

# SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## The Metropolitan Borough of Solihull (Water Orton Road, Castle Bromwich) (Maximum 20mph Speed Limit and One-Way Traffic) Order 2024

### Statement of Reasons

In accordance with Department for Transport guidance, it is expected that the Council as the Local Highway Authority keeps speed limits under review with changing circumstances, gives consideration to the introduction of more 20mph limits and zones and over time in urban areas and built-up village streets that are primarily residential.

A speed limit review which focused on the locations around schools within the Borough was undertaken during 2021/22. The study identified roads adjacent to schools where the existing speed limits may be inappropriate and where a lower speed limit of 20mph would be more suitable.

Every school location within the Borough was assessed and it is expected that the programme to address lowering the speeds near to schools will run over consecutive years.

Through this review Park Hall Academy on Water Orton Road was identified as a location that would benefit from the introduction of a 20mph speed limit. The Aim of which being to achieve safe and appropriate driving speeds.

In addition, and as part of the of the HS2 Road Safety Fund 2024, a scheme has been designed to aid pedestrian access and to improve road safety along Water Orton Road from its junction with Green Lane up to Park Hall Academy.

It is proposed to implement a new crossing facility outside Park Hall Academy to aid pedestrian safety when crossing Water Orton Road to the bus stop area and to convert this area to a one-way system. Currently the ability for two-way traffic causes this area to become heavily congested with traffic at peak time and can cause serious safety issues.

The above proposals are intended to improve the amenity of the area through which the roads run, to avoid the danger to persons or other traffic using the roads or any other roads, or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising and to aid road safety and facilitate the passage of traffic (including pedestrians).

It is recommended that the 20mph speed limit implemented as advertised as shown on Plan 9493 and that the one-way system is implemented as shown on Plan 236087-SMBC-DR-P-0001.

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