

**THE CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON
(VARIOUS ROADS) (SPEED LIMITS) (AMENDMENT 14) ORDER 2022**

Statement of Reasons

This Order is being proposed for the following reasons:

- For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising (*i.e. to improve safety*)
- for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or
- for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs
- Improving air quality

The A33 and A27 form the main routes into the city from the north. These routes have historically been subject to a 40mph speed limit for part of their lengths. However, Bassett Avenue and The Avenue currently have a reduced speed limit of 30mph introduced on safety grounds in May 2020 under a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTR0), as part of a Covid mitigation scheme.

The introduction the temporary 30mph limit has provided an opportunity for road users and residents to experience a reduced speed limit, with the feedback received being overwhelmingly positive. As such the Council undertook a review of the case for formally proposing a permanent reduction in the speed limit to 30mph along these roads, and on the associated roads of Bassett Green Road and Bassett Wood Road.

This review concluded that there is a strong case for a reduced limit, and as such it is considered appropriate to formally propose a reduced limit to provide an opportunity for wider resident, user and stakeholder views to be understood and considered.

The review report is available on request.