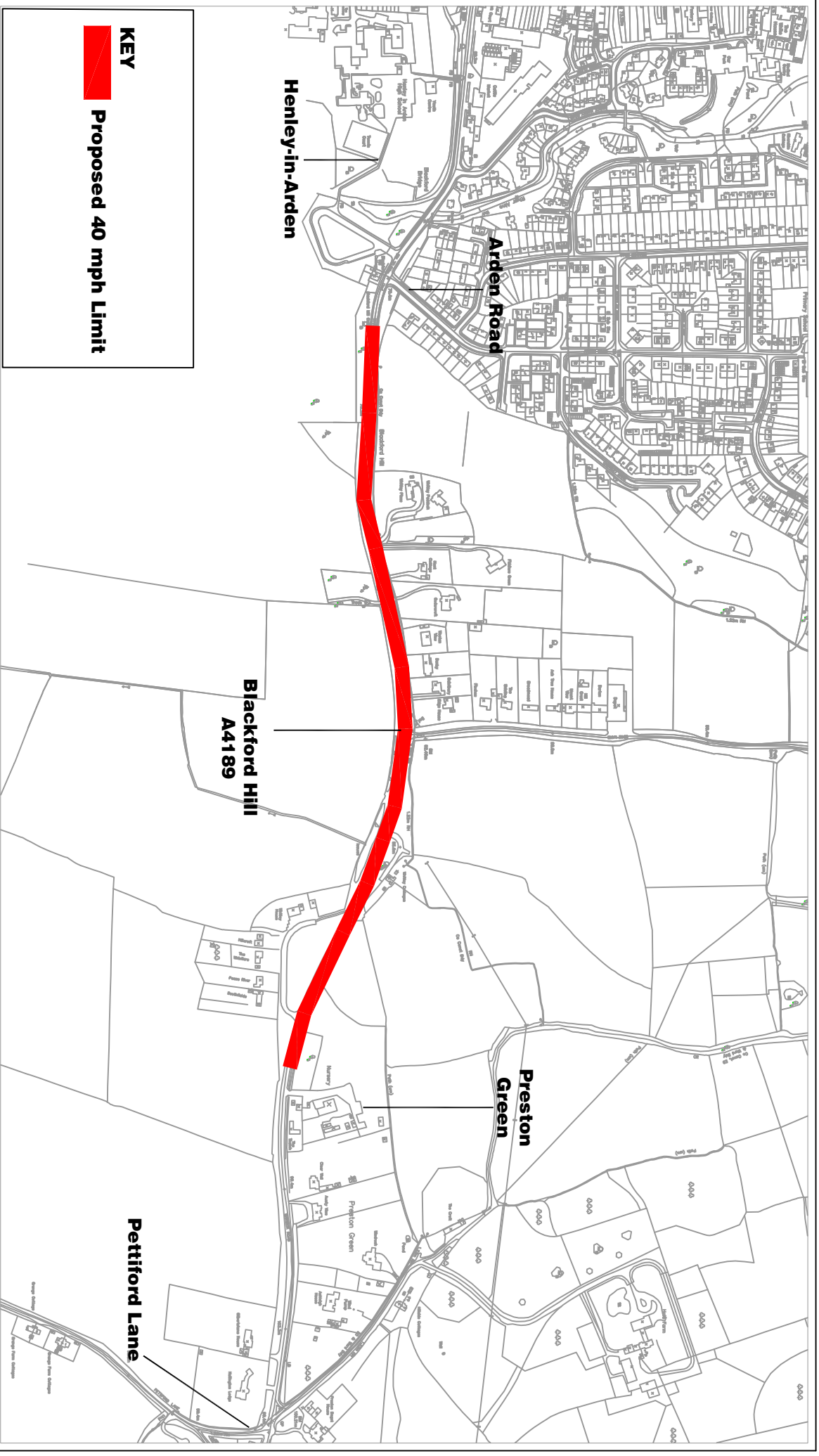
Existing Speed Limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 40mph

Objector and Reasons – Beaudesert and Henley-in-Arden Parish Council: Concerned that the 30mph limit at Blackford Hill is not to be extended. Junction with Arden Road with Warwick Road is sufficiently dangerous to require the speed limit to be 30mph.

Police Comments – Warwickshire Police do not formally object to the proposal, but have stated that they do not support the 50mph limit.

Officers Comments – Officers would be concerned that drivers would not comply to a 30mph limit should it be extended into an environment that is more rural in nature. Furthermore there would be the concern that if drivers did not adhere to the extended limit, it would compromise the existing 30mph limit in Henley-In-Arden.

Recommendation - It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.




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 **Proposed 40 mph Limit**

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A4189 Blackford Hill
Proposed 40mph Limit



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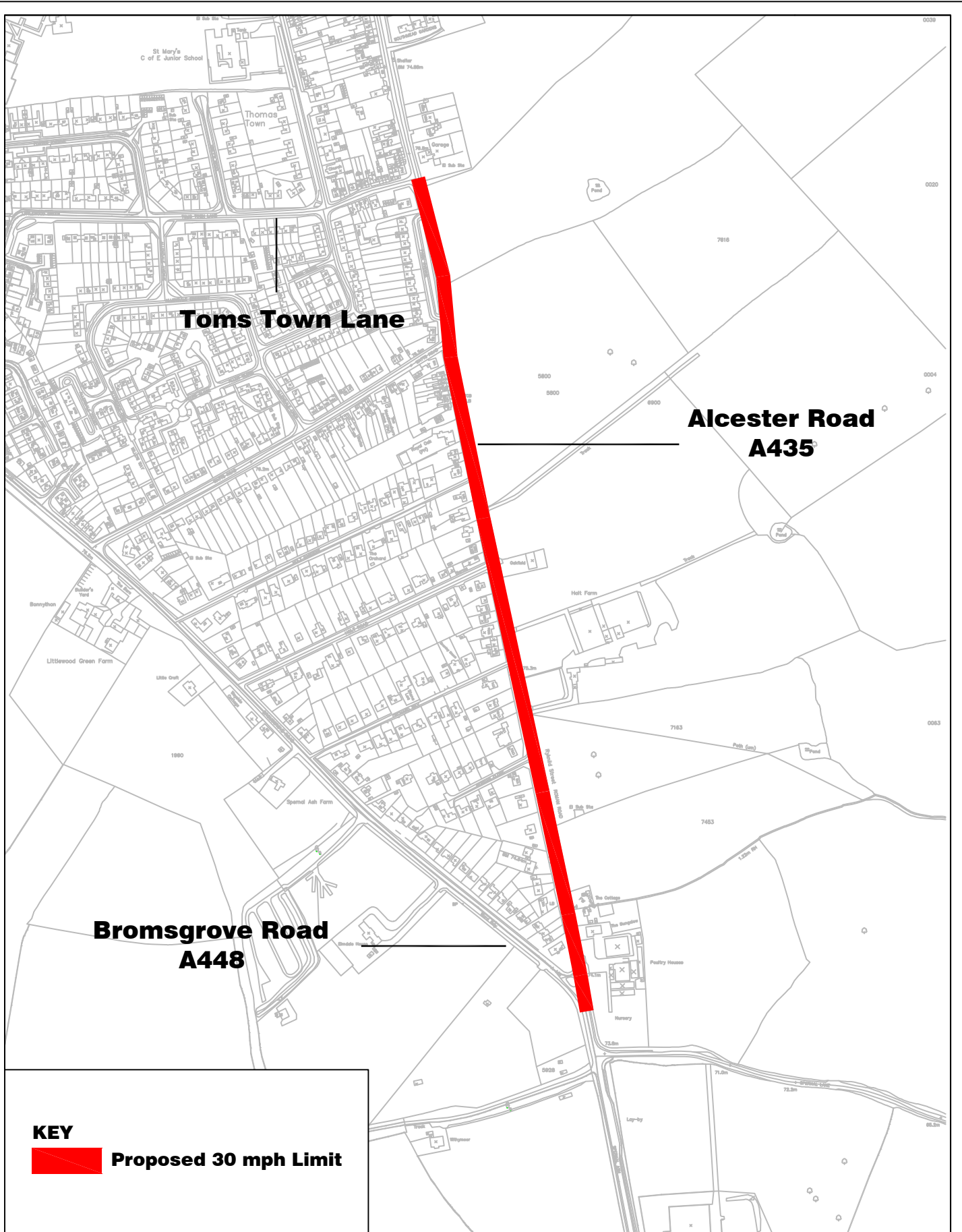
**S/8a A435 Alcester Road (Formerly known as Birmingham-Evesham Road),
Studley (drawing no. SLR/S/8a/D)**

Existing Speed limit: 40mph Proposed Speed Limit: 30mph

Objector and Reasons – Warwickshire Police: The mean speed is not currently at or below the proposed limit. This road is the very essence of what a road user would consider a road subject to a 40mph speed limit and the speed data would confirm this to be the case showing good understanding and compliance of the existing limit. By product of removing the 40mph limit repeaters which are currently a regular reminder of the current limit. Should the cameras be removed the limit would not be self-enforcing. Unlikely that the new limit will be as effective in maintaining compliance as the present limit without the presence of cameras has been and the change would introduce an unserviceable enforcement burden.

Officers Comments – The Dft circular 01/2006 emphasises the importance of community needs when addressing speed limits. There has been community concerns regarding the speed of vehicles through this section and safety concerns have been raised about the junction with the A448. Although the environment is heavily built up on one side only, there are several properties on both sides. Cameras will act as enforcement and therefore there will be no additional enforcement burden for the Police.

Recommendation – It is recommended that the proposal is implemented as advertised.



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 **Proposed 30 mph Limit**


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Subject
A435 Alcester Road
Proposed 30mph Limit



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Speed Limit Review Objections

S/17 B4088 Evesham Road (drawing no. SLR/S/17/AB)

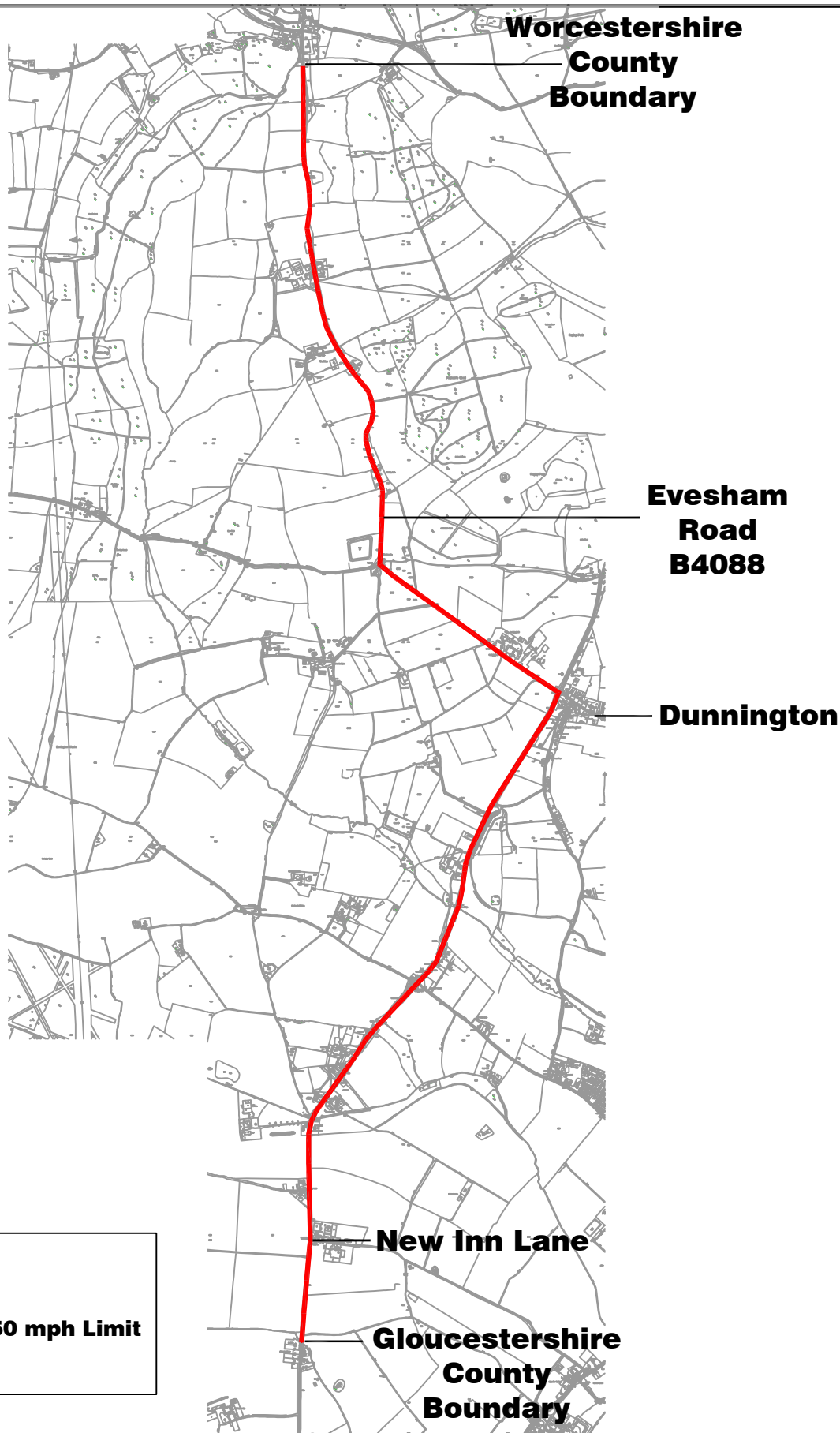
Existing Speed Limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 50mph

Objector and Reasons – Worcestershire County Council: Concerns relating to 50mph limit. Links to 50mph limits in Worcestershire and joining these sections will result in an overall length of 12.33km. This may have negative effect on our existing speed limits as terminal speed limit signs will disappear at the County boundary. Question whether perhaps there is a suitable length that could remain unaltered so as to reduce the overall length.


Police Comments – Warwickshire Police do not formally object to the proposal, but have stated that they do not support the 50mph limit.

Officers Comments – The proposals meet the criteria of the Speed Management Strategy. There will be 50mph repeaters present along the section to enforce the limit and these will tie in with the existing 50mph limits within Worcestershire.

Recommendation - It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.



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 **Proposed 50 mph Limit**

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Proposed 50mph Limit



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Speed Limit Review Objections

S/18 B4089 Alcester Road, Great Alne (drawing no. SLR/S18/C)

Existing Speed Limit 60mph Proposed speed limit 50mph

Objector and Reasons – Mr W A Evans: Does not require a speed reduction as the road itself is speed limiting. The only vehicles likely to drive in excess of 50mph will continue to drive at that speed. I am not aware of any road deaths or serious accidents. There are no locations for cameras. There will be an increase in the number of road signs.

Police Comments – Warwickshire Police do not formally object to the proposal, but have stated that they do not support the 50mph limit.

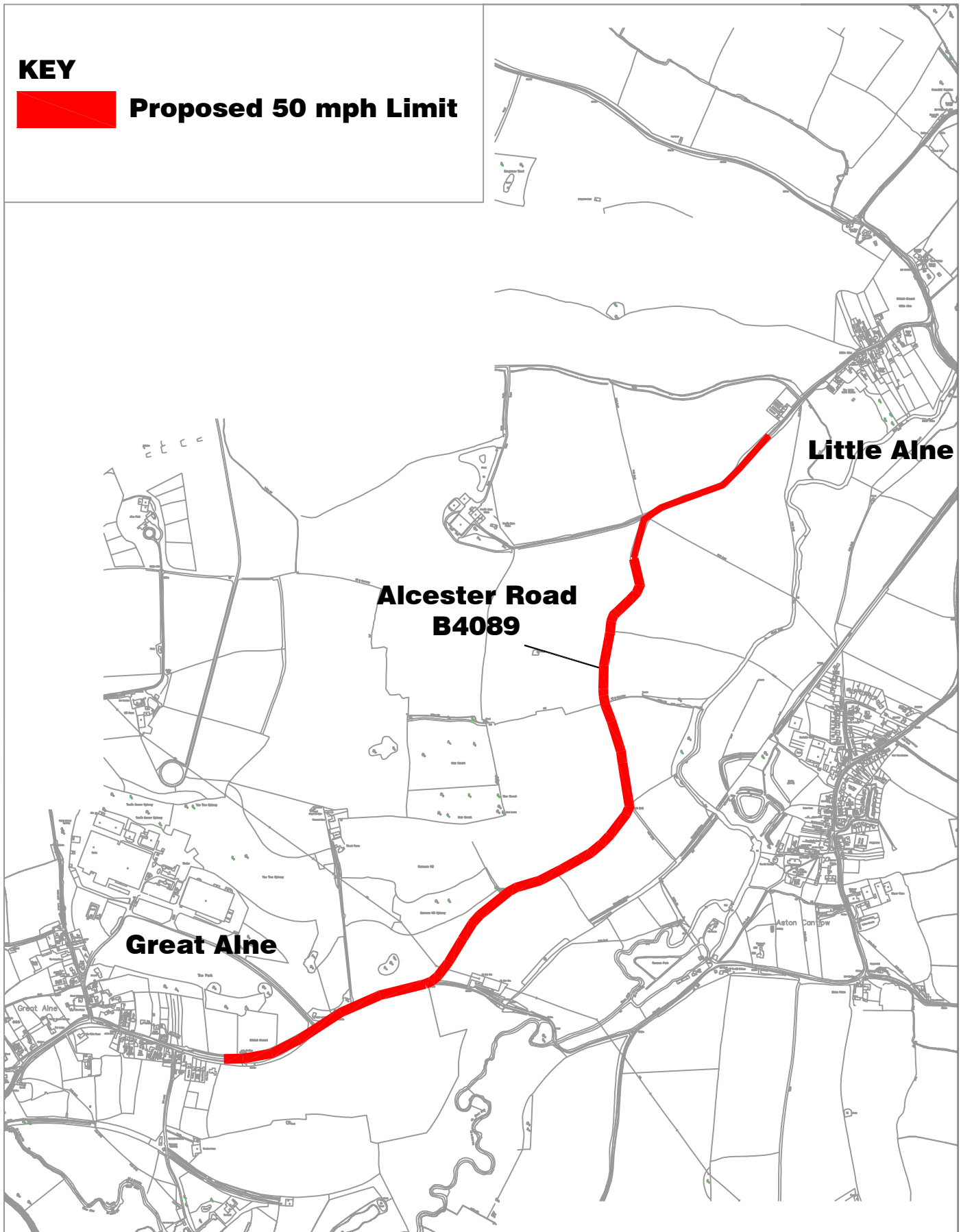
Officers Comments – The DfT circular 1/2006, encourages any proposed reduction in speed limits to be self enforcing. The new criteria is not solely based upon accident data. It is accepted that there will be an increase in the number of road signs, but the proposal meets the criteria of the Speed Management Strategy.

Recommendation – It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.

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Proposed 50 mph Limit



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**B4089 Alcester Road
Proposed 50mph Limit**



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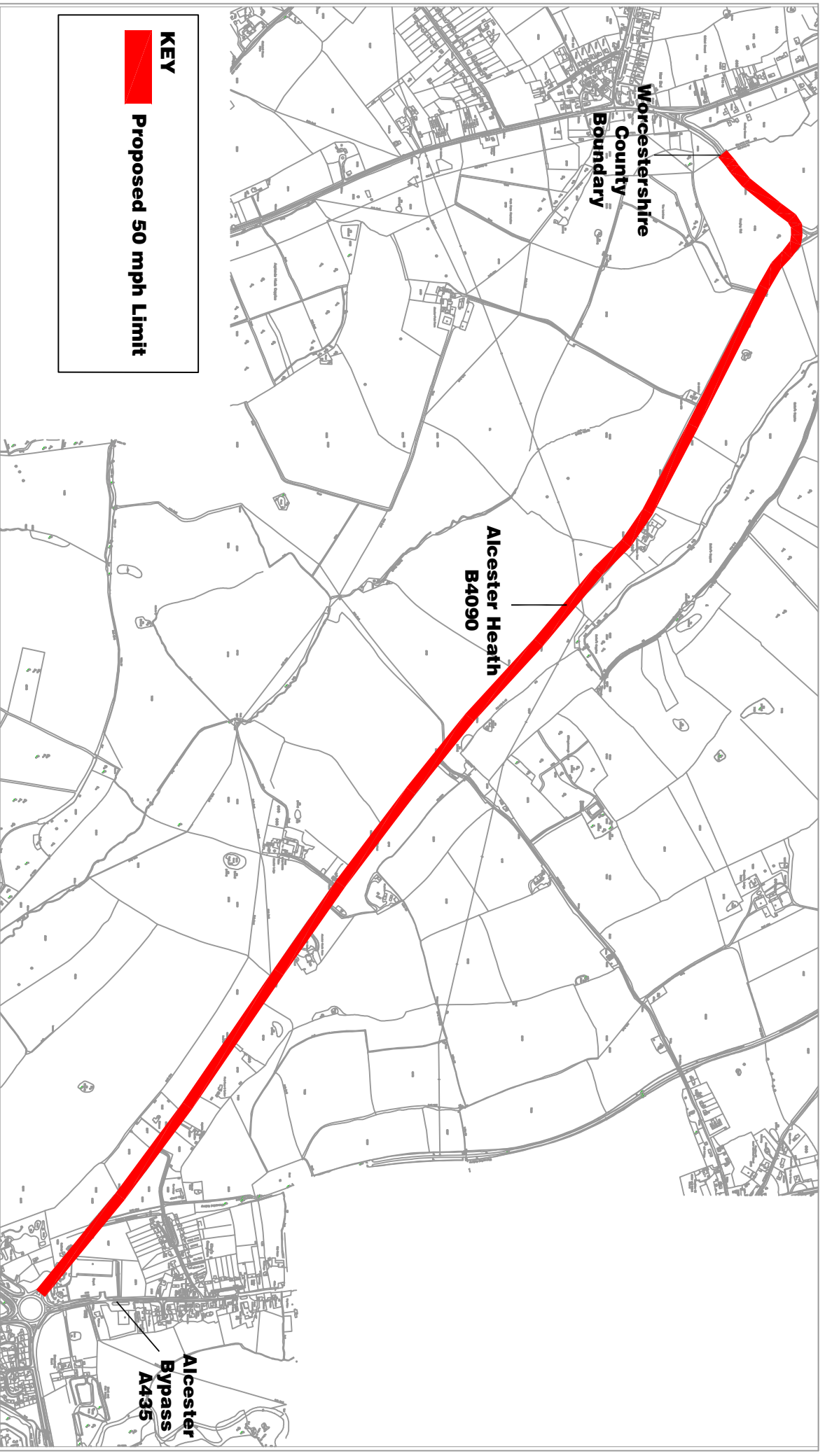
S/19 B4090 Alcester Heath, Alcester (drawing no. SLR/S/19/A)

Existing Speed limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 50mph

Objector and Reasons – Warwickshire Police: The mean speed is not currently at or below the proposed limit and it cannot be guaranteed that the added signs will lower the speeds sufficiently to make the limit self-enforcing. This road is the very essence of what a road user would consider a road subject to the national speed limit. Principals of circular 01/2006 seem to imply that reducing the speed limit should be a last resort. Unlikely that the new limit will be as effective in maintaining compliance as the present limit has been and the change would introduce an unserviceable enforcement burden. Reducing the speed limit alone should not be seen as an alternative for more costly engineering measures. By product of added infrastructure and maintenance vehicles, creating sign clutter and strike hazards.

Officers Comments – The criteria set out in the Speed Management Strategy approved by Cabinet in September 2007, includes considering the existing speed of vehicles, the environment and nature of the road, and community concerns. This proposal will address long standing community concern with the speed limit along the B4090 and the installation of vehicle activated signs is proposed to assist in enforcing the new limit.

Recommendation – It is recommended that the proposal is implemented as advertised.



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**B4090 Alcester Heath,
Proposed 50mph Limit**



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Speed Limit Review Objections

S/20 B4092 Jill Lane, Sambourne (drawing no. SLR/S/20/A)

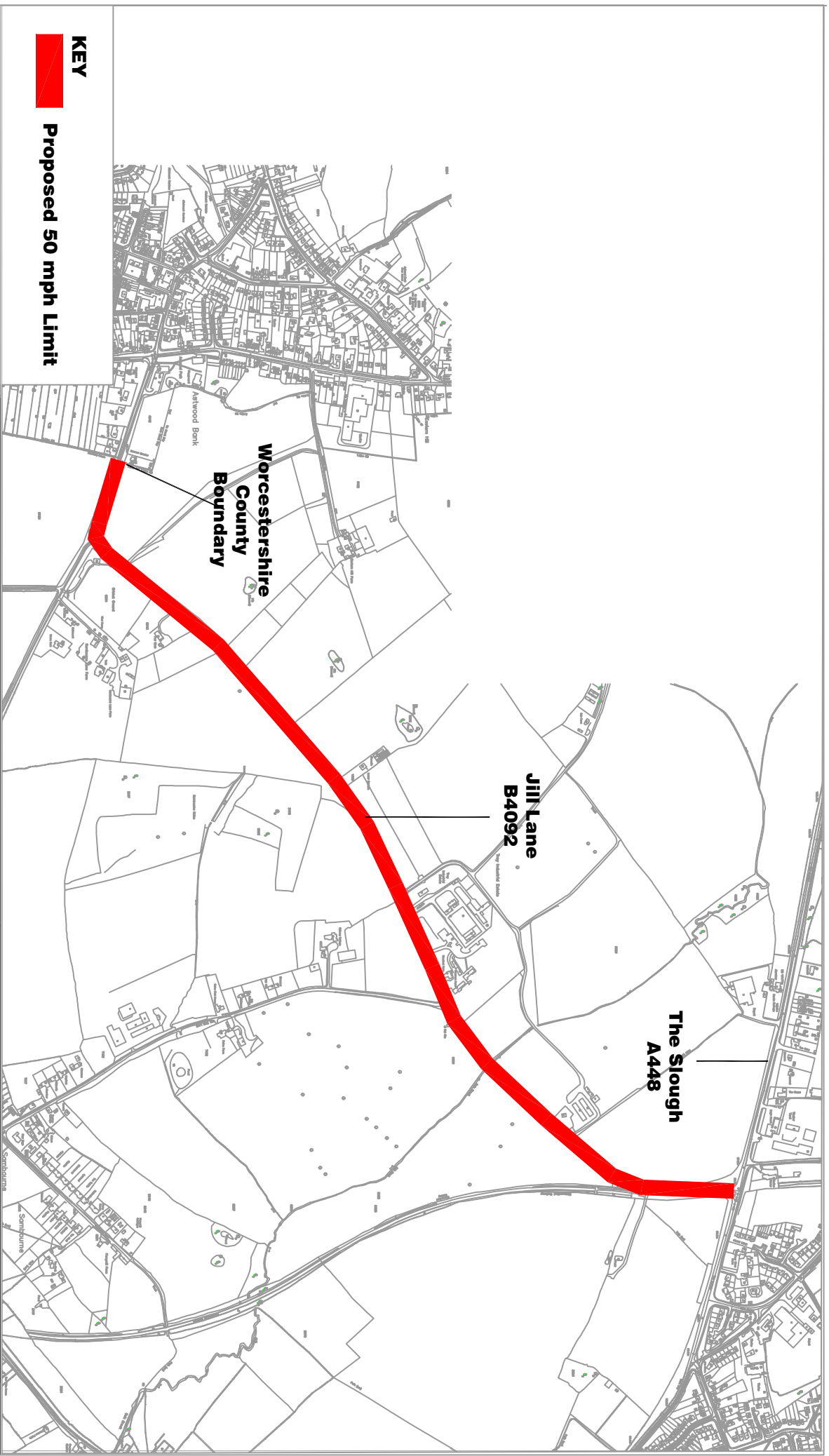
Existing Speed Limit 60mph Proposed speed limit 50mph

Objector and Reasons – Mr D Shaw: 50mph is too high. 40mph would be more appropriate. Sharp bend, often inch of flood water, visibility from Oak Tree Lane is restricted. People walk home to Sambourne using unlit Jill Lane which has no footway.

Police Comments – Warwickshire Police do not formally object to the proposal, but have stated that they do not support the 50mph limit.

Officers Comments – Jill Lane does not meet the criteria for a 40mph limit. This limit would not be achievable or sustainable without substantial traffic calming measures being implemented.

Recommendation – It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.



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 **Proposed 50 mph Limit**

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B4092 Jill Lane
Proposed 50mph Limit



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Speed Limit Review Objections

S/24 B4102 Earlswood Common, Tanworth-in-Arden (drawing no. SLR/S/24/B)

Existing Speed limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 40mph

Objector and Reasons – Warwickshire Police: The mean speed is not currently at or below the proposed limit and it cannot be guaranteed that the added signs will lower the speeds sufficiently to make the limit self-enforcing. This road is the very essence of what a road user would consider to be a road subject to the national speed limit. Unlikely that the new limit will be as effective in maintaining compliance as the present limit has been and the change would introduce an unserviceable enforcement burden. Understand the desire to extend the 40mph limit from its existing point to the junction with Broad Lane, but the whole of the 40mph section through Earlswood Common is already subject to abuse. Lengthening it will not help the situation – it will merely exacerbate the position as road users will fail to understand the rationale behind the situation.

Officers Comments – This is a short section of 40mph limit which is proposed to include the collection of dwellings at the junction with Broad Lane. There has been support for this proposal from the public and the local Member. Additional engineering measures could be included to enhance compliance with the limit if required.

Recommendation – It is recommended that the proposal is implemented as advertised.

Springbrook Lane

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Earlswood Common
B4102

Broad Lane
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 **Proposed 40 mph Limit**

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**B4102 Earlswood Common
Proposed 40mph Limit**



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Speed Limit Review Objections

S/25 B439 Evesham Road, Stratford/Bidford (drawing no. SLR/S/25/C)

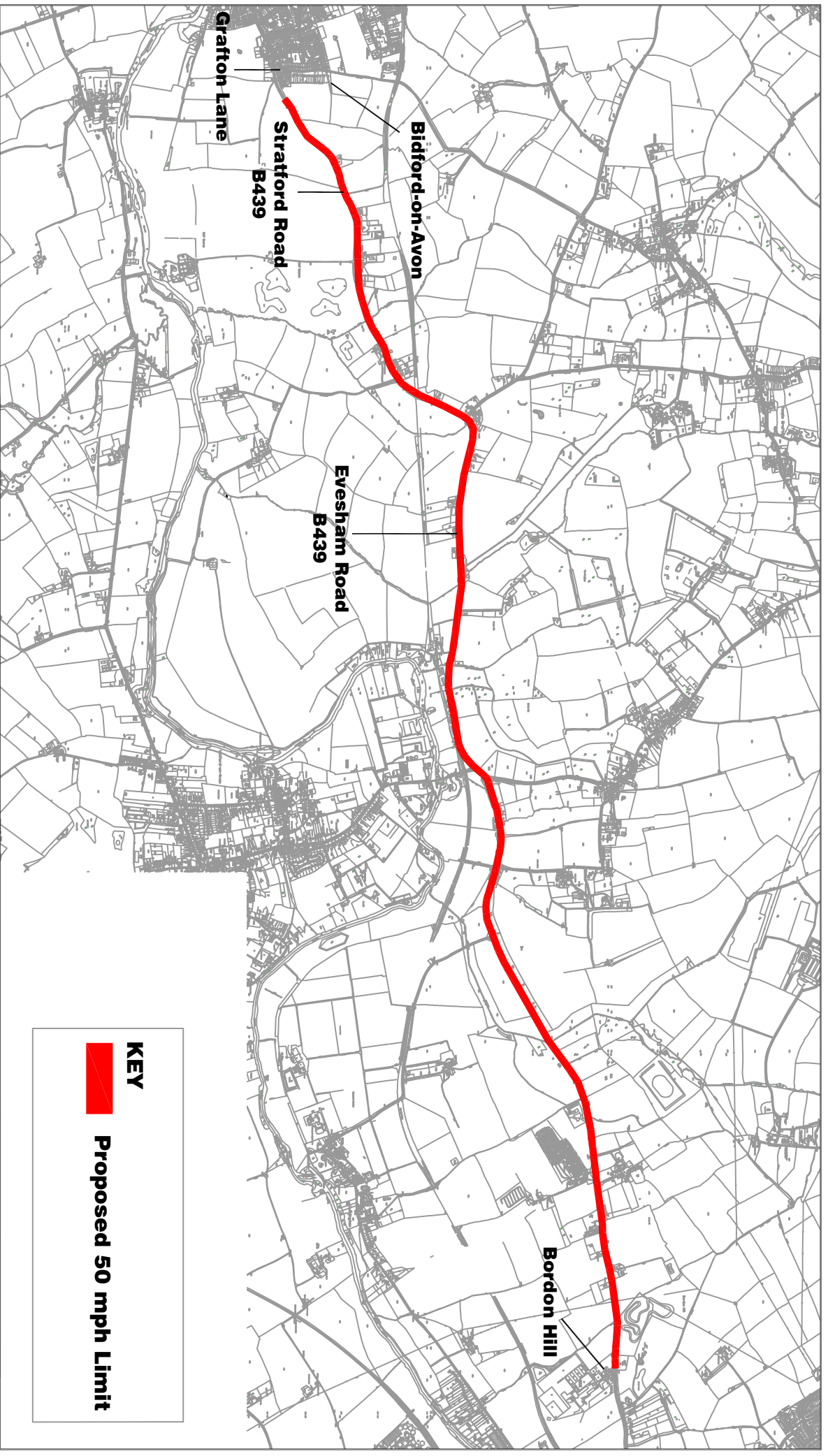
Existing Speed Limit 60mph. Proposed speed limit 50mph

1. Objector and Reasons – Warwickshire Police: Mean speed of traffic is not at or below the proposed limit and it cannot be guaranteed that the added signs will lower the speeds sufficiently to make the limit self-enforcing. Unlikely that the new limit will be as effective in maintaining compliance as the present limit has been and the change would introduce an unserviceable enforcement burden. By product of added infrastructure and maintenance vehicles, creating sign clutter and strike hazards.

2. Objector and Reasons – M Collier: This road is not really any different to that of the A46 which bypasses Bidford. There have been no problems on this road and of the few which have occurred it is not through speed but drivers incompetence on the road.

Officers Comments – There have been strong concerns expressed to the Council from residents (in particular Dodwell Park), requesting a 50mph speed limit for a number of years. The proposal meets the criteria of the Speed Management Strategy, and has also taken into consideration community concerns.

Recommendation – It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.



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B439 Stratford Road and Evesham Road
Proposed 50mph Speed Limit



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Speed Limit Review Objections

S/30 B4632 Campden Road (drawing no. SLR/S/30/A)

Existing Speed Limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 50mph

1. Objector and Reasons – Warwickshire Police: The mean speed is not currently at or below the proposed limit and it cannot be guaranteed that the added signs will lower the speeds sufficiently to make the limit self-enforcing. This road is the very essence of what a road user would consider to be a road subject to the national speed limit. Principals of circular 01/2006 seem to imply that reducing the speed limit should be a last resort. Unlikely that the new limit will be as effective in maintaining compliance as the present limit has been and the change would introduce an unserviceable enforcement burden. Reducing the speed limit alone should not be seen as an alternative for more costly engineering measures. By product of added infrastructure and maintenance vehicles, creating sign clutter and strike hazards.

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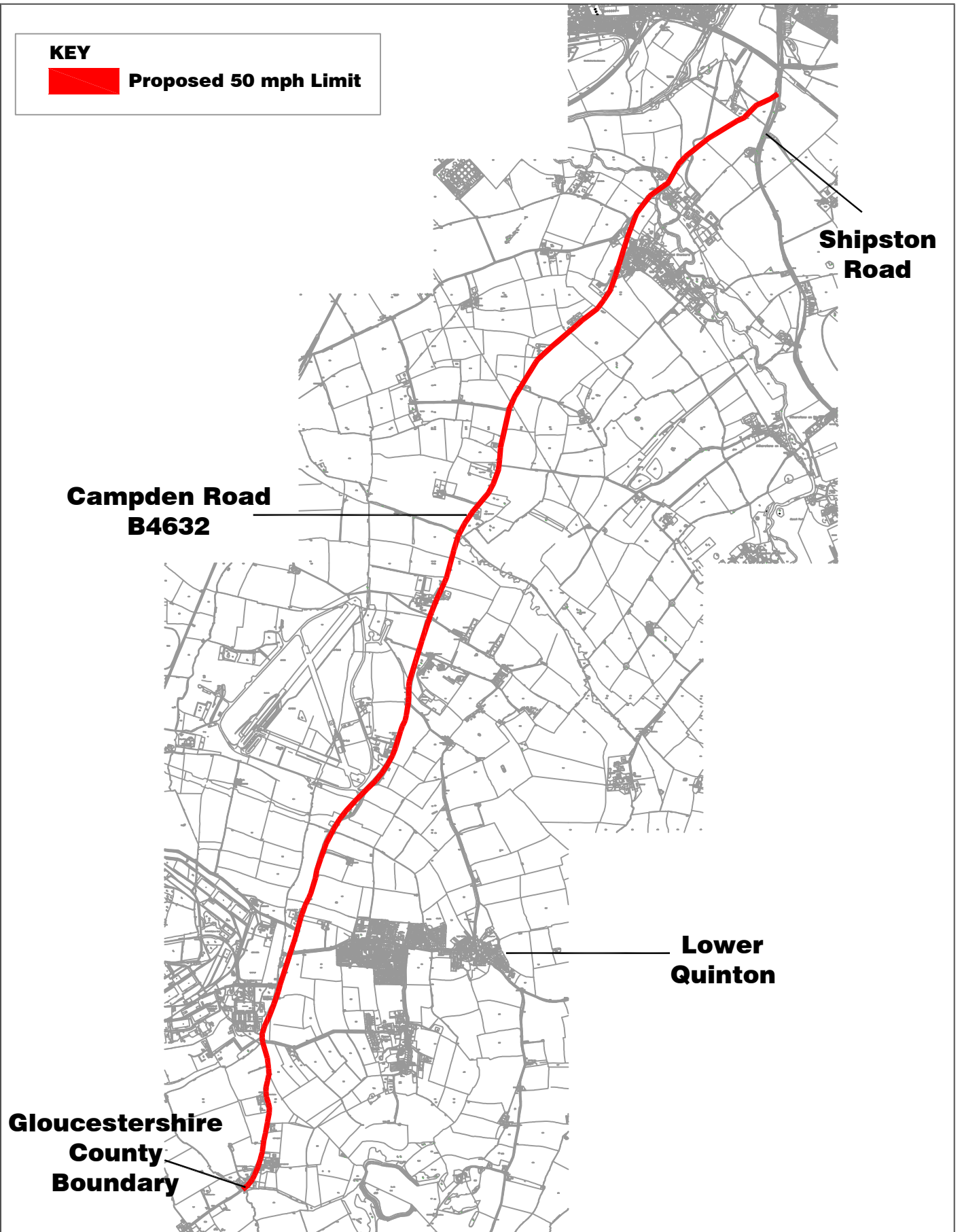
Officers Comments – There is a history of serious collisions on this stretch of road, and high levels of vehicle usage due to the airfield site. The environment of the road includes a number of bends and the mean speeds indicate that a reduction to 50mph is appropriate. It is accepted that there will be an increase in the number of road signs, but the 50mph repeaters will help to enforce the limit along the stretch. The proposal meets the criteria of the Speed Management Strategy.

Recommendation - It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.

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 **Proposed 50 mph Limit**




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A4189 Station Road/ Henley Road, Claverdon

Existing Speed Limit: 40mph No proposal to change speed limit

Objector and Reasons – Claverdon Parish Council: Extend the 40mph limit on Station Road towards Warwick to a point past the junction with Saddlebow Lane. This will hopefully gradually slow the traffic when passing through the village. Extend the 40mph limit west to a point past Kington Lane to slow down traffic in an area where there are houses.

Officers Comments – The recommendations do not meet the criteria as set out in the DfT circular 1/2006. Extending 40mph limits where the criteria is not met may have a negative impact on driver compliance with the existing 40mph limit.

Recommendation – Extending the existing 40mph limit is not recommended.

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General Objection

Objector and Reasons – Mr N Humphreys: (Mr Humphreys makes numerous comments in his letter of objection. The main points have been summarised). The consultation process is inadequate, discriminatory and loaded against objectors. Applying 50mph speed limits is not an appropriate solution to individual hazards on rural roads. Both 50mph and 30mph limits are counterproductive in road safety terms. The government sponsored research that underpins blanket rural 50mph limits is both flawed and contrived and therefore Dft guidelines are not reliable. Unreasonable limits that criminalise safe behaviour severely undermine the quality of life of drivers who take road safety seriously and this has a negative impact on public support for road safety, the Police and law and order in general.

Officers Comments – An extensive consultation exercise has been undertaken and details of proposals have been available through a wide range of media since the start of 2008. The proposals meet the criteria of the Speed Management Strategy and research has shown that there are many benefits in reducing speed limits, as long as they are appropriate for the environment of the road. In addition to reducing accidents and the severity of injuries, there are many environmental benefits as a result of lower speed limits.

Recommendation - It is recommended that the Stratford Area proposals are implemented as advertised.

**Stratford on Avon West Joint Committee –
18 September 2008**

Speed Limit Review Objections

S/1 A3400 Shipston Road (drawing no. SLR/S/1/J)

Existing Speed Limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 50mph

Objector and Reasons – Mr M J Reynolds: Find it difficult to accept this order and feel it is a complete retrograde step and can see no reason for changing the present limits. Cannot understand how this has been arrived at. Few serious accidents, those that have occurred would not have been prevented by the reduction of any speed limit.

Police Comments – Warwickshire Police do not formally object to the proposal, but have stated that they do not support the 50mph limit.

Officers Comments –The speed limit proposals are based on the Dft circular 01/2006 and County Councils own Speed Management Strategy. The criteria includes the existing speed of vehicles, the environment and nature of the road, and community concerns, as well as collisions along a route. There have been 14 personal injury collisions along this route in the last 3 years. The environment of the road includes a high number of bends and accesses and mean speeds are below 50mph. Therefore the limit is already self-enforcing and the route meets the criteria for a 50mph limit.

Recommendation - It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.

It is essential that for those routes which run through more than one Joint Committee area, approval will be required from each Committee prior to implementation.

**Stratford on Avon West Joint Committee –
18 September 2008**

Speed Limit Review Objections

S/3 A4189 Gannaway Road, nr Claverdon (drawing no. SLR/S/3/A)

Existing Speed Limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 50mph

Objector and Reasons – Claverdon Parish Council: Speed limits do not change things to benefit the village, do not address the issue of reducing accidents at black spots, possible that there will be less incentive to slow down from 50mph limit. Frustration of being kept at a lower limit is more likely to result in riskier driving habits through the village. Rather than blanket 50mph install 50mph 100 yards either side of Gannaway crossroads only, with SLOW signs.

Police Comments – Warwickshire Police do not formally object to the proposal, but have stated that they do not support the 50mph limit.

Officers Comments –The 50mph limit will reduce vehicle speeds on approach to Claverdon, which will be of benefit when slowing down for the lower limits at the village. A short section of 50mph at the Gannaway crossroads would be less effective at reducing vehicle speeds and would encourage drivers to increase their speeds on approach to the village. There has been strong community support for the 50mph limit.

Recommendation - It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.

**Stratford on Avon West Joint Committee –
18 September 2008**

Speed Limit Review Objections

S/3 A4189 Blackford Hill, Henley-in-Arden (drawing no. SLR/S/3/E)

Existing Speed Limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 40mph

Objector and Reasons – Beaudesert and Henley-in-Arden Parish Council: Concerned that the 30mph limit at Blackford Hill is not to be extended. Junction with Arden Road with Warwick Road is sufficiently dangerous to require the speed limit to be 30mph.

Police Comments – Warwickshire Police do not formally object to the proposal, but have stated that they do not support the 50mph limit.

Officers Comments – Officers would be concerned that drivers would not comply to a 30mph limit should it be extended into an environment that is more rural in nature. Furthermore there would be the concern that if drivers did not adhere to the extended limit, it would compromise the existing 30mph limit in Henley-In-Arden.

Recommendation - It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.

**Stratford on Avon West Joint Committee –
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Speed Limit Review Objections

**S/8a A435 Alcester Road (Formerly known as Birmingham-Evesham Road),
Studley (drawing no. SLR/S/8a/D)**

Existing Speed limit: 40mph Proposed Speed Limit: 30mph

Objector and Reasons – Warwickshire Police: The mean speed is not currently at or below the proposed limit. This road is the very essence of what a road user would consider a road subject to a 40mph speed limit and the speed data would confirm this to be the case showing good understanding and compliance of the existing limit. By product of removing the 40mph limit repeaters which are currently a regular reminder of the current limit. Should the cameras be removed the limit would not be self-enforcing. Unlikely that the new limit will be as effective in maintaining compliance as the present limit without the presence of cameras has been and the change would introduce an unserviceable enforcement burden.

Officers Comments – The Dft circular 01/2006 emphasises the importance of community needs when addressing speed limits. There has been community concerns regarding the speed of vehicles through this section and safety concerns have been raised about the junction with the A448. Although the environment is heavily built up on one side only, there are several properties on both sides. Cameras will act as enforcement and therefore there will be no additional enforcement burden for the Police.

Recommendation – It is recommended that the proposal is implemented as advertised.

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Speed Limit Review Objections

S/17 B4088 Evesham Road (drawing no. SLR/S/17/AB)

Existing Speed Limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 50mph

Objector and Reasons – Worcestershire County Council: Concerns relating to 50mph limit. Links to 50mph limits in Worcestershire and joining these sections will result in an overall length of 12.33km. This may have negative effect on our existing speed limits as terminal speed limit signs will disappear at the County boundary. Question whether perhaps there is a suitable length that could remain unaltered so as to reduce the overall length.

Police Comments – Warwickshire Police do not formally object to the proposal, but have stated that they do not support the 50mph limit.

Officers Comments – The proposals meet the criteria of the Speed Management Strategy. There will be 50mph repeaters present along the section to enforce the limit and these will tie in with the existing 50mph limits within Worcestershire.

Recommendation - It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.

**Stratford on Avon West Joint Committee –
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Speed Limit Review Objections

S/18 B4089 Alcester Road, Great Alne (drawing no. SLR/S18/C)

Existing Speed Limit 60mph Proposed speed limit 50mph

Objector and Reasons – Mr W A Evans: Does not require a speed reduction as the road itself is speed limiting. The only vehicles likely to drive in excess of 50mph will continue to drive at that speed. I am not aware of any road deaths or serious accidents. There are no locations for cameras. There will be an increase in the number of road signs.

Police Comments – Warwickshire Police do not formally object to the proposal, but have stated that they do not support the 50mph limit.

Officers Comments – The DfT circular 1/2006, encourages any proposed reduction in speed limits to be self enforcing. The new criteria is not solely based upon accident data. It is accepted that there will be an increase in the number of road signs, but the proposal meets the criteria of the Speed Management Strategy.

Recommendation – It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.

**Stratford on Avon West Joint Committee –
18 September 2008**

Speed Limit Review Objections

S/19 B4090 Alcester Heath, Alcester (drawing no. SLR/S/19/A)

Existing Speed limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 50mph

Objector and Reasons – Warwickshire Police: The mean speed is not currently at or below the proposed limit and it cannot be guaranteed that the added signs will lower the speeds sufficiently to make the limit self-enforcing. This road is the very essence of what a road user would consider a road subject to the national speed limit. Principals of circular 01/2006 seem to imply that reducing the speed limit should be a last resort. Unlikely that the new limit will be as effective in maintaining compliance as the present limit has been and the change would introduce an unserviceable enforcement burden. Reducing the speed limit alone should not be seen as an alternative for more costly engineering measures. By product of added infrastructure and maintenance vehicles, creating sign clutter and strike hazards.

Officers Comments – The criteria set out in the Speed Management Strategy approved by Cabinet in September 2007, includes considering the existing speed of vehicles, the environment and nature of the road, and community concerns. This proposal will address long standing community concern with the speed limit along the B4090 and the installation of vehicle activated signs is proposed to assist in enforcing the new limit.

Recommendation – It is recommended that the proposal is implemented as advertised.

**Stratford on Avon West Joint Committee –
18 September 2008**

Speed Limit Review Objections

S/20 B4092 Jill Lane, Sambourne (drawing no. SLR/S/20/A)

Existing Speed Limit 60mph Proposed speed limit 50mph

Objector and Reasons – Mr D Shaw: 50mph is too high. 40mph would be more appropriate. Sharp bend, often inch of flood water, visibility from Oak Tree Lane is restricted. People walk home to Sambourne using unlit Jill Lane which has no footway.

Police Comments – Warwickshire Police do not formally object to the proposal, but have stated that they do not support the 50mph limit.

Officers Comments – Jill Lane does not meet the criteria for a 40mph limit. This limit would not be achievable or sustainable without substantial traffic calming measures being implemented.

Recommendation – It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.

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18 September 2008**

Speed Limit Review Objections

S/24 B4102 Earlswood Common, Tanworth-in-Arden (drawing no. SLR/S/24/B)

Existing Speed limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 40mph

Objector and Reasons – Warwickshire Police: The mean speed is not currently at or below the proposed limit and it cannot be guaranteed that the added signs will lower the speeds sufficiently to make the limit self-enforcing. This road is the very essence of what a road user would consider to be a road subject to the national speed limit. Unlikely that the new limit will be as effective in maintaining compliance as the present limit has been and the change would introduce an unserviceable enforcement burden. Understand the desire to extend the 40mph limit from its existing point to the junction with Broad Lane, but the whole of the 40mph section through Earlswood Common is already subject to abuse. Lengthening it will not help the situation – it will merely exacerbate the position as road users will fail to understand the rationale behind the situation.

Officers Comments – This is a short section of 40mph limit which is proposed to include the collection of dwellings at the junction with Broad Lane. There has been support for this proposal from the public and the local Member. Additional engineering measures could be included to enhance compliance with the limit if required.

Recommendation – It is recommended that the proposal is implemented as advertised.

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18 September 2008**

Speed Limit Review Objections

S/25 B439 Evesham Road, Stratford/Bidford (drawing no. SLR/S/25/C)

Existing Speed Limit 60mph. Proposed speed limit 50mph

1. Objector and Reasons – Warwickshire Police: Mean speed of traffic is not at or below the proposed limit and it cannot be guaranteed that the added signs will lower the speeds sufficiently to make the limit self-enforcing. Unlikely that the new limit will be as effective in maintaining compliance as the present limit has been and the change would introduce an unserviceable enforcement burden. By product of added infrastructure and maintenance vehicles, creating sign clutter and strike hazards.

2. Objector and Reasons – M Collier: This road is not really any different to that of the A46 which bypasses Bidford. There have been no problems on this road and of the few which have occurred it is not through speed but drivers incompetence on the road.

Officers Comments – There have been strong concerns expressed to the Council from residents (in particular Dodwell Park), requesting a 50mph speed limit for a number of years. The proposal meets the criteria of the Speed Management Strategy, and has also taken into consideration community concerns.

Recommendation – It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.

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Speed Limit Review Objections

S/30 B4632 Campden Road (drawing no. SLR/S/30/A)

Existing Speed Limit: 60mph Proposed Speed Limit: 50mph

1. Objector and Reasons – Warwickshire Police: The mean speed is not currently at or below the proposed limit and it cannot be guaranteed that the added signs will lower the speeds sufficiently to make the limit self-enforcing. This road is the very essence of what a road user would consider to be a road subject to the national speed limit. Principals of circular 01/2006 seem to imply that reducing the speed limit should be a last resort. Unlikely that the new limit will be as effective in maintaining compliance as the present limit has been and the change would introduce an unserviceable enforcement burden. Reducing the speed limit alone should not be seen as an alternative for more costly engineering measures. By product of added infrastructure and maintenance vehicles, creating sign clutter and strike hazards.

2. Objector and Reasons – Mr M J Reynolds: Find it difficult to accept this order and feel it is a complete retrograde step and can see no reason for changing the present limits. Cannot understand how this has been arrived at. Few serious accidents, those that have occurred would not have been prevented by the reduction of any speed limit.

Officers Comments – There is a history of serious collisions on this stretch of road, and high levels of vehicle usage due to the airfield site. The environment of the road includes a number of bends and the mean speeds indicate that a reduction to 50mph is appropriate. It is accepted that there will be an increase in the number of road signs, but the 50mph repeaters will help to enforce the limit along the stretch. The proposal meets the criteria of the Speed Management Strategy.

Recommendation - It is recommended that this proposal is implemented as advertised.

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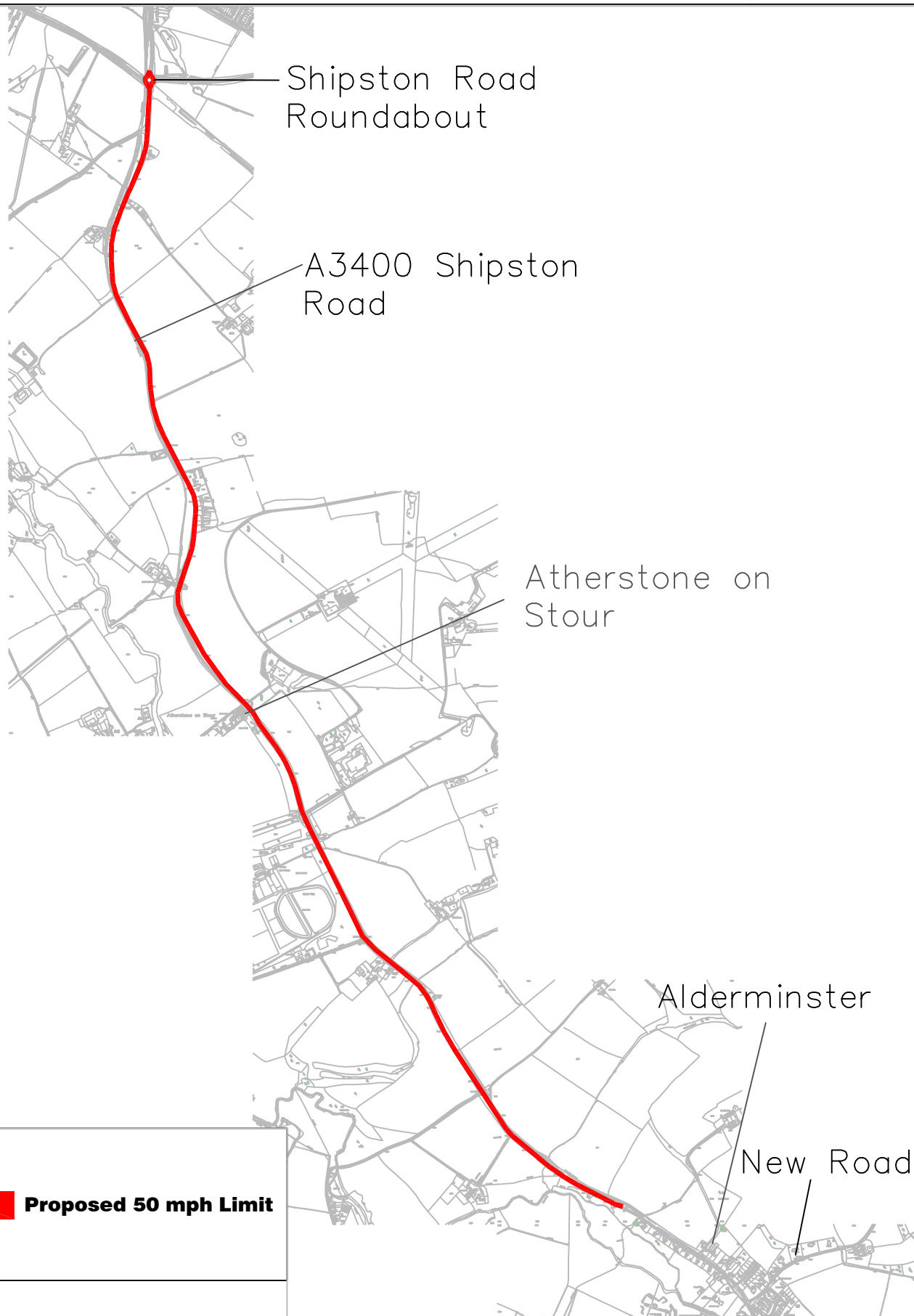
A4189 Station Road/ Henley Road, Claverdon

Existing Speed Limit: 40mph No proposal to change speed limit

Objector and Reasons – Claverdon Parish Council: Extend the 40mph limit on Station Road towards Warwick to a point past the junction with Saddlebow Lane. This will hopefully gradually slow the traffic when passing through the village. Extend the 40mph limit west to a point past Kington Lane to slow down traffic in an area where there are houses.

Officers Comments – The recommendations do not meet the criteria as set out in the DfT circular 1/2006. Extending 40mph limits where the criteria is not met may have a negative impact on driver compliance with the existing 40mph limit.

Recommendation – Extending the existing 40mph limit is not recommended.




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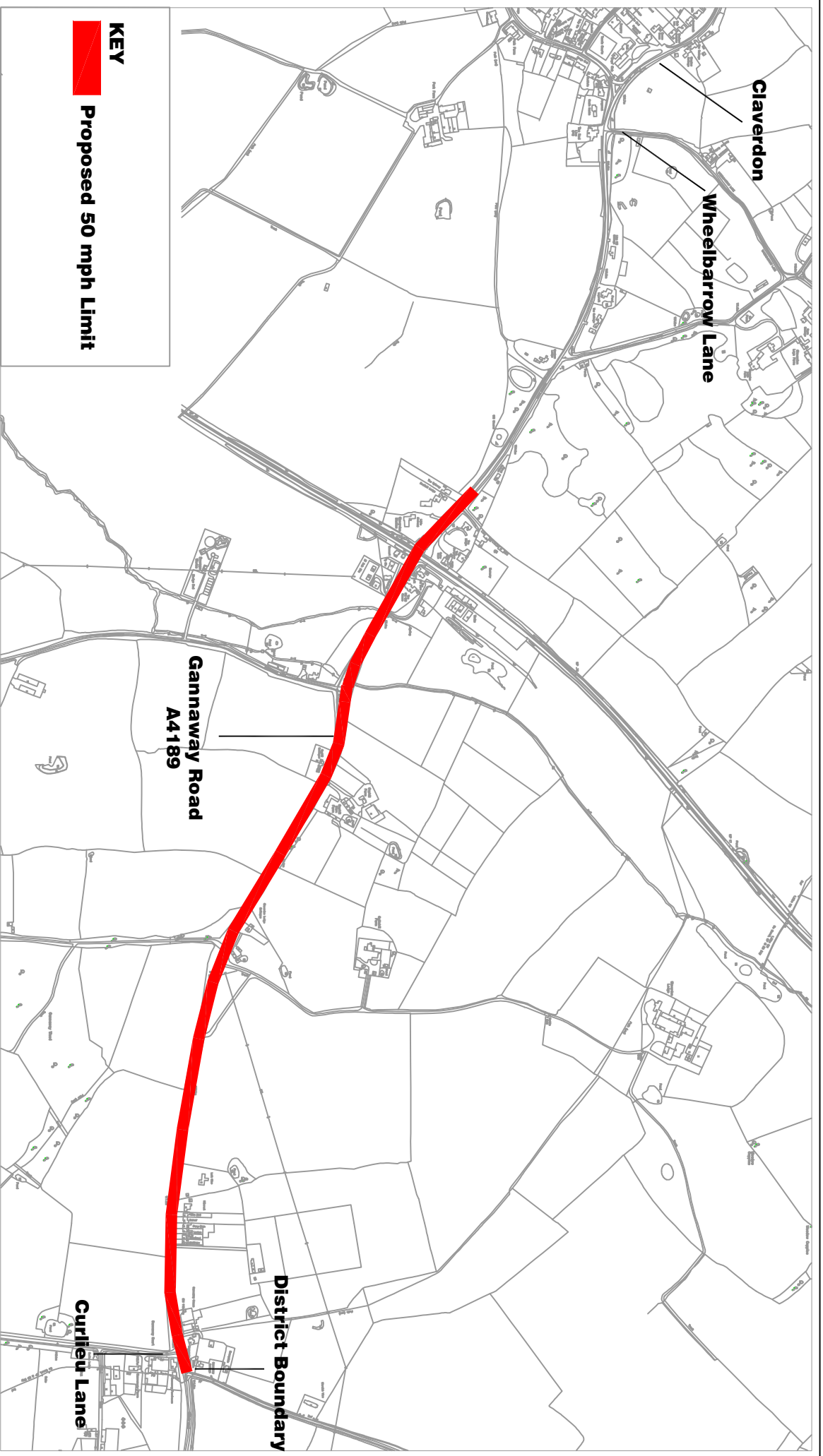
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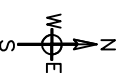
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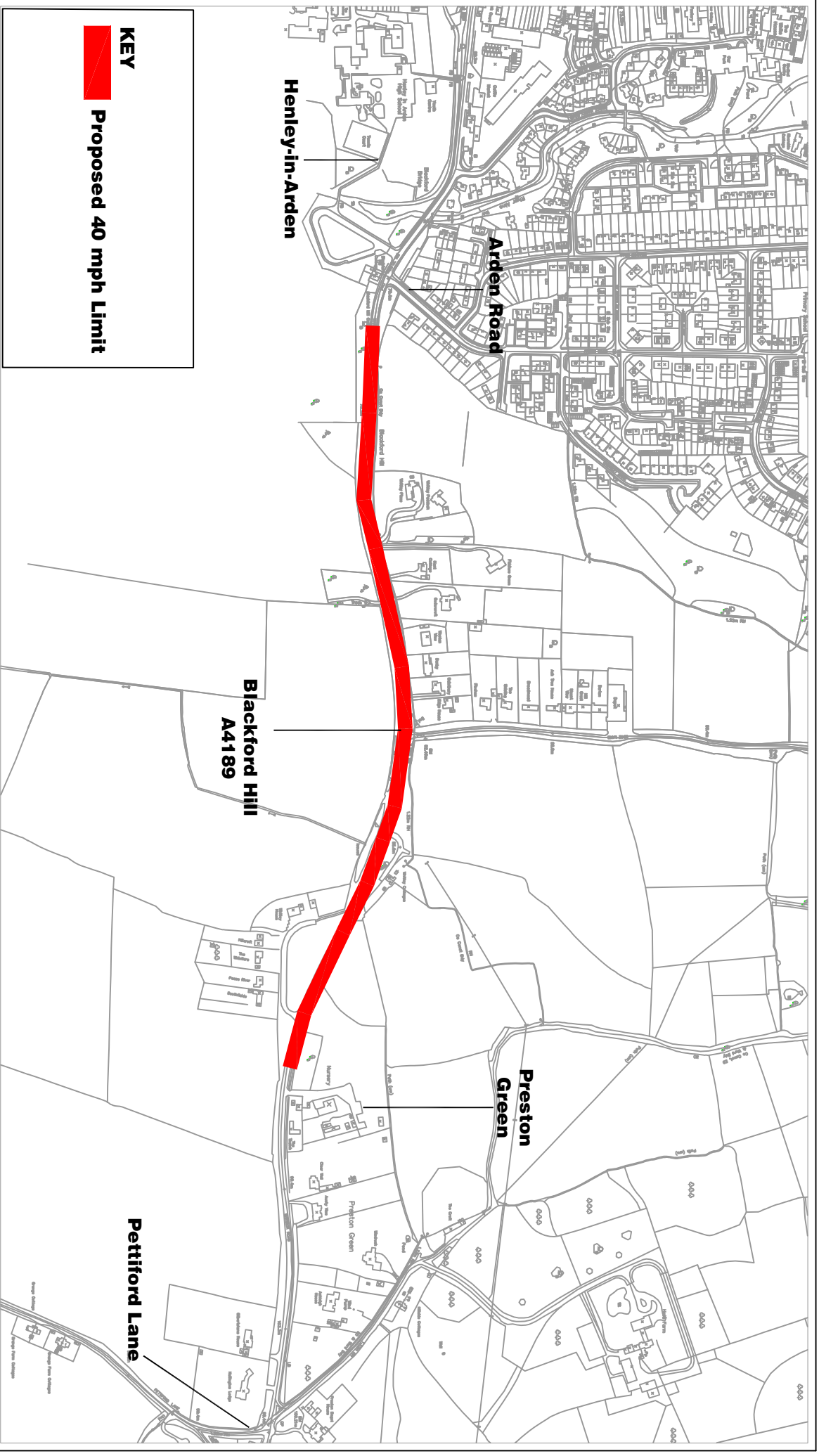
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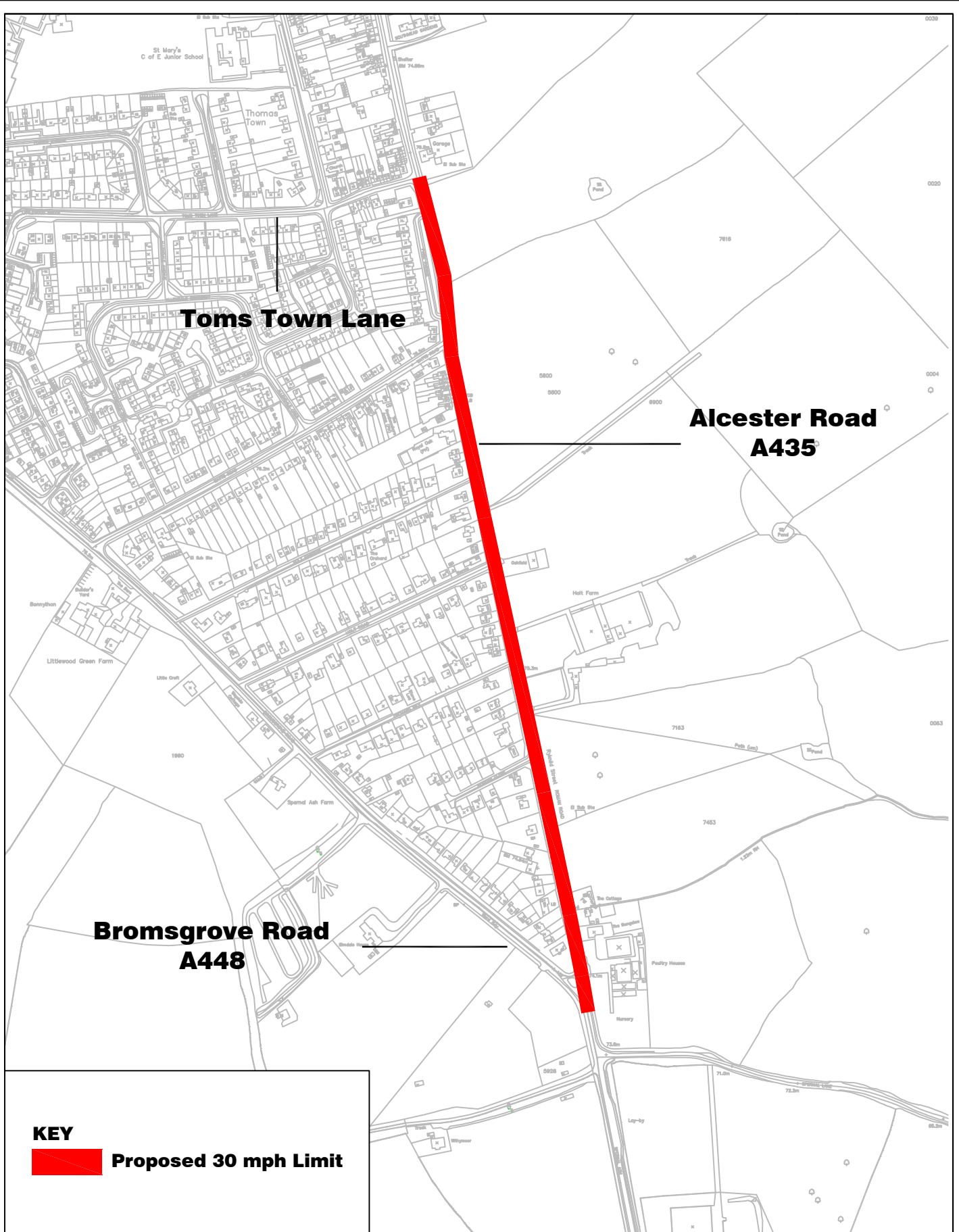
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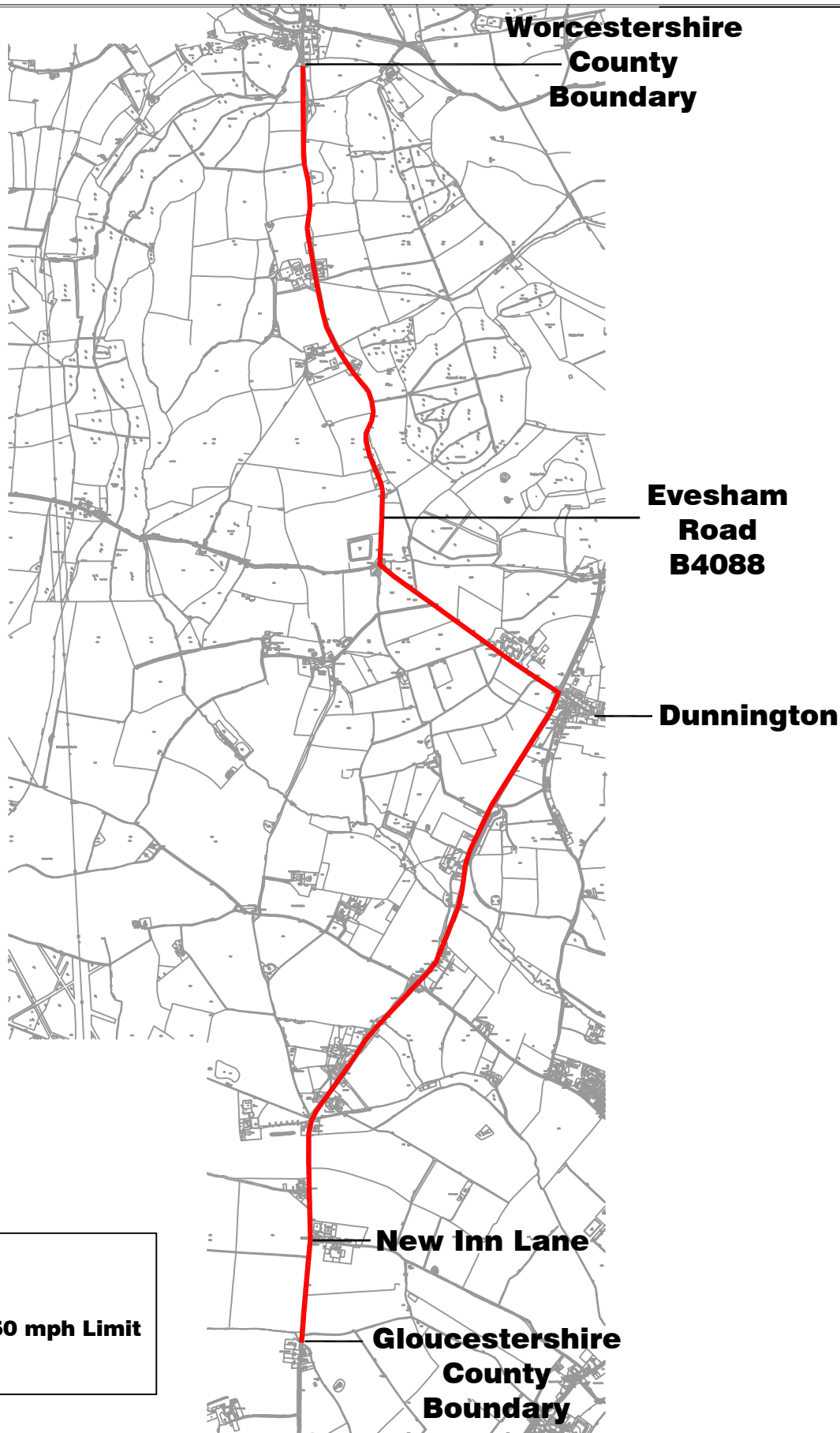
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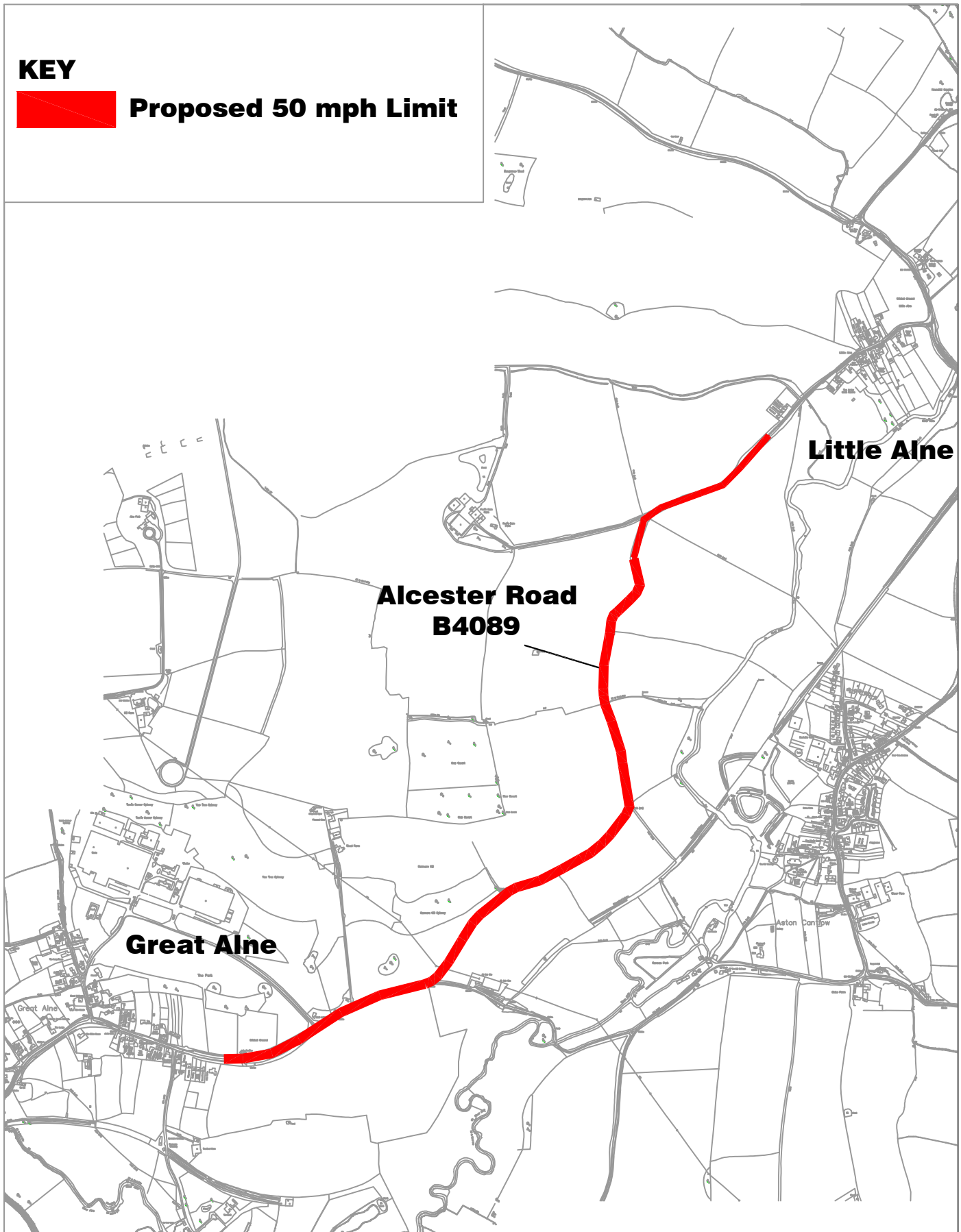
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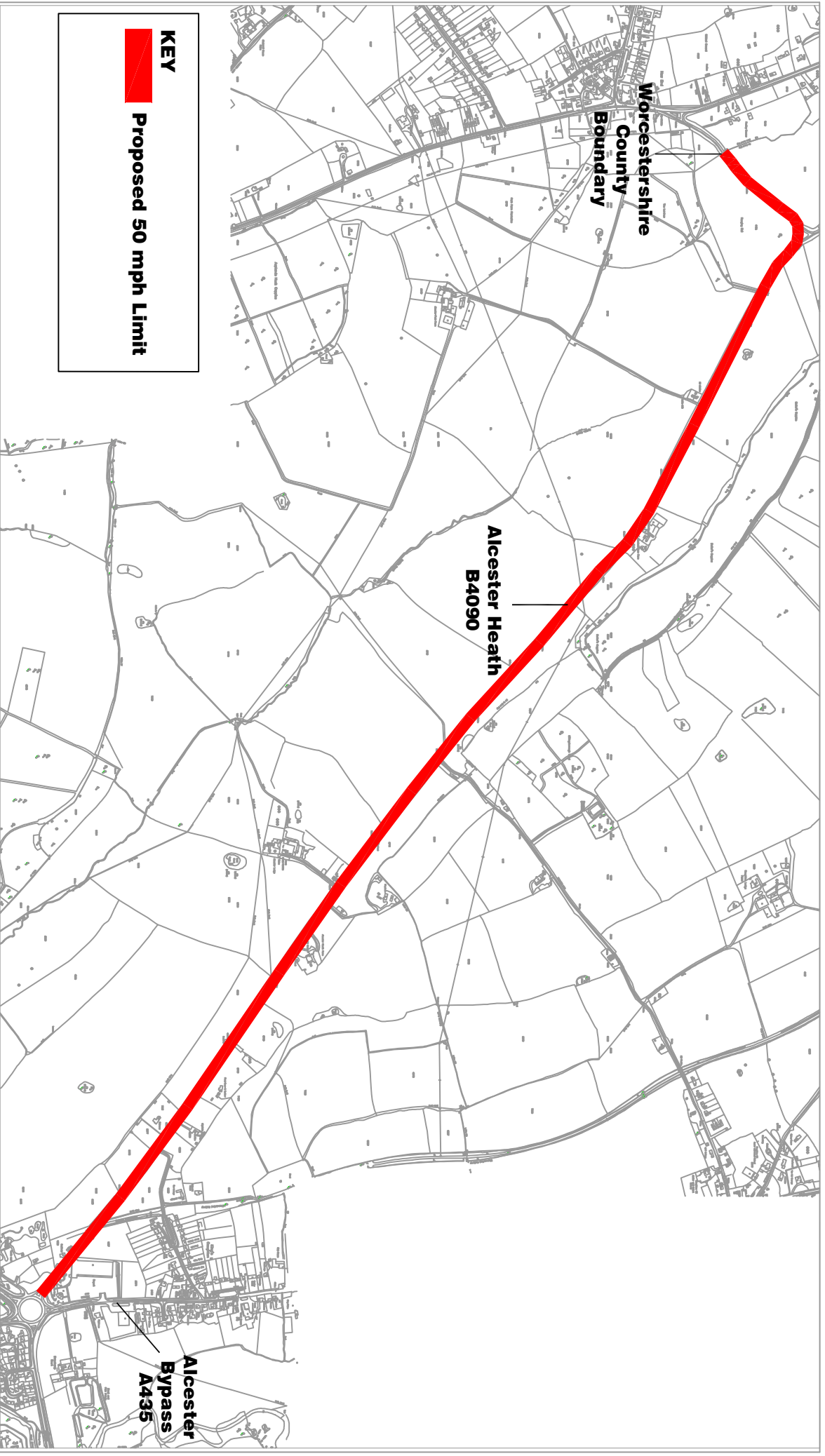
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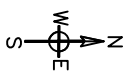
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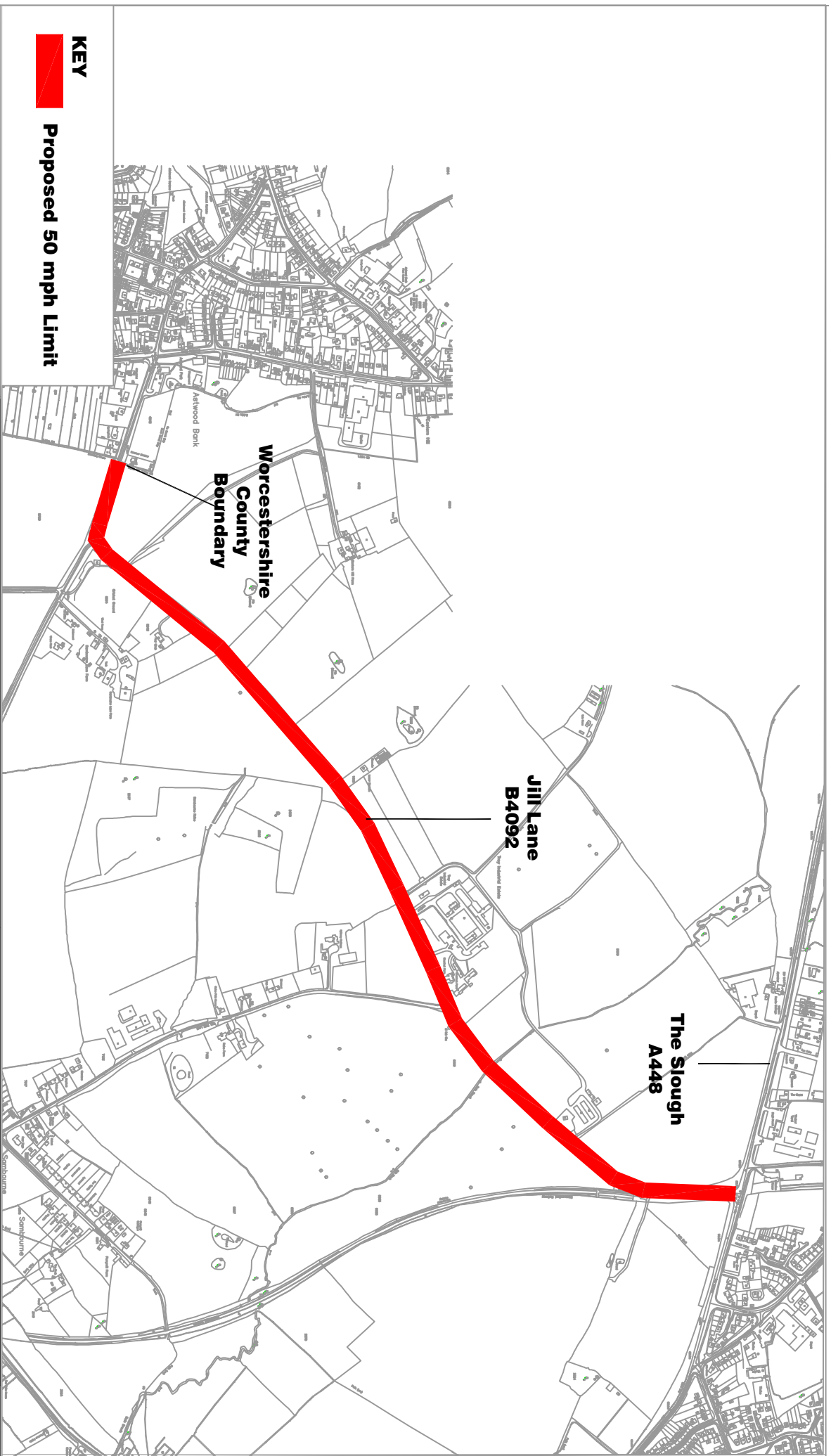
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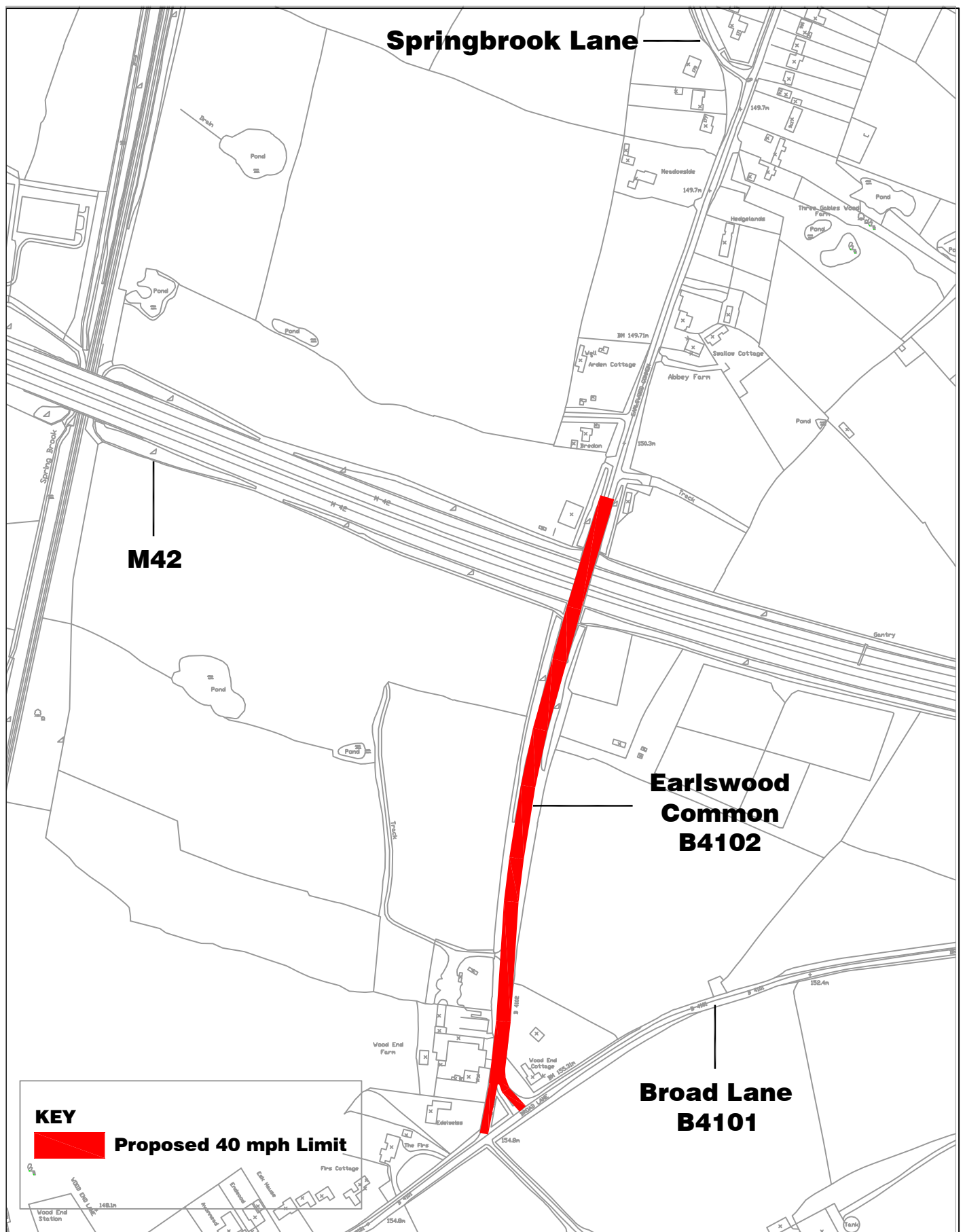
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B4092 Jill Lane
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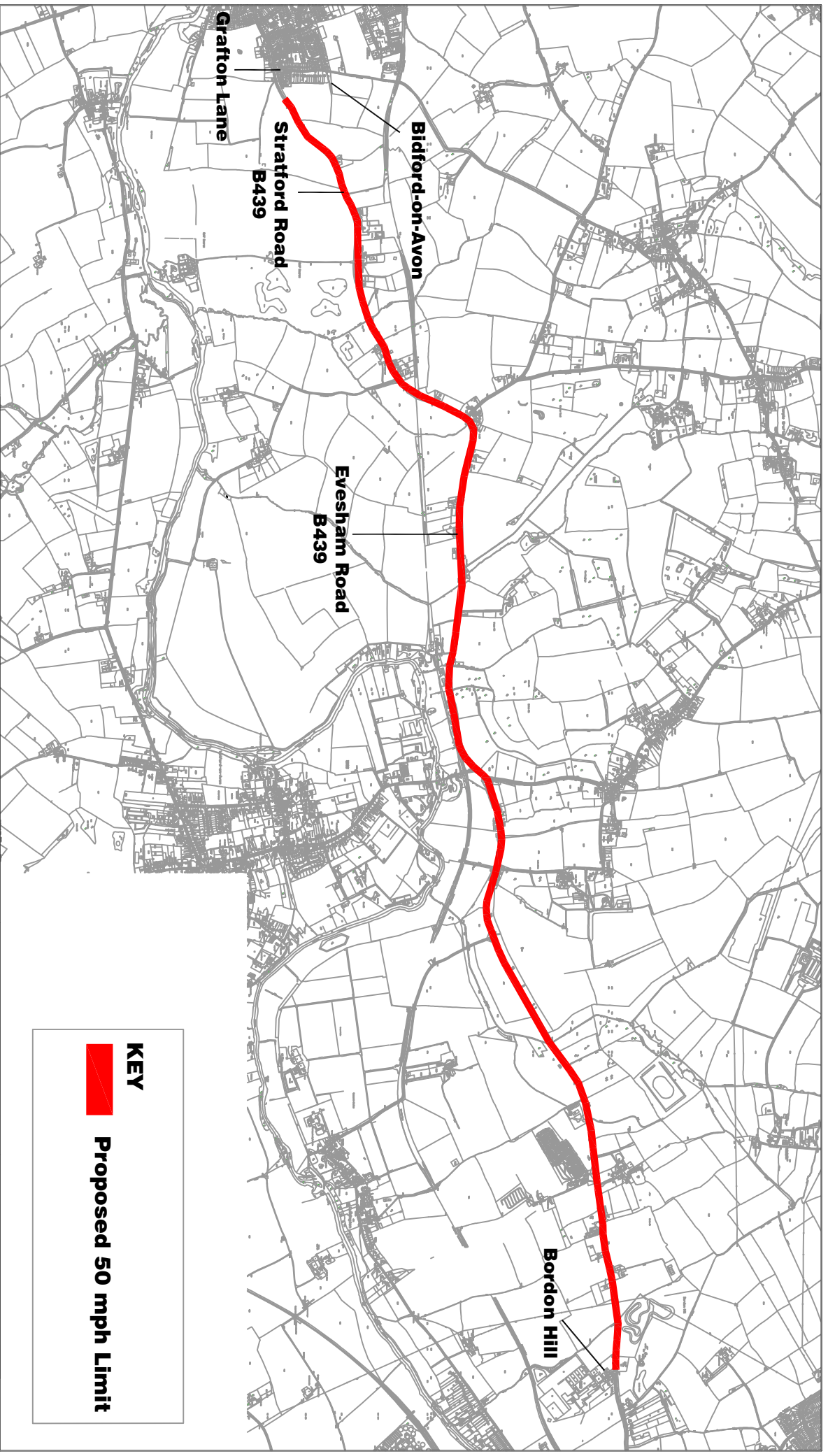
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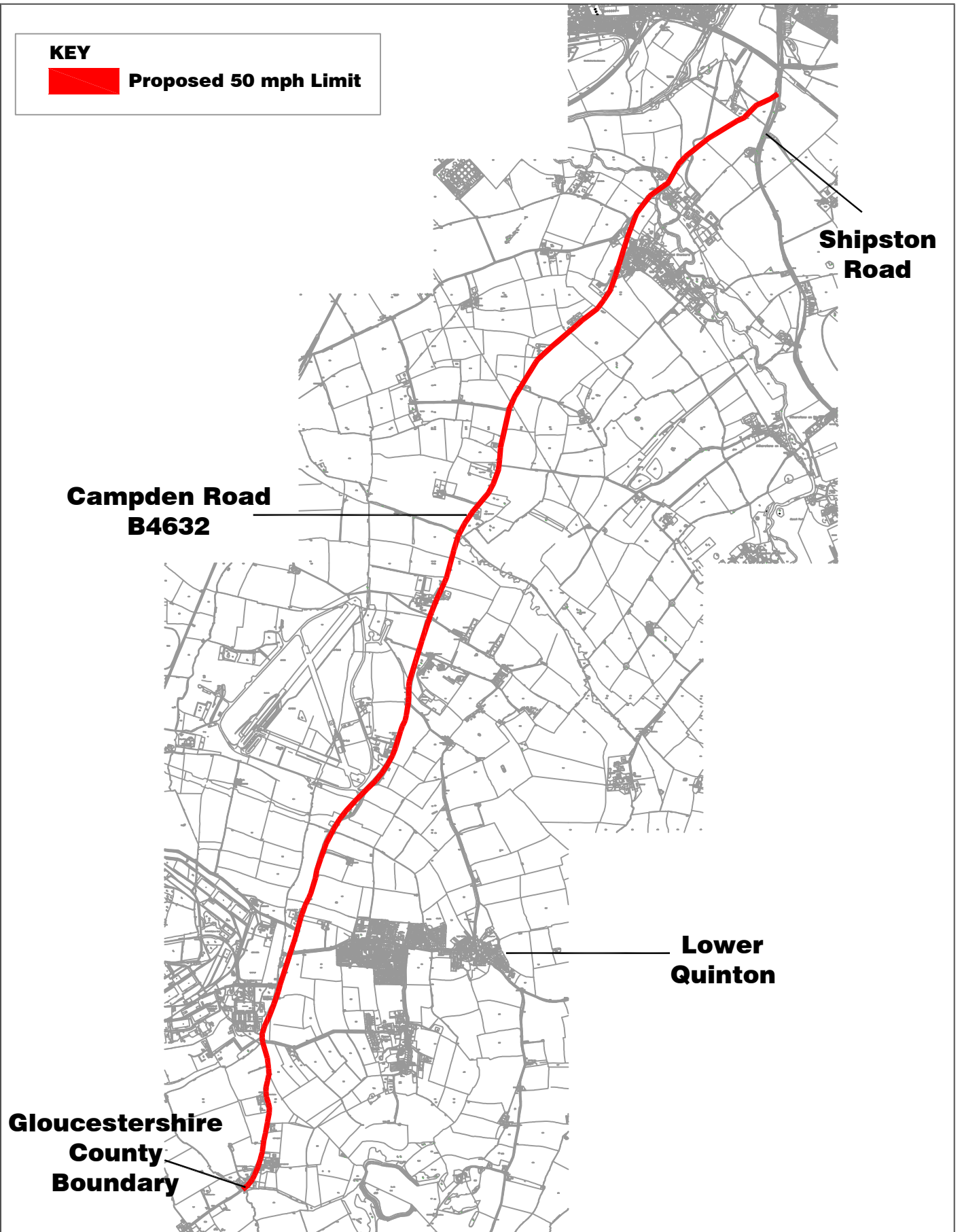


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