

# **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) CONSULTATION**

## **ARN8017MM – Amberley & Houghton: B2139 Speed Limits**

**21/8/25 – 11/9/25**

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**West Sussex County Council**  
**(Amberley and Houghton: B2139) (30 MPH and 40 MPH Speed Limit)**  
**Order 2025**

NOTICE is hereby given that West Sussex County Council proposes to make a permanent Traffic regulation Order under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to amend the speed limits on the B2139 as it passes through Amberley and Houghton as follows:

The extend the existing 30 MPH speed limit to the west of Houghton westwards by 50m from its current terminal point and to introduce a 40 MPH speed limit from the terminal point of the revised 30 MPH speed limit, westwards for 405m; and

To extend the existing 30 MPH speed limit north of Amberley, northwards to a point 95m north of the access road to Amberley Castle.

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

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 comments or objections about the proposal must be received before 11 September 2025. These may be submitted via the response form on the website mentioned above, by e-mail to [tro.consultation@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:tro.consultation@westsussex.gov.uk) or in writing to TRO Team, West Sussex County Council, The Grange, Tower Street, Chichester, PO19 1RH. For legal reasons, only correspondence including a full name and address will be considered. Please quote reference ARN8017-MM in all correspondence.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2025.  
Director of Law, Assurance & Insight County Hall, Chichester.

**West Sussex County Council**  
**(Amberley and Houghton: B2139) (30 MPH and 40 MPH Speed Limit)**  
**Order 2025**

**Statement of Reasons for Proposing to Make the Order**

West Sussex County Council proposes to make a permanent Traffic Regulation Order that will amend the speed limits on the B2139 as it passes through Amberley and Houghton as follows:

The extend the existing 30 MPH speed limit to the west of Houghton westwards by 50m from its current terminal point and to introduce a 40 MPH speed limit from the terminal point of the revised 30 MPH speed limit, westwards for 405m; and

To extend the existing 30 MPH speed limit north of Amberley, northwards to a point 95m north of the access road to Amberley Castle.

The B2139 carries high volumes of through traffic and passes through the historic villages of Amberley, which receives high numbers of visitors. To improve pedestrian access in Amberley, a programme of footway improvements has been approved, and as part of this project the opportunity has been taken to review local speed limits.

The proposal to extend the 30 MPH speed limit north of Amberley is intended to improve pedestrian safety at a point where the popular South Downs Way bridleway crosses the road. At Houghton the short extension of the 30 MPH speed limit will allow signage to be relocated to a more appropriate location and improve safety at a private access located on a bend in the road. The 40 MPH speed limit maintains safe traffic speeds on the northern approach to the 30 MPH speed limit.

The new order is therefore proposed to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the affected lengths of road and to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

The attached drawing, numbered ARN8017 shows the lengths of road affected by the proposed order.

Director of Law, Assurance & Strateg  
12 August 2025  
ARN8017-MM

**WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(AMBERLEY AND HOUGHTON: B2139) (30 MPH AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT)**  
**ORDER 2025**

West Sussex County Council in exercise of their powers under Section 84 (1) a of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), 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 \*\*\*\*\* day of \*\*\*\*\* and may be cited as "West Sussex County Council (Amberley and Houghton: B2139) (30 MPH and 40 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2025"
2. The Parts of Orders Specified in the First Schedule to this Order are 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 road 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 road specified in the Third Schedule to this Order.
5. Nothing in Paragraphs 3 or 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**  
**Orders to be Revoked**

<b>Order Title</b>	<b>Part of Order to be Revoked</b>
West Sussex County Council (Amberley and Houghton: Various Roads: 30 MPH and 40 MPH Speed Limit) (And Consolidation) Order 2001	The whole Order
West Sussex County Council (Amberley: B2139, School Road and Various Roads) (20 MPH & 40 MPH Speed Limits Order 2024	The whole Second Schedule

**SECOND SCHEDULE**  
**30 MPH Speed Limit**

**Road in Amberley and Houghton**

B2139

**Length of Restriction**

From a point 95 metres north of its junction with the access road to Amberley Castle, southwards and westwards to a point 375 metres west of its junction with South Lane

**THIRD SCHEDULE**  
**40 MPH Speed Limit**

**Road in Houghton**  
B2139

**Length of Restriction**  
From a point 375 metres west of its junction  
with South Lane, westwards for 405 metres.

**Road in Amberley**  
B2139

**Length of Restriction**  
From a point 95 metres north of its junction  
with the access road to Amberley Castle,  
northwards and eastwards to a point 345  
metres east of its junction with Newland  
Gardens

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

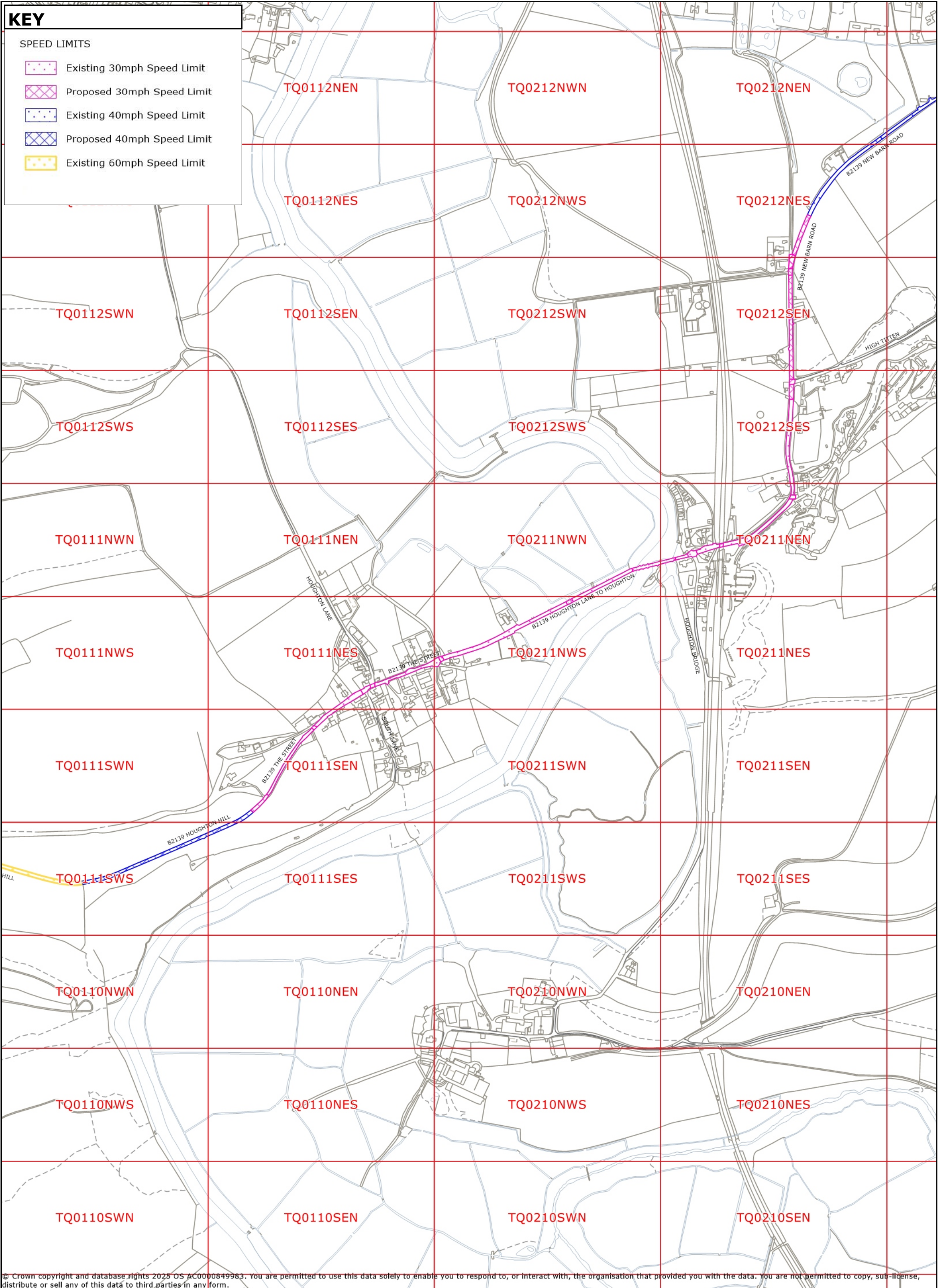
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*DATE MADE:*

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