

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) CONSULTATION

HOR8018RC – Rudgwick: A281 Speed Limit

5/3/26 – 26/3/26

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WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
(RUDGWICK: A281)
(30MPH & 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) (CONSOLIDATION)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 extend the 40mph speed limit on the A281 east of the B2138 Church Street to a point 329m east of the Downslink Crossing point.

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 26 March 2026. 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/HOR8018/RC. Only correspondence including a full name and address will be considered.

Dated 5th March 2026
Executive Director of Law Assurance & Insight
County Hall
Chichester

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
(RUDGWICK: A281)
(30MPH & 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) (CONSOLIDATION) 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 extend the 40mph speed limit on the A281 east of the B2138 Church Street to a point 329m east of the Downslink Crossing point.

The 40mph on the A281 east of Rudgwick village terminates at the Downslink Crossing point and the speed limit then increases to 60mph. As part of a Local Transport Improvement scheme it is proposed to extend the 40mph speed limit on the A281 to a point 329m east of the crossing point.

The current 40mph speed limit that exits the village of Rudgwick increases to 60mph at the Downslink Crossing. The crossing point is part of a well-used bridleway that is used all year round and connects the South Downs Way and North Downs Way, with peak usage during summertime. The closeness of this speed limit change from 40mph to 60mph at the crossing point means many vehicles are travelling at 60mph at the crossing point. This coupled with an undulation (to the west) in the road and tree canopy adds additional risks to vulnerable road users using the crossing point.

The introduction of the reduced speed limit, together with additional advanced signage warning vehicles of the crossing point, aims to improve safety at the crossing point and ensure drivers have better awareness of the crossing point.

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, for facilitating the safe passage on the road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) and for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is especially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot.

Drawing HOR8018 Rudgwick – A281 Guildford Road Proposed 40mph Speed Limit (20.01.26) shows the length of road, which is the subject of the proposed Order.

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County Hall
Chichester

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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 (Rudgwick: A281) (30mph & 40mph Speed Limit) (Consolidation) Order 202*"
2. The Orders in the First Schedule to this Order are hereby revoked
3. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to travel 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 travel 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 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
Orders to be revoked

	Extent of revocation
The County Council of West Sussex (Rudgwick: Guildford Road (A281)) (40mph Speed Limit) (And Revocation) Order 2001	The entire Order
The County Council of West Sussex (Rudgwick: Guildford Road (A281) And Adjoining Roads) (30 m.p.h. Speed Limit) (And Speed Limit Consolidation) Order 1999."	FIRST SCHEDULE Item 5.

SECOND SCHEDULE
30mph speed limit

Length of road in Rudgwick

A281

From a point 220m north-west of
Lynwick Street to a point 230m
east of the eastern kerbline of
Church Street.

THIRD SCHEDULE
(40mph speed limit)

Length of road in Rudgwick

A281

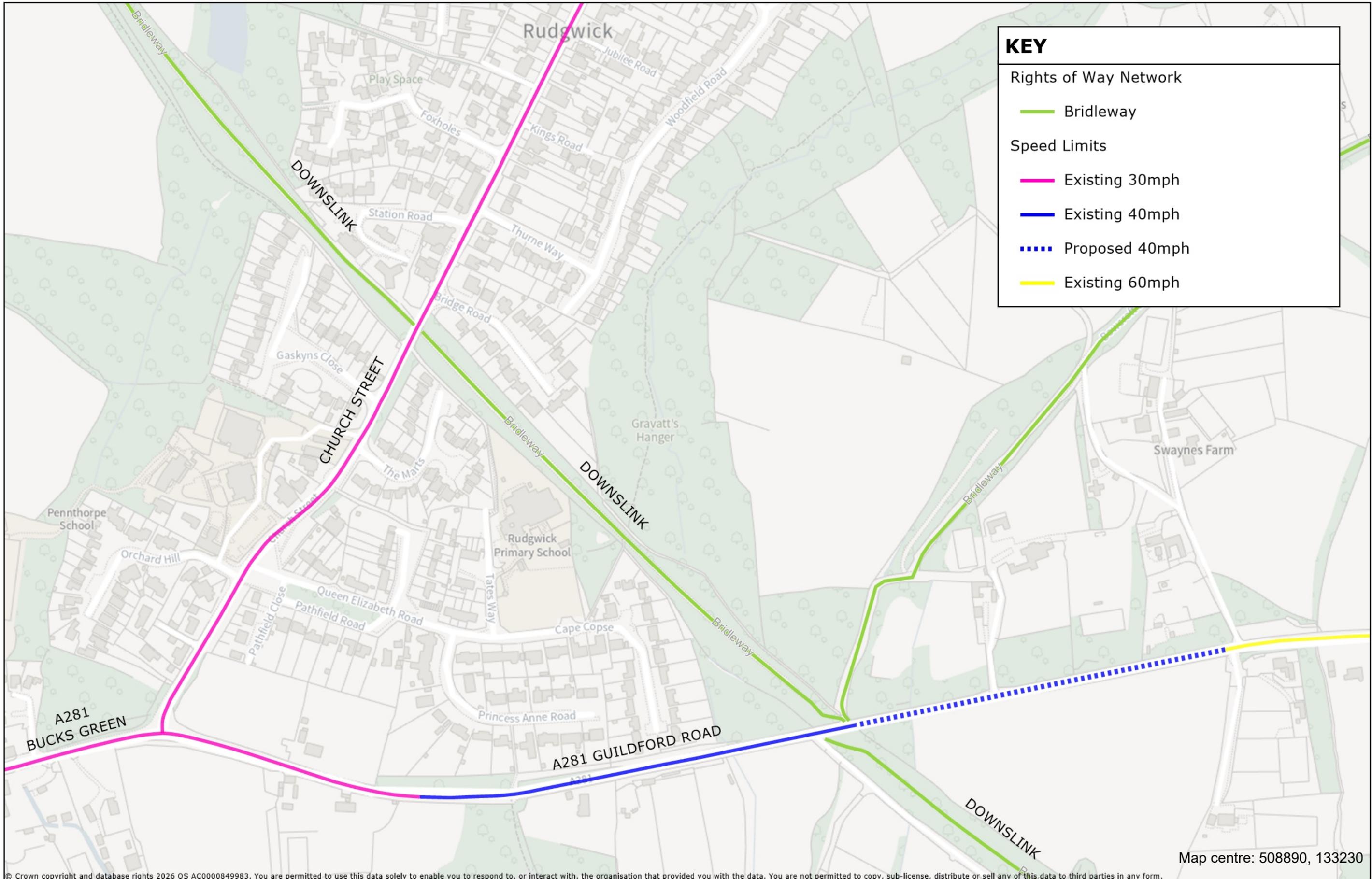
From a point 230m east of
the eastern kerbline of Church
Street, eastwards for a
distance of 717m.

For and on behalf of WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Authorised Signatory:

NAME:

DATE MADE:



Map centre: 508890, 133230

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HORSHAM DISTRICT: RUDGWICK: A281 GUIDLFORD ROAD
 PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT (29.01.2026)

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