

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
(WEARNE MAIN ROAD, LANGPORT)
(PARISH OF HUISH EPISCOPI)
(REVOCATION AND 30MPH SPEED LIMIT)
ORDER 2019

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL in exercise of its powers under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1984") and of all other enabling powers, and in accordance of Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984 and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order: -

1. This Order shall come into force on the 18th day of June 2020 and may be cited as "Somerset County Council (Wearne Main Road, Langport) (Parish of Huish Episcopi) (Revocation and 30 mph Speed Limit) Order 2019".
2. The County Council of Somerset (Main Road, Wearne) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 2006 is hereby revoked.
3. No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on the length of road specified in the Schedule 2 to this Order.
4. Vehicles falling within regulation 3(1), 3(2), 3(3) and 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Council this 12th day of June 2020

THE COMMON SEAL of the)
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COUNTY COUNCIL of SOMERSET)
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was hereunto affixed)
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in the presence of)




Authorised Officer

No. in Register 34269

SCHEDULE 1
Revocation

Revocation of the County Council of Somerset (Main Road, Wearne) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 2006

SCHEDULE 2
30mph Speed Limit

Wearne Main Road,
Langport

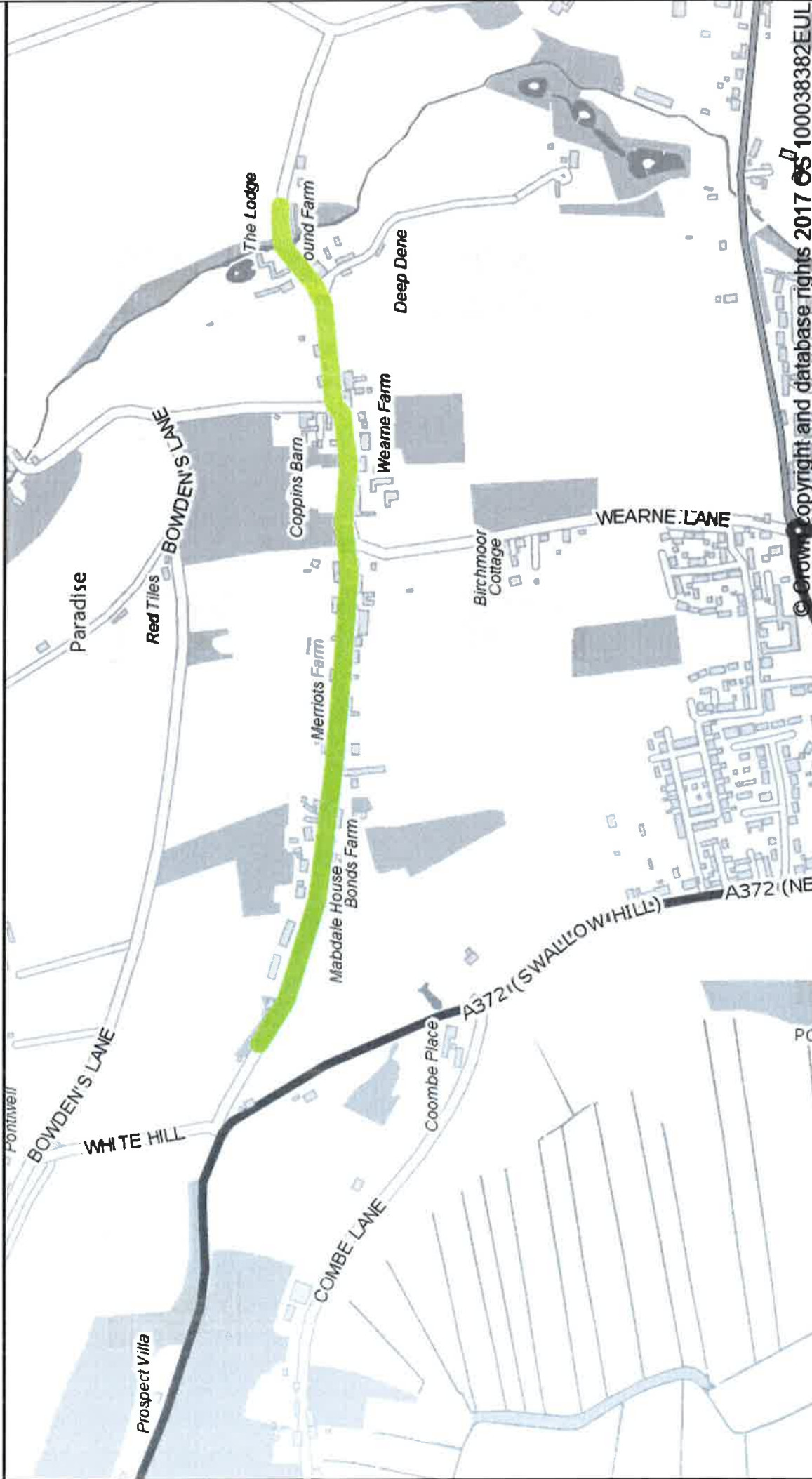
From a point 139 metres east of the junction with White Hill in an easterly direction to the existing 30mph limit east of Wearne Court.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

Plan - Main Road, Langport - 30mph Speed Limit

Green Line represents the 30mph Speed Limit



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Determination Report:

Executive Portfolio Holder: John Woodman, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

Division and Local Member: Clare Paul
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1. Summary

1.1 Proposal to introduce traffic calming measures and amend the extent of the existing 30mph speed limit.

1.2 The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was advertised on the 28th November 2019. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order and Notice are shown in Appendix 1.

1.3 Following advertisement of the TRO one objection was received.

1.4 The Police, emergency services, local members and other statutory consultees did not object to the proposal.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the **WEARNE MAIN ROAD, LANGPORT (PARISH OF HUIISH EPISCOPI) REVOCATION AND 30MPH SPEED LIMIT ORDER 2019** be approved as advertised

3.0 Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders

3.1 The Traffic Regulation Order (shown in Appendix 1) was advertised in the Western Gazette on 28th November 2019. As part of this process, all statutory consultees, local County and District Councillors and the Town/Parish Councils were consulted.

3.2 Following the statutory advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order Amendment, a total of 1 objection was received during the 21 day statutory advertising period. After acknowledging and responding to the objector the objection remains.

3.3 Individual correspondence of support, objection and responses are available for inspection at the Authors Department. The specific objection and points contained within the letter have been considered and salient points are described below, highlighting the background on the proposals and the objection.

Background – The local County Councillor promoted an SIS scheme on behalf of the parish to enhance the village gateway feature in a more prominent and appropriate position at White Hill, Wearne.

During the consultation period Somerset County Council received an objection from a resident who made a request not to change the existing 30mph speed limit extent.

Objection -

Reasoning included:

''At present the entrance/driveway to our property is within the 30mph speed limit, and we strongly object to it being moved farther down the road, as it is already dangerous coming out of our driveway but will be even more so if vehicles then see that they can zoom off the main road at 60mph.''

3.4 After considering the objection it is **recommended to approve** the proposals as advertised.

4.0 Resolution of Objections

4.1 Following receipt of the objection a response was sent to the objector explaining the reasons for the relocation of the enhanced village gateway with a request to confirm if the objection still applied. The objector responded to this advising that he wished the objection to remain.

4.2 The proposed relocation for the enhanced gateway feature will be in a more prominent and appropriate position and will be more effective in achieving compliant speeds (or lower) in the main settlement of the village as requested in the brief to look at this scheme; as well as being in accordance with DfT guidance on the position of gateways and setting of speed limit criteria.

Vehicles exiting from A372 into Wearne will benefit from the refurbished junction markings and clearly displayed weight restriction and bend warning sign, as well as having the countdown yellow bar markings in their sights on the approach to the speed limit gateway and should therefore be driving appropriately, not picking up speed. Similarly, vehicles exiting the village will be approaching a more visible junction and preparing to stop and give-way, so should not be accelerating out of the village and the 30mph limit.

Decision record:

The objection received during the consultation period has been given due consideration and I hereby confirm that the scheme **WEARNE MAIN ROAD, LANGPORT (PARISH OF HUISH EPISCOPI) REVOCATION AND 30MPH SPEED LIMIT ORDER 2019** be approved.



Jeff Bunting
Service Manager- Traffic Engineering
Traffic Management, Road Safety & Parking Services
Somerset County Council

Decision Record:

Date: 5th June 2020

Appendices:

Appendix 1 -Traffic Regulation Order, Notice

Background Papers:

Objection letters and responses (available for inspection)

SIS Scheme Plan:

T1004337-HW-010-Rev_B-Scheme Plan Sheet 1 (available for inspection)

T1004337-HW-011-Rev_-Scheme Plan Sheet 2 (available for inspection)

Appendix 1 - Traffic Regulation Order, Notice

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
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NOTICE is hereby given that Somerset County Council proposes to make the above Order in pursuance of the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which is to introduce a 30 mph Speed Limit on the length of road as specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

The County Council of Somerset (Main Road, Wearne) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 2006 will be revoked.

A copy of the draft Order, the maps showing the length of road affected and the Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected at Somerset Highways, B Block Reception, County Hall, Taunton and online at www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO.

Persons wishing to object to the proposed Order may do so in writing, specifying the grounds on which it is made, to Somerset County Council, Traffic Management, B2 West, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY, quoting Reference No. KT18112019 and received no later than 21 days from the publication of this notice.

The names and addresses of anyone writing in may be made available for public inspection and will be included in a report that may be published on the Somerset County Council website, unless the individuals concerned state, in writing, their objection to their names and addresses being made so available or being included in the publication.

PATRICK FLAHERTY
Chief Executive
Dated: 28th November 2019

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SCHEDULE 2

30mph Speed Limit

Wearne Main Road,
Langport

from a point 122 metres east of the junction with
White Hill for a distance of 1012 metres in an
easterly direction.

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