



**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHIPPING NORTON AREA) (SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 20****

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Oxfordshire County Council wants to make our built environments safer and more attractive places to walk and cycle. To enable this, 20mph speed restrictions are being used to help promote alternative modes of transport for local travel.

Streets are central to everyday life in Oxfordshire. They play a role in all transport journey's and are places where people shop, work and spend time. Improving the experience of being on Oxfordshire's streets will therefore improve people's local areas and their everyday lives. Improving streets to encourage active travel will also help to deliver further benefits for people in Oxfordshire. A wide range of people choosing to walk, and cycle will help to improve public health, reduce road noise, improve air quality and make local areas more relaxing. Furthermore, 20mph speed limits will help reduce casualty rates and improve road safety.

Following concerns raised by the parish council regarding road safety on local roads, Oxfordshire County Council is proposing to introduce a 20mph speed limit throughout Chipping Norton town centre - incorporating the existing 20mph within the town centre - replacing the majority of the existing 30mph speed limits in the process. Existing 30mph speed limits on the A44 Worcester Road, A361 Burford Road, and B4026 Charlbury Road will remain in place, with Officers having taken the current road environment & traffic usage into account.

The County Council continues its responsibility to consider the provision of convenient and safe movement of motor vehicles and other traffic, and the proposed measures are aimed at ensuring that danger is minimised whilst facilitating the effective and safe passage of traffic.

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