

SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, SWINDON) (SPEED LIMITS) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2022 (Variation
Order No. 9) Order 2023

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Blackhorse Way / Foxham Way Junction was originally designed to operate as a traffic signalised junction connecting Croft Road Hay Lane Link (CRHLL) which runs from east to west across Wichelstowe, to Foxham Way which runs south to north.

However, following construction of the junction in 2009 the western arm of the CRHLL was not completed and the traffic signals were not commissioned.

As part of the S73 LUMP2 Planning Application in 2013 the routing of the CRHLL was amended to reflect updates to residential highway design guidance, and as a result the operation and nature of the junction was changed.

in 2019 the Wichelstowe JV worked with Swindon Borough Council, as the Local Highway Authority, to improve the temporary operation of the junction. With access not required to the incomplete western arm the traffic signal poles were removed and bollards installed to help direct traffic.

This temporary arrangement is now being formalised (planning ref S/RES/22/0865) to allow the Blackhorse Way / Foxham Way Junction to operate as a priority junction and provide access to a proposed pumping station and compound area for the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust.

As part of these works, it is required to revoke part of the existing 40mph speed limit and convert this section to restricted road status (30mph).

The reason for making this order is as follow;

- a. 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;
- b. For preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicles traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property;
- c. For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs,
- d. to assist with the free flow of traffic,
- e. to improve the environment for local residents

This proposal has been delivered in conjunction with local Ward Councillors. Consultation has been carried out with residents and emergency services and other relevant stakeholders.

Traffic Management & Road Safety
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