

Portfolio Holder Decision

Date: Monday 11 December 2023
Time: 12.00 pm
Venue: Virtual

Membership

Councillor Isobel Seccombe OBE
Councillor Margaret Bell
Councillor Peter Butlin
Councillor Andy Crump
Councillor Yousef Dahmash
Councillor Kam Kaur
Councillor Sue Markham
Councillor Jan Matecki
Councillor Heather Timms
Councillor Martin Watson

Items on the agenda: -

- 1. Warwickshire County Council Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
The Warwickshire County Council (Various Roads, Southam)
(20 MPH speed limit) ORDER 2023** 3 - 18

Monica Fogarty
Chief Executive
Warwickshire County Council
Shire Hall, Warwick

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Portfolio Holder Decision

The Warwickshire County Council (Various Roads, Southam) (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2023

Portfolio Holder	Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning
Date of decision	11 December 2023
	Signed

1. Decision taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves that the below named proposed Speed Limit Order be made as advertised:

- The Warwickshire County Council (Various Roads, Southam) (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2023.

2. Reasons for decisions

- 2.1 Pursuant to Part 2(4) of the Warwickshire County Council Constitution, the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning in consultation with the Local Member(s) has delegated authority to determine road traffic management and accident prevention schemes and road traffic regulations in cases where objections have been received (and not withdrawn).
- 2.2 The statutory public consultation for a 20mph speed limit to be introduced to various roads in Southam, was advertised on the 20th July 2023 for 3 weeks. It was also advertised on street in the form of public notices, in the Leamington Spa and Warwick Observer and on the Council's website. Statutory consultees have also been consulted. The closing date was extended by an extra week to 18th August 2023, so that residents in the area had sufficient time to consider the proposal.
- 2.3 A copy of a plan PTRO23 006 01 detailing proposals to introduce the 20mph Speed Limit within Southam can be found as **Appendix A**. One objection to the proposal were received during the consultation; the following table details the objection received, and the Council's response.

Emails/letters	
Objections received	1

Objection 1 – Resident of Banbury Road (cul-de-sac)

15 August 2023

20 mph Speed Limit Order - Southam

As regards the above, I object as follows:

- . Drivers who drive responsibly will continue to do so.
- . Drivers who drive irresponsibly will continue with their bad habits regardless of any lower speed limit.
- . I do not see how a 20 mph limit can be enforced in practice.
- . Further signage will Just clutter the centre of Southam.

I consider that this will achieve very little for Southam although it will, no doubt, help in a small way help to justify local public sector employment.

Engineers response

The personal views put forward by the Objector may have merit, but unfortunately they are not sufficient grounds to change or vary the Proposal as advertised.

This Engineer tried to communicate with the Resident which was made slightly more difficult as there was no telephone number or email address contained within his letter. A County Council letter was hand delivered to his property inviting him to contact the Engineer. No such contact was made by the Resident.

- 2.4 The published reasons for the introduction of a 20mph Speed Limit for the various roads in Southam remain valid. It is therefore recommended that the proposals in their current form be implemented as advertised.

3. Background information

- 3.1. Statutory Criteria for Decision Making on Speed Limit Orders **Appendix B**
- 3.2. A copy of the published Notice can be found as **Appendix C**
- 3.3. A copy of the supporting email from Southam Town Council as **Appendix D**

- 3.4. A copy of the single Objection letter received can be found as **Appendix E** and above at Section 2 of this report.
- 3.5. A copy of the Statement of Reasons can be found as **Appendix F**
- 3.6. As it has not been possible to resolve this Objection and could not be withdrawn, a Decision is required of the Portfolio Holder to proceed with the scheme. The published reasons for the introduction of a 20mph Speed Limit for the various roads in Southam remain valid. See **Appendix F – Statement of Reasons**. It is therefore recommended that the proposals in their current form be implemented as advertised.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 The Southam 20mph Speed Limit was agreed between the Safety Engineering Traffic Section and the HS2 Project Board. Funding for this proposal will be met wholly from the HS2 Project.

5. Environmental implications

- 5.1 The 20 mph speed limit is introduced as a safety measure. It is not anticipated that the change will result in an adverse effect on air quality or noise levels and the works are minor having little environmental impact during delivery.
- 5.2 It is hoped that this new speed limit will enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors in the area and improve safety for all road users and residents, especially the elderly and young child pedestrians.

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Assistant Director	Scott Tomkins. Director for Communities
Strategic Director	Mark Ryder, Executive Director for Communities
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Jan Matecki, Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of background papers

Email objections along with plans that can be produced if required.

Appendix A - Speed Limit Plan (PTRO23 006 01)

Appendix B – Statutory Criteria for Decision Making on Speed Limit Orders

Appendix C – Copy of the Public Notice

Appendix D – Supporting email from Southam Town Council.

Appendix E - Resident Objection Letter

Appendix F - Statement of Reasons

Members and officers consulted and informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jan Matecki

Corporate Board – Mark Ryder

Legal – Caroline Gutteridge

Finance – Andrew Felton

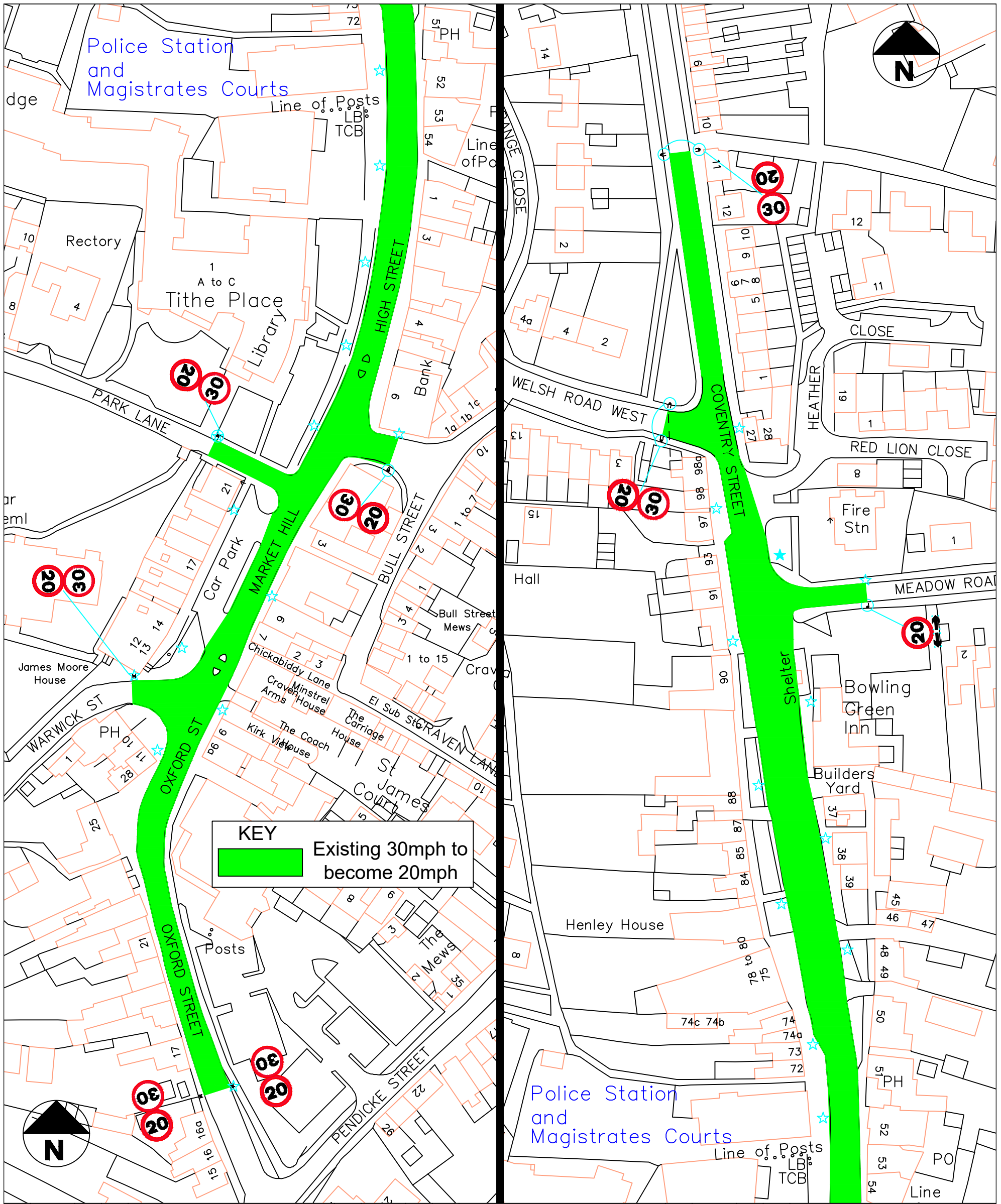
Equality – Delroy Madden

Procurement – John Hopper

Democratic Services –

Councillors – Cllr Crump

Local Member(s): Councillor Crump



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<p>Warwickshire County Council COUNTY HIGHWAYS</p> <p>Minor Works Team Communities, Old Budbrook Road Warwick, CV34 7DP Tel : 01926 412 277</p> <p>www.warwickshire.gov.uk mailto:communities@warwickshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>NOTES</p> <p>Based on Ordnance Survey mapping with the permission of the Controller of HMSO © Crown Copyright and database right 2011. Ordnance Survey 100019520. All rights reserved. Unauthorised reproduction infringes copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. Warwickshire County Council.</p>	<p>Drawing title</p> <p>Proposed 20mph Speed Limit Coventry St into Market Hill From Warwick St to Welsh Rd West Southam</p>	<p>Drawn by MMcD</p> <p>Checked by JC</p>
		<p>Project title</p> <p>HS2 Crash Reduction Scheme</p>	<p>Date 03.05.23</p> <p>Scale 1:1000 on A3</p> <p>Drawing number PTRO23 006 01</p>

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Appendix A – Statutory Criteria for Decision Making on Speed Limit Orders

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 enables the Council to make Orders prohibiting the driving of motor vehicles on a road at a speed exceeding that specified in the Order, or directing that a road on which there is provided a system of street lighting furnished by means of lamps placed not more than 183 metres apart shall become a restricted road (subject to a speed limit of 30 mph) or that it shall cease to be a restricted road.

Speed Limit Orders and Restricted Road Roads remain in force until superseded or revoked.

The Department for Transport's Circular 01/2013 'Setting Local Speed Limits' should be the basis for assessments of local speed limits, for developing route management strategies and for developing speed management strategies required as part of the Local Transport Plan process. Circular 01/2013 requires that "speed limits should be evidence-led and self-explaining and seek to reinforce people's assessment of what is a safe speed to travel. They should encourage self-compliance. Speed limits should be seen by drivers as the maximum rather than a target speed. Traffic authorities set local speed limits in situations where local needs and conditions suggest a speed limit which is lower than the national speed limit."

In deciding whether or not to make an Order or give a Direction, the Council is required to have regard to the matters set out in section 122 of the 1984 Act. 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 are:-

- the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises
- 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
- the national air quality strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1995
- 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
- and any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant

Therefore whilst the overall objective of the Council must be to secure the expeditious convenient and safe movement of vehicular traffic this cannot prevent statutory powers from being used for the specific purposes identified in section 122(1) and that a balance has to be achieved between the overall objective and the matters set out in section 122(2).

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WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

**THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, SOUTHAM)
(20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2023**

Warwickshire County Council propose to make the above named Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to impose a 20 mph speed limit on the lengths of road described in the Schedule below.

A copy of the proposed Order, together with a plan showing the lengths 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 during usual opening hours, or online at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/20209/stratford-avon-district>

Any enquiries relating to the proposals may be made to Mike McDonnell, County Highways Minor Works Team (telephone number 01926 412536). Any objections to or representations in support of the proposals, which must be in writing and specify the grounds on which they are made, should be addressed to Mike McDonnell, County Highway Minor Works Team, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall Post Room, Rear of Northgate Street, Warwick, CV34 4RL. (Objections, representations, and the name of the objector or person making a representation, will normally be treated as public information and may be published. For further information on how Warwickshire County Council processes personal data please refer to the Customer Privacy Notice which is available at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privacy>). Objections and representations must be sent so as to be received by 18 August 2023.

SCHEDULE

1. Daventry Street, Southam
From the back of footway on the eastern side of Market Hill, eastwards for a distance of 8 metres.
2. Meadow Road, Southam
From the back of footway on the eastern side of Coventry Street, eastwards for a distance of 18 metres.
3. Oxford Street / Market Hill / High Street / Coventry Street (including the junction of Warwick Street), Southam
From a point in Oxford Street which is situate 44 metres north-west of its junction with Pendicke Street (measured from a point in line with the back of footway on the south-eastern side of Pendicke Street), northwards through Oxford Street, Market Hill, High Street and Coventry Street for a total distance of 590 metres in length.
4. Park Lane, Southam
From the back of footway on the western side of Market Hill, north-westwards for a distance of 22 metres.
5. Welsh Road West, Southam
From the back of footway on the western side of Coventry Street, westwards for a distance of 9.5 metres.

S Duxbury
Director of Governance & Policy

Shire Hall, Warwick
20 July 2023

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From: Clerk <clerk@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk>

Sent: 15 September 2023 11:45

To: Mike McDonnell <mikemcdonnell@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Proposed 20mph Speed Limit, (Coventry St tru Oxford St) Southam.

OFFICIAL

Dear Mike

Further to the correspondence below , I can confirm that Southam Town Council did consider this matter at their meeting last night and I have been instructed to inform you that although the Town Council is in agreement with the proposed 20mph areas they feel that the 20 mph areas do not go far enough and would therefore request that they are extended as per the attached map.

Kind regards

Debbie Carro

Town Clerk

Southam Town Council

The Grange Hall

Coventry Road

Southam

CV47 1QA

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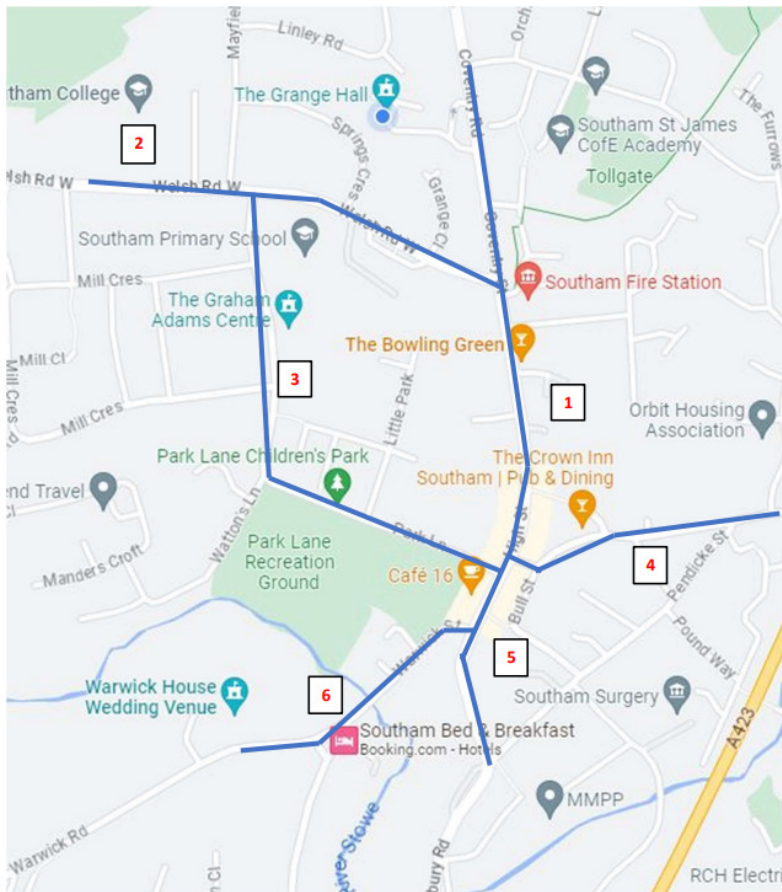
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20 MPH Speed Limit Consultation – Southam Town Council Response

1	Market Hill, Coventry St up to Tollgate Road to manage traffic to St James's Primary School.
2	Welsh Road West to manage traffic to Southam College and Southam Primary School.
3	Park Lane and St James Road to manage traffic around the Schools/Nurseries and Play areas.
4	Bull Street through to Daventry Road to manage traffic to St Mary's Catholic Primary School.
5	Oxford Street through to the Banbury Road.
6	Warwick Road through to Abbey Lane.



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Southam
Warwickshire


Mr. M. McDonnell
County Highway Minor Works Team
Warwickshire County Council
Shire Hall Post Room
Rear of Northgate Street
Warwick CV34 4RL

15 August 2023

Dear Sir,

20 mph Speed Limit Order - Southam

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Yours faithfully,

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, SOUTHAM)
(20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2023

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Minor Works Team have received from the Traffic & Road Safety Team instruction to install a 20mph speed limit to the main shopping street within Southam as part of the HS2 Project, accident prevention measures.

Consultation Drawing Ref.	Location	Map Tile Ref.	Revision No.
PTRO23 006 01	. Coventry Street, High Street, Market Hill, Southam. Between the junctions of Welsh Road West and Warwick Street.		

2. STATEMENT OF REASONS

As part of the mitigation measures for the HS2 Project across the County, a total of 25 differing and widely ranged schemes have been put forward to be funded by HS2.

These 25 schemes have been investigated by the County Councils own Traffic & Road Safety Team and have put each scheme forward to the HS2 Board, who have agreed to the schemes and are willing to pay for each.

The scheme through Southam, is to apply a 20mph speed limit along the main shopping route through the town of Southam.

Reducing the current speed limit should have the effect of slowing motorists down to assist turning traffic in/out of the side roads, preserve visibility and thus aid road safety.

3. SCHEDULE 1

- 3.1 Plan Ref. PTRO23 006 01 to be included in Schedule 1 and attached to the Order.

- 3.2 Oxford Street through Market Hill, High Street into Coventry Street (including entrance to Warwick Street) - Existing 30mph to become 20mph.

- (i) From a point in line with the back of footway on the south eastern side of Pendicke Street, to another point 44 metres north west, then in a generally northerly direction for a distance of 590 metres.

- 3.3 Park Lane - Existing 30mph to become 20mph.

- (ii) From the Back of Footway on the western side of Market Hill, in a north westerly direction for a distance of 22m.

3.4 Daventry Street - Existing 30mph to become 20mph.

- (iii) From the Back of Footway on the eastern side of Market Hill, in an easterly direction for a distance of 8m.

3.5 Meadow Road - Existing 30mph to become 20mph.

- (iv) From the Back of Footway on the eastern side of Coventry Street, in an easterly direction for a distance of 18m.

3.5 Welsh Road West - Existing 30mph to become 20mph.

- (v) From the Back of Footway on the western side of Coventry Street, in an westerly direction for a distance of 9.5m

4. Existing Order to be revoked.

- 4.1 None – currently restricted road by virtue of street lighting

Ends.