

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) CONSULTATION

HON2202RC – Forest Road, Colgate

27/4/23 – 22/5/23

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WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
(HORSHAM & COLGATE: FOREST ROAD)
(40MPH SPEED LIMIT) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2023

NOTICE is hereby given that West Sussex County Council proposes to introduce a permanent Order under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to extend the existing 40mph speed limit on Forest Road north-east of Elgar Way, for a distance of 1.3km eastwards to the 30mph speed limit at Colgate village, west of Tower Road.

Full details of the proposals in this Notice can be viewed on the [West Sussex County Council website](#). The website includes a response form for comments or objections.

Paper copies of documents will not be available to view in council offices or libraries. People without access to a computer who wish to view details of the scheme should telephone the West Sussex County Council Contact Centre on 01243 642105 to receive the documents by post.

Any objections or comments about the proposal must be received by 22 May 2023. These may be sent via the response form on the website, in writing to: TRO Team, West Sussex County Council, The Grange, Tower Street, Chichester, PO19 1RH; or by e-mail to: tro.consultation@westsussex.gov.uk. All correspondence should be addressed to the undersigned, quoting reference no. TRO/HON2202/RC. Only correspondence including a full name and address will be considered.

Dated this 27 April 2023
Director of Law & Assurance
County Hall
Chichester

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
(HORSHAM & COLGATE: FOREST ROAD)
(40MPH SPEED LIMIT) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2023

Statement Of Reasons For Proposing To Make The Order

The County Council in exercise of their powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, propose to make a permanent Order the effect of which will be to extend the existing 40mph speed limit on Forest Road north-east of Elgar Way, for a distance of 1.3km eastwards to the 30mph speed limit at Colgate village, west of Tower Road.

Forest Road is a rural C class road. The Parish Council expressed concern about road safety along the de-restricted section of Forest Road between the entrance to Roffey Park, west of the 40mph speed limit introduced in November 2021, and the 30mph speed limit that starts on the western outskirts of Colgate village, west of Tower Road. An application was made for the 40mph speed limit to be extended throughout the length of Forest Road. In January 2023, the cabinet member approved this application for inclusion in the 2022 - 2023 works programme.

The West Sussex Speed Limit Policy states that assessing a road for an appropriate speed limit in West Sussex includes taking the following into account:

- Functional hierarchy of the route
- The length of the route to be subject to the speed limit
- Road Traffic Collision history
- Traffic speeds (speed assessment)
- Other means of intervention to improve road safety.

The application has been assessed in line with the above policy. Forest Road is a rural road within a village, meeting one of the typical functional uses considered appropriate for the application of a 40mph maximum speed limit.

Consideration has been given to the road traffic collision history of this length of Forest Road. There has only been one reported injury collision throughout the 3-year period up to the end of 2022 (the latest data available) but excessive speed was noted as a causation factor and the incident resulted in serious injury.

Traffic speed data has been obtained. The average speeds recorded are below the maximum considered appropriate for a 40mph speed limit to be introduced without the need to consider supporting measures, other than the placing of regular repeater signs along the route.

A 40mph maximum speed limit is proposed for this length of road. The presence of 40mph speed limit repeater signs and possibility of enforcement may be anticipated to discourage excessive speed in future.

This Order is proposed so as to reduce danger to persons or other traffic using the road or to minimise the likelihood of any such danger arising and for facilitating the safe passage on the road of any class of traffic.

Drawing Colgate: Proposed 40mph Speed Limit (06.04.22) shows the length of road, which is the subject of the proposed Order.

Director of Law & Assurance
County Hall
Chichester

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
(HORSHAM & COLGATE: FOREST ROAD)
(40MPH SPEED LIMIT) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2023

West Sussex County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 82 and 84 (1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Act and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby make the following Order:-

1. This Order shall come into operation on the x day of x 2023 and may be cited as "West Sussex County Council (Horsham & Colgate: Forest Road) (40mph Speed Limit) (Consolidation) Order 2023"
2. The Order in the First Schedule to this Order is hereby revoked.
3. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the length of road specified in the Second Schedule to this Order.
4. Nothing in Paragraph 3 shall apply to a vehicle being used by 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 of the Crown on an occasion when –
 - (a) the person driving the vehicle is a member of the special forces as defined by the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011; 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.

FIRST SCHEDULE
Order to be revoked

Extent of revocation

West Sussex County Council
(Horsham and Colgate: Forest Road)
(40mph Speed Limit) Order 2021

The entire Order

SECOND SCHEDULE
(40mph speed limit)

Length of road in Horsham & Colgate

Forest Road

From a point 235 metres east of
Elgar Way north-eastwards and
eastwards to a point 237 metres
west of Tower Road

For and on behalf of WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Authorised Signatory:

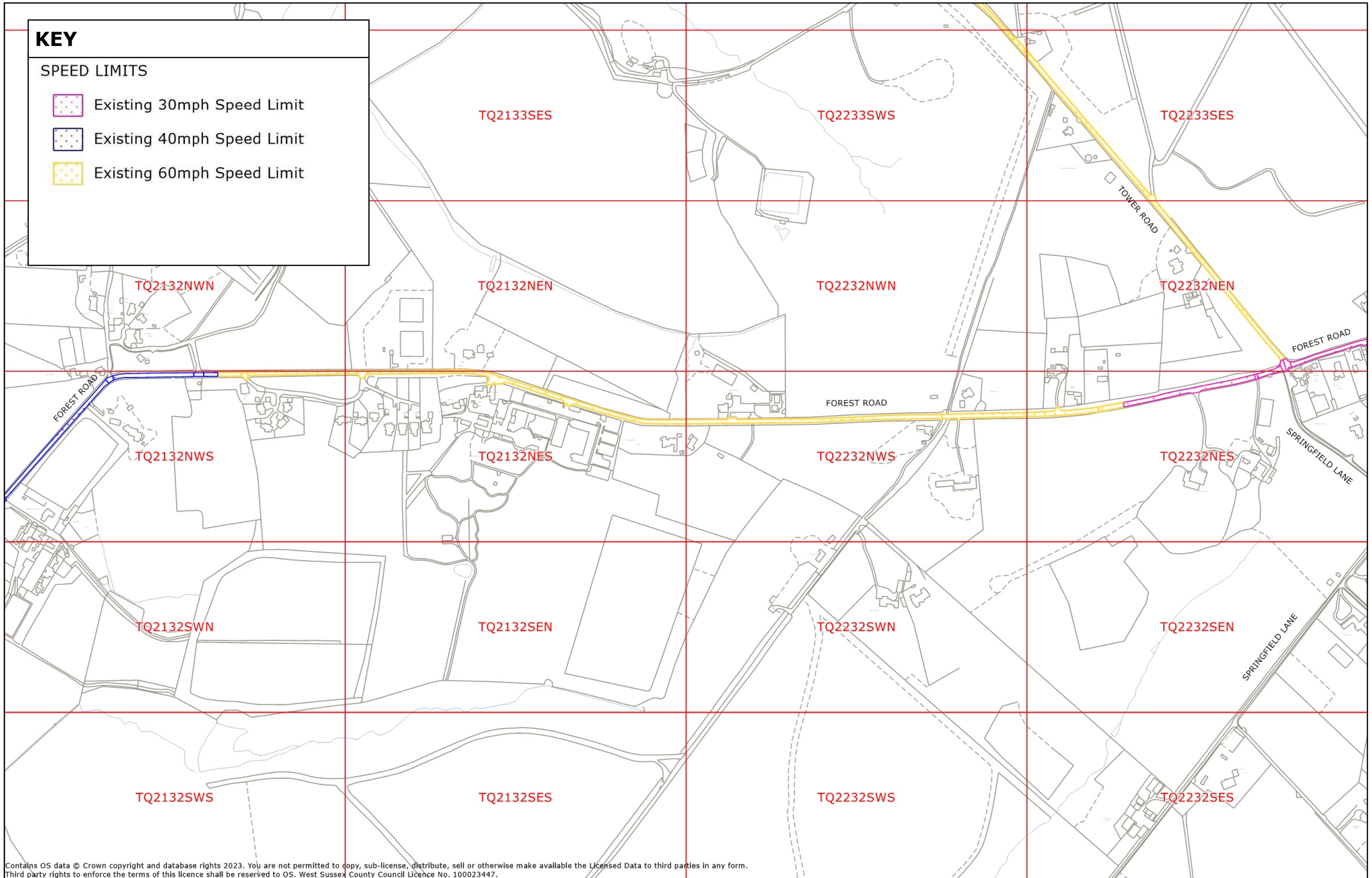
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KEY

SPEED LIMITS

-  Existing 30mph Speed Limit
-  Existing 40mph Speed Limit
-  Existing 60mph Speed Limit



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HORSHAM DISTRICT: COLGATE
EXISTING SPEED LIMITS

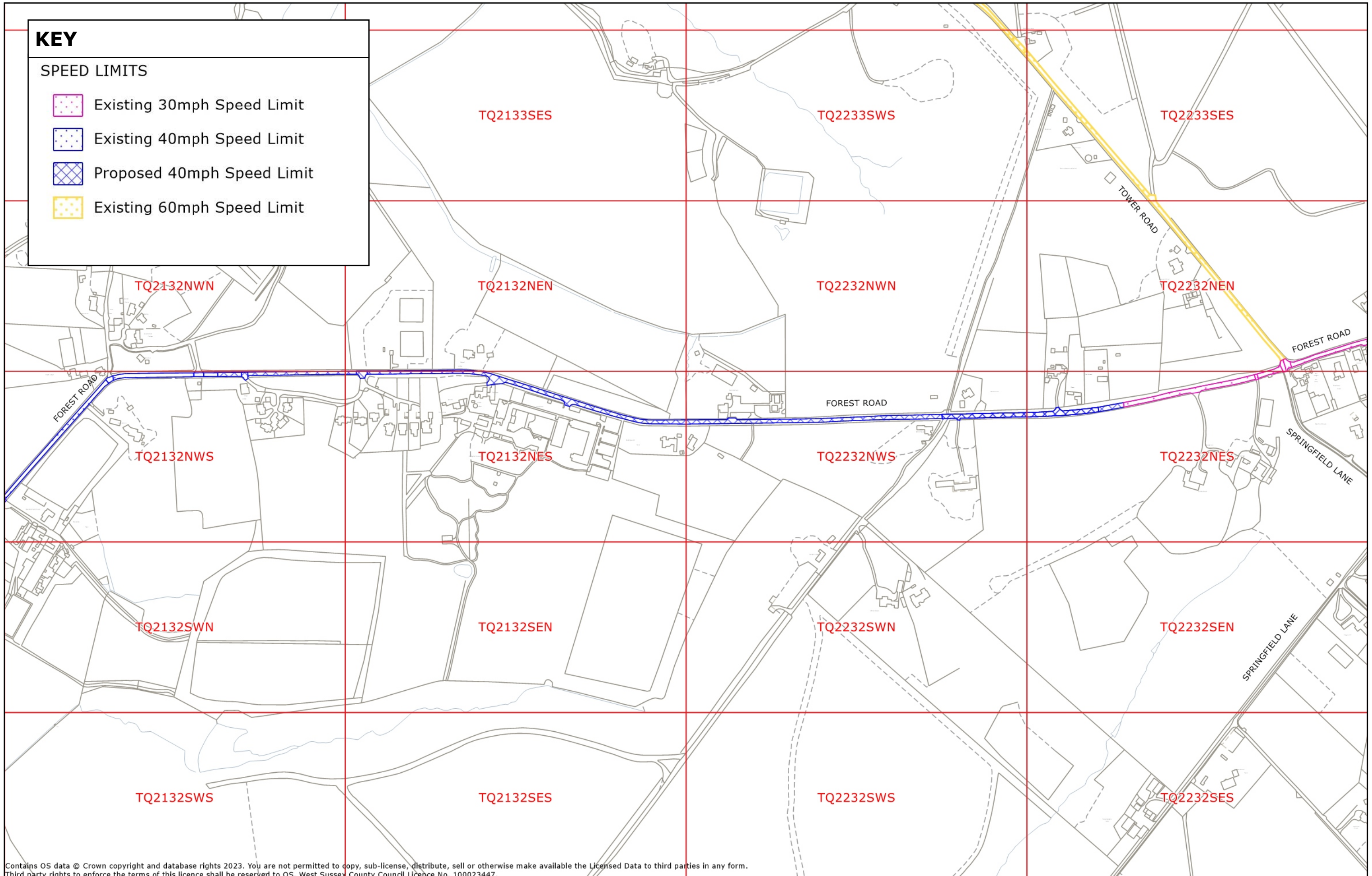
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HORSHAM DISTRICT: COLGATE
PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT (06.04.2022_RT)

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