

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE A 30MPH SPEED LIMIT ON CLAPHAM ROAD, BEDFORD, AND A 40MPH SPEED LIMIT ON PAULA RADCLIFFE WAY, CLAPHAM

Reason for the proposal: The proposed reduction in the speed limit is to introduce a safer highway for all road users. The reduced speed limit is intended to improve road safety.

Effect of the Order:

1. (a) To reduce the existing 40mph speed limit to 30mph on the following length of road in BEDFORD:-

That length of A600 (formally A6) Clapham Road which extends from the roundabout at Paula Radcliffe Way in a south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 251 metres (approximately 30 metres from the Manton Lane roundabout) which is already 30mph.

(b) To reduce the existing National speed limit to 40mph on the following length of road in CLAPHAM:-

That length of A6 Paula Radcliffe Way which extends from a point approximately 20 metres from the roundabout at Clapham Road in a north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 300 metres.

2. To revoke part of the following Order and consolidate all speed limits into one new Order. This process is for administration purposes only.

- The County of Bedfordshire (Restricted Road and 40mph Speed Limit) (Routes A6 and C15, Clapham Road, Bedford) Order 2004

Further Details of the proposed Order, a plan and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined during normal office hours at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP. Documents can also be viewed on our website at www.bedford.gov.uk/tro. These details will be placed on deposit until 6 weeks after the Order is made or until it is decided not to continue with the proposal. For further information, contact Abdul Karim on 01234 276742.

Objections should be sent in writing to Highway Consultations, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP or by email to highway.consultations@bedford.gov.uk stating the grounds on which they are made by 15th March 2019.

Order Title if made: BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) (CLAPHAM ROAD (A600)) (40MPH SPEED LIMIT) (PAULA RADCLIFFE WAY, CLAPHAM (A6)) ORDER 20**

Dated: 21st February 2019

Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street
Bedford, MK42 9AP

Craig Austin
Director of Environment



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

(30MPH SPEED LIMIT) (CLAPHAM ROAD (A600))

(40MPH SPEED LIMIT) (PAULA RADCLIFFE WAY, CLAPHAM (A6)) ORDER 20**

Bedford Borough Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 82(2), 83(2), 84(1) and 84(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police for Bedfordshire in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby makes the following Order:-

1. No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on any length of road specified in the Schedule 1 to this Order.
2. No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on any length of road specified in the Schedule 2 to this Order.
3. Nothing in Article 1 and 2 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to exceed the speed limit detailed within the Schedule to this Order for the provision to have effect as if no speed limit were imposed in relation to a vehicle used for emergency, naval, military or air force purposes while being driven by a person for the time being subject to the orders of a member of the armed forces or the Crown on an occasion when –
 - (a) the person driving the vehicle is a member of the special forces; and
 - (b) the vehicle is being driven –
 - (i) in response, or for practice in responding, to a national security emergency by a person who has been trained in driving vehicles at high speeds; or
 - (ii) for the purpose of training a person in driving vehicles at high speeds
 - (iii) by an emergency response unit when used in connection on official duty which includes ambulance, fire and police services.
4. As from the date that this Order comes into operation, parts of the following Order shall be revoked:-
 - The County of Bedfordshire (Restricted Road and 40mph Speed Limit) (Routes A6 and C15, Clapham Road, Bedford) Order 2004
5. This Order may be cited as the "BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) (CLAPHAM ROAD (A600)) (40MPH SPEED LIMIT) (PAULA RADCLIFFE WAY, CLAPHAM (A6)) ORDER 20**" and shall come into operation on the * day of * 20**.

The COMMON SEAL of THE)
 BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL)
 was hereunto affixed this * day of * 20**)
 in the presence of:)

Barbara Morris,
 Assistant Chief Executive (Law and Governance) and Solicitor to the Council

AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION		
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed ENVIRONMENT	DATE
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	AK	
APPROVED BY		

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (30MPH SPEED LIMIT)
(CLAPHAM ROAD (A600)) (40MPH SPEED LIMIT)
(PAULA RADCLIFFE WAY, CLAPHAM (A6)) ORDER 20**

SCHEDULE 1

Roads to which a 30mph speed limit shall apply.

Road	Length
Clapham Road, Bedford (A600)	That length of A600 (formally A6) Clapham Road which extends from the roundabout at Paula Radcliffe Way in a south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 251 metres (approximately 30 metres from the Manton Lane roundabout), which is already 30 mph.

SCHEDULE 2

Roads to which a 40mph speed limit shall apply.

Road	Length
Paula Radcliffe Way, Clapham (A6)	That length of A6 Paula Radcliffe Way which extends from a point approximately 20 metres from the roundabout at Clapham Road in a north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 300 metres.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The proposal is considered appropriate to reduce vehicle speeds along these lengths of road which are used by many vulnerable road users. The roundabout will also have part-time signals and a reduced speed limit will mean drivers will not have to break hard or cause shunt type accidents.