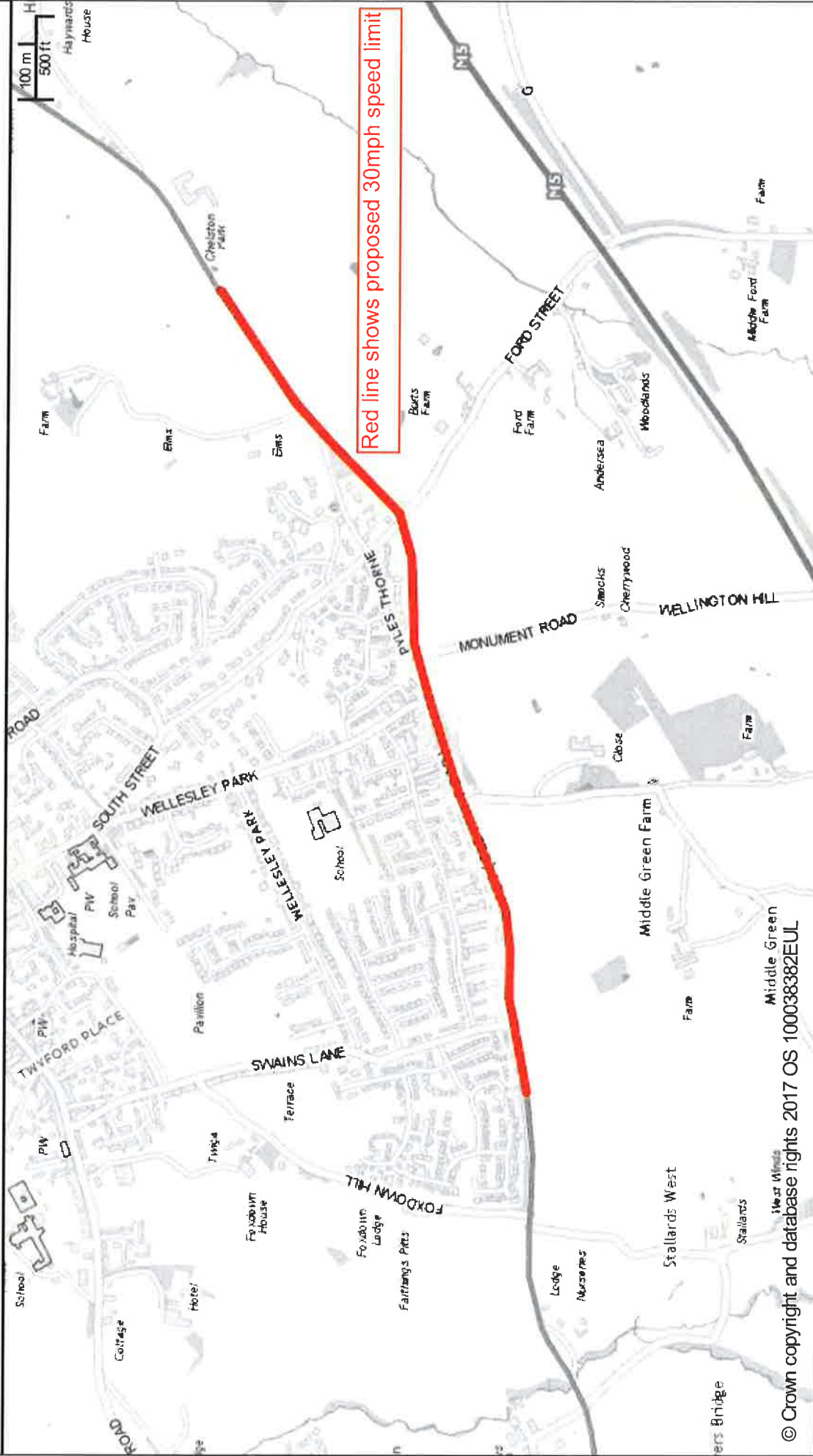


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(A38 WELLINGTON RELIEF ROAD, WELLINGTON) (PARISHES OF WEST BUCKLAND, WELLINGTON WITHOUT AND WELLINGTON) (REVOCATION OF 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AND 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2018

Determination Report:

Executive Portfolio Holder: John Woodman, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.
Division and Local Member: Upper Tone, James Hunt.
Lead Officer: Jo Sharp, Traffic Management
Author: Jo Sharp, Traffic Management
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1. Summary

Proposals for the revocation of the 40mph speed limit and introduction of a 30mph speed limit on the A38 Wellington Relief Road were advertised on the 24th May 2018.

The proposal for this 30mph speed limit is associated with the development works at Jurston Farm. SCC have already entered into an S106 legal agreement to change the speed limit at this location in connection with the new development. A new roundabout is proposed on the A38 Wellington Relief Road for access into the new Jurston Farm development. The proposal is to slow traffic down on the approaches to the new roundabout. It will also reduce vehicle speeds at the staggered crossroad junctions of Ford Street and Pyles Thorne Road with the A38. The requirement to introduce this 30mph speed limit was identified by our road safety audit team on safety grounds and meets Department for Transport guidelines.

The proposed Traffic Regulation Order and Notice are shown in Appendix 1.

A total of **two** objections were received during the consultation period.

A copy of the plan of the proposed parking restrictions is shown in Appendix 2.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the **(A38 WELLINGTON RELIEF ROAD, WELLINGTON) (PARISHES OF WEST BUCKLAND, WELLINGTON WITHOUT AND WELLINGTON) (REVOCATION OF 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AND 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2018** be approved to ensure safety at the new roundabout and to fulfil SCC's obligation under the S106 legal agreement.

3.0 Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders

- 3.1 The Traffic Regulation Order (shown in Appendix 1) was advertised in the Somerset County Gazette on the 24th May 2018. As part of this process, all of the statutory consultees, local County and District Councillors and the Town Council were consulted.
- 3.2 Following the statutory advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order Amendment, two letters objecting to the proposal were received during the 21 day statutory advertising period. SCC have sent responses to these objectors explaining our position but they still remain. These letters along with the responses are available for inspection at the Authors Department
- 3.3 Objection reasons include:
- Existing speed limits on the A38 are appropriate for this type of road.
 - The proposed changes are unnecessary and inappropriate for the A38.
 - The proposals do not sufficiently accord with Department for Transport guidance on the setting of speed limits. The correct balance between 'the need to travel and quality of life for local communities' will not be achieved by the proposals.
 - The proposals mask a need to address specific locations of concern on the A38 and will therefore defer necessary safety works.
 - This is an unfair measure to the motorist. The road itself is not dangerous and does not require a reduction in speed to 30mph.
 - The road itself is an A road, designated a relief road, designed to take traffic swiftly around the town, reducing traffic volume in the town, reducing the speed limit counteracts the role of a relief road.
 - no objection to a reduction in the speed limit WHILE construction of the new roundabout and development of the land takes place, but once the roundabout is complete and development well under way then the reinstatement of the 40mph limit should take place.
 - The introduction of the roundabout itself in connection with the junctions joining this section of the A38 will keep the speed to a safe limit, probably closer to 30mph than 40mph."

Response: Responses were sent on the 17th October 2018 as follows:

SCC are obliged to introduce a 30mph speed limit on both approaches to the new roundabout which is associated with the development works at Jurston Farm and have already entered into an S106 legal agreement to change the speed limit. A new roundabout is proposed on the A38 Wellington Relief Road for access into the new Jurston Farm development. The extent of this 30mph speed limit is relatively small and is required to slow traffic down on the approaches to this roundabout. The requirement to introduce this 30mph speed limit was identified by our road safety audit team on safety grounds and meets Department for Transport guidelines.”

4.0 Resolution of Objections

4.1 For the reasons above it is recommended to:-

A38 Wellington Relief Road ; - **approve as advertised.**

Approval for Construction:

The objections received during the consultation period have been given due consideration and I hereby confirm that the scheme **(A38 WELLINGTON RELIEF ROAD, WELLINGTON) (PARISHES OF WEST BUCKLAND, WELLINGTON WITHOUT AND WELLINGTON) (REVOCATION OF 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AND 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2018** be approved.

I authorise sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order

Signed 

**Bev Norman,
Traffic Manager,
Somerset County Council**

Date: 15th February 2019

Appendices:

Appendix 1 -Traffic Regulation Order, Notice
Appendix 2 - Plans showing initial proposals

Background Papers:

Objection letters and responses (available for inspection at County Hall –
contact author)

Appendix 1 - Traffic Regulation Order, Notice

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
(A38 WELLINGTON RELIEF ROAD, WELLINGTON)
(PARISHES OF WEST BUCKLAND, WELLINGTON WITHOUT AND
WELLINGTON)
(REVOCATION OF 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AND 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT)
ORDER 2018

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 revoke the 40 mph speed limit on the length of road specified in Schedule 1 to this Notice and to impose a 30 mph speed limit on the length of road specified in Schedule 2 to this Notice.

The provisions of any other Order are hereby revoked but only in so far as they are affected by the restrictions imposed by this order.

A draft copy of the Order, associated plans and the Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the order may be inspected during normal office hours at Somerset County Council, A Block Reception, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY or online at www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO. If you are unable to access either please contact 0300 123 2224.

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. KT03052018 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: 24th May 2018

SCHEDULE 1
Revocation of 40 mph Speed Limit

A38, Wellington Relief Road, Wellington	From a point 300 metres north east of the junction with Ford Street for a distance of 1430 metres.
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SCHEDULE 2
30 mph Speed Limit

A38, Wellington Relief Road, Wellington	From a point 282 metres south east of its junction with Haywards Road for a distance of 1670 metres.
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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.

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
(A38 WELLINGTON RELIEF ROAD, WELLINGTON)
(PARISHES OF WEST BUCKLAND, WELLINGTON WITHOUT AND
WELLINGTON)
(REVOCATION OF 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AND 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT)
ORDER 2018

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL in exercise of its powers under Sections 81 to 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended hereby makes the following Order.

1. This Order shall come into force on the xxxxxx 2018 and may be cited as the "Somerset County Council (A38 Wellington Relief Road, Wellington) (Parishes of West Buckland, Wellington Without and Wellington) (Revocation of 40 mph Speed Limit and 30 mph Speed Limit) Order 2018".
2. The provisions of any other Order are hereby revoked but only in so far as they are affected on the length of road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.
3. No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on the length of road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Council this xxxx 2018.

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COUNTY COUNCIL of SOMERSET)
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was hereunto affixed)
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in the presence of

No. in Register

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Appendix 2 - Plans showing initial proposals

The A38 Wellington Relief Road.

