# TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) CONSULTATION HOR2302RC – Five Oaks Road (A29 & A264), Billingshurst 24/8/23 – 15/9/23

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### WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BILLINGSHURST- FIVE OAKS: A29 & A264) (30MPH & 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) 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 reduce the existing 40mph speed limit to 30mph on the lengths of the A29 and A264 through Five Oaks and, to introduce lengths of 40mph on the A29 on the northern and southern approaches to Five Oaks and on the A264 west of Five Oaks.

Full details of the proposals in this Notice can be viewed on our website <a href="www.westsussex.gov.uk/tro">www.westsussex.gov.uk/tro</a>. 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 15 September 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: <a href="mailto:tro.consultation@westsussex.gov.uk">tro.consultation@westsussex.gov.uk</a>. All correspondence should be addressed to the undersigned, quoting reference no. TRO/HOR2302/RC. Only correspondence including a full name and address will be considered.

Dated this 24 August 2023 Director of Law & Assurance County Hall Chichester

# WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BILLINGSHURST - FIVE OAKS: A29 & A264) (30MPH & 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) 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 reduce the existing 40mph speed limit to 30mph on the lengths of the A29 and A264 through Five Oaks and, to introduce lengths of 40mph on the A29 on the northern and southern approaches to Five Oaks and on the A264 west of Five Oaks.

Five Oaks is a hamlet on the A29 located to the north of Billingshurst west of the A264. There are narrow footways on either side of the road that currently has a 40mph speed limit.

Due to the narrow footways and high numbers of vulnerable road users the local community have expressed concern about road safety and requested the speed limit be reduced to 30mph.

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. This is a heavily used route by a large number of vehicles with a petrol station and car show room in close proximity to a busy roundabout junction. There has been 1 speed related serious accident and 5 slight incidents in the last 3 years. It is considered appropriate to reduce the existing 40mph speed limit to 30mph in Five Oaks with a 40mph buffer introduced on the northern, southern and western approaches.

To encourage compliance with the speed limit, in addition to the terminal signs the speed limits will be supplemented by repeater signs.

This Order is proposed for avoiding 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 (including pedestrians), for preserving or improving the amenity of the area through which the road runs and for preserving the character of the road.

Drawing Billingshurst – Stane Street & Horsham Road Proposed Speed Limit (15.06.2023) shows the lengths of roads, which are the subject of the proposed Order.

Director of Law & Assurance County Hall Chichester

# WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BILLINGSHURST - FIVE OAKS: A29 & A264) (30MPH & 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) 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:-

- This Order shall come into operation on the x day of x 2023 and may be cited as "West Sussex County Council (Billingshurst – Five Oaks: A29 & A264) (30mph & 40mph Speed Limit) Order 2023"
- 2. The Order specified 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 30 miles per hour in the lengths of roads specified in the Second Schedule to this Order.
- 4. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of roads specified in the Second Schedule to this Order.
- 5. Nothing in Paragraphs 3 and 4 shall apply to a vehicle being used by naval, military or air force purposes while being driven by a person for the timebeing 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** 

The County Council of West Sussex (Billingshurst: Various Roads) (40 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2001 SCHEDULE Item 3.

SECOND SCHEDULE (30mph speed limit)

Lengths of roads in Billingshurst

A29

From a point 400 metres north of the Five Oaks roundabout junction to a point

340 metres south of the Five Oaks roundabout junction

A264 From the Five Oaks

roundabout junction northeastwards for a distance of

330 metres

### THIRD SCHEDULE (40mph speed limit)

### Lengths of roads in Billingshurst

A29 (i) From a point 340 metres

south of the Five Oaks roundabout junction,

southwards for a distance of

400 metres

(ii) From a point 400 metres north of the Five Oaks roundabout junction,

northwards for a distance of

400 metres

A264 From a point 330 metres

north-east of the Five Oaks roundabout junction northeastwards for a distance of

530 metres

#### For and on behalf of WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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