

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) CONSULTATION

HOR2404RC – Hammerpond Road & Doomsday Lane, Horsham

22/8/24 – 13/9/24

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WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
(HORSHAM: HAMMERPOND ROAD & DOOMSDAY LANE)
(30MPH & 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 202*

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:

- (i) extend the 30mph on Hammerpond Road eastwards to a point 128 metres east of Copperfields; and
- (ii) introduce a 30mph speed limit on the entire length of Doomsday Lane; and
- (iii) introduce a 40mph speed limit on Hammerpond Road from the extent of the 30mph speed limit eastwards for a distance of 640 metres

Full details of the proposals in this Notice can be viewed on our website www.westsussex.gov.uk/tro. 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 13 September 2024. 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 the reference TRO/HOR2404/RC. Only correspondence including a full name and address will be considered.

Dated this 22 August 2024
Director of Law & Assurance
County Hall
Chichester

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
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(30MPH & 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 202*

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:-

- (i) extend the 30mph on Hammerpond Road eastwards to a point 128 metres east of Copperfields; and
- (ii) introduce a 30mph speed limit on the entire length of Doomsday Lane; and
- (iii) introduce a 40mph speed limit on Hammerpond Road from the extent of the 30mph speed limit eastwards for a distance of 640 metres

Hammerpond Lane is an unlit, unclassified road that runs from St Leonard's Road south-eastwards through Doomsday Green to Ashfold Crossways. Currently the more urban western extent is subject to a 30mph speed limit but east of Doomsday bridge the national speed limit applies.

An application to reduce the speed limit east of the current 30mph has been made to address concerns raised about traffic speeds. Traffic volumes have also increased in recent years and the route is well used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

The application has been assessed and it is proposed to extend the existing 30mph speed limit eastwards beyond Doomsday bridge and to introduce a 40mph buffer zone. A 30mph will also be introduced on Doomsday Lane.

Although there is a footway on Hammerpond Road between the existing 30mph limit to the west and the 'Copperfields' estate to the east, the footway switches from the south side to the north side of the road at the terminal point of the 30mph speed limit. Pedestrians using the footway throughout Hammerpond Road are forced to cross the road to continue using the footway on an unrestricted length of road and vulnerable road users are at risk.

Beyond the extent of the available footway there is evidence of pedestrian tracks in the verge, on both sides of the carriageway. Warning signage indicates the likely presence of pedestrians in the road but it is considered appropriate to extend the 30mph limit eastwards to include the 'Copperfields' junction and adjacent development.

Along the length of road where it is proposed to introduce the 40mph speed limit is Horsham rugby club, St John's church, the forestry commission car park, access to angling lakes and Mannings Heath golf club. The golf club has an informal pedestrian crossing point connecting the clubhouse and course. A number of well used public bridleways also cross Hammerpond Road. All these factors mean that a moderate level of vulnerable road user activity would be expected

This Order is proposed so as to avoid 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 of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).

Drawing HOR2404 Horsham – Hammerpond Road & Doomsday Lane proposed 30mph & 40mph speed limits (15.07.2024) shows the lengths of roads, which are the subject of the proposed order.

Director of Law & Assurance
County Hall
Chichester

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
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(30MPH & 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 202*

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 202* and may be cited as "West Sussex County Council (Horsham: Hammerpond Road & Doomsday Lane) (30mph & 40mph Speed Limit) Order 202*"
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 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 Third 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
West Sussex County Council (Horsham: Hammerpond Road) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 2017	The entire Order

SECOND SCHEDULE
(30mph speed limit)

Lengths of roads in Horsham

Doomsday Lane	The entire length
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Hammerpond Road

From the junction with St Leonard's Road south-eastwards to a point 128 metres east of Copperfields.

THIRD SCHEDULE
(40mph speed limit)

Hammerpond Road

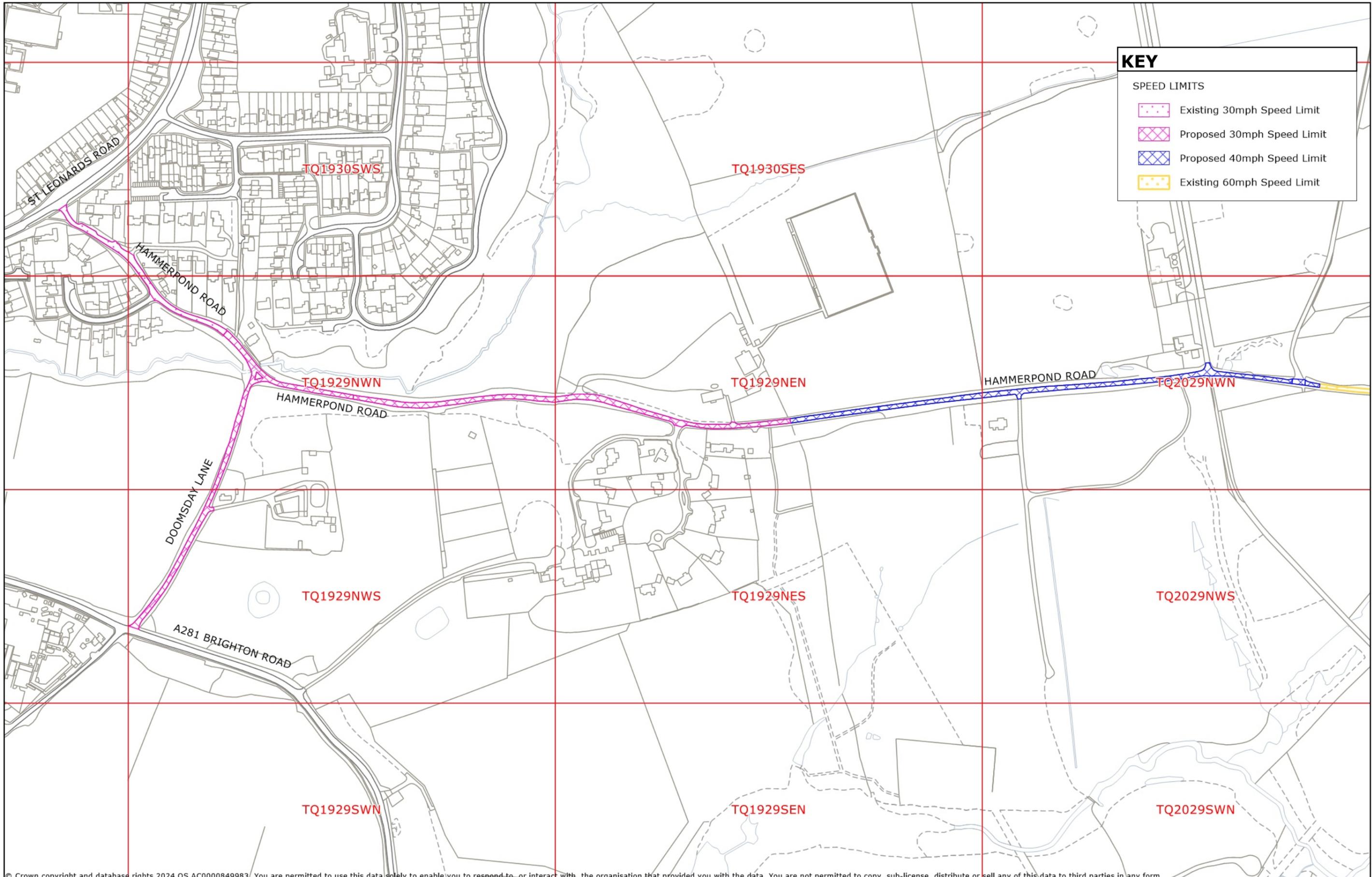
From a point 128 metres east of Copperfields eastwards for a distance of 640 metres

For and on behalf of WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Authorised Signatory:

NAME:

DATE MADE:



KEY

SPEED LIMITS

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

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