

THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(Drury New Road, Buckley) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 202x

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

The Welsh Government introduced a national default 20mph speed limit on all restricted roads within Wales on the 17th September 2023.

Restricted roads are usually located in residential and built-up areas and have a system of street lighting.

'Place' criteria have been developed to determine where 20mph speed limits should be applied, providing a consistent approach across Wales.

Place Criteria

Within 100m walk of...

Any educational setting e.g. primary, secondary further education and higher education

Any community centre

Any hospital (and other healthcare buildings)

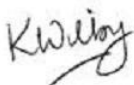
Where the number of residential and/or retail premises fronting a road exceeds 20 properties per km

Not all restricted roads are suitable to change to 20mph. In November 2022 Welsh Government introduced an 'exceptions criteria'. The purpose of this was to provide local councils with some flexibility to re-introduce 30mph speed limits where appropriate, on some restricted roads. These are termed as 'exceptions' to the default speed limit for restricted roads. All speed limits are assessed impartially and in accordance with specified national criteria.

To apply an 'exception' to a restricted road, local councils must have a clear and reasoned case for doing so, which demonstrates that strong evidence exists that retaining a higher speed limit would be safe.

Drury New Road is currently a 20mph by restricted road status. The Authority considers that 30 mph is an appropriate speed limit at this location and as such does not meet the criteria or the nature of a road for a 20mph speed limit.

The proposals are detailed in the Public Notice and are contained in the proposed Draft Order.



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