NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH AND NATIONAL SPEED LIMITS. RESTRICTED AND DERESTRICTED ROADS)

(A5026 LLOC) (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) (AMENDMENT NO. 06) ORDER 202-

Flintshire County Council propose to make an Order in exercise of its powers under Sections 82 (2) (a) and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Act and of all other enabling powers, the effect of which will be to amend The Flintshire County Council (Various Roads) (20mph, 30mph, 40mph, 50mph and National Speed Limits. Restricted and Derestricted Roads) Order 2023, so as to impose:

a) A speed limit of 30mph on:-

A5026 Lloc:

From its junction with the A5151 roundabout to a point 40 metres north west of its junction with the A5026 near Lloc Service Station.

In all other respects the present provisions of The Flintshire County Council (Various Roads) (20mph, 30mph, 40mph, 50mph and National Speed Limits. Restricted and Derestricted Roads) Order 2023 will remain in force.

A copy of the Notice, the proposed Order, Map Schedules showing the roads affected by the proposal and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected during normal opening hours at Flintshire Connects, 24 High Street, Holywell CH8 7LH, The documents will also be available to viewed on our website at www.Flintshire.gov.uk > Resident > Roads, Streets and Travel > Traffic Regulation Orders or you can request a copy of the documents by emailing Streetscene@flintshire.gov.uk or by calling 01352701234.

Objections to the proposed Order, together with the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the undersigned at the address below or by emailing transportstrategyconsultation@flintshire.gov.uk (quoting reference SS/JB/A5026/30mph/06) by Friday 11th April 2025.

Dated this Friday 21st day of March 2025

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Katie Wilby Chief Officer (Streetscene & Transportation), County Hall, Mold, Flintshire. CH7 6NF

This supersedes the previous proposal, which was advertised on the 8th November 2024.

THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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(VARIOUS ROADS) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH AND NATIONAL SPEED LIMITS. RESTRICTED AND DERESTRICTED ROADS)

(AMENDMENT NO. 06) ORDER 202-

The Flintshire County Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") in exercise of its powers under Sections 82(2) (a) and 84 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act of 1984") and all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:

SECTION 1 – PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

 This Order shall come into operation on the xxth xx 202- and may be cited as (THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL A5026 LLOC. (VARIOUS ROADS) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH AND NATIONAL SPEED LIMITS. RESTRICTED AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) (AMENDMENT NO. 06) ORDER 202-

General Provisions

- 2. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- 3. In this Order, except where otherwise stated, any reference to a numbered Article or to the Schedule is a reference to the Article bearing that number and to the Schedule in this Order.
- 4. The length of roads specified in the Schedule to this Order, shall cease to be Restricted Roads for the purposes of Section 81 of the Act of 1984.
- 5. No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on the roads specified in the Schedule to this Order.
- 6. With effect from the date set out in Article 1 above, Map Schedule D25 and E24 Sheet Revision No: 2 which is incorporated in this Order, replaces Map Schedule D25 and E24, Sheet Revision 1, in The Flintshire County Council (Various Roads) (20mph, 30mph,

40mph, 50mph and National Speed Limits. Restricted and Derestricted Roads) Order 2023, in respect of the roads specified in the Schedule to this Order.

SCHEDULE 30MPH A5026 Lloc

Road Name	Map Schedule	Sheet Revision
A5026	D25	2 (which revokes revision Sheet 1 from the 2023 Order)
	E24	

THE COMMON SEAL of	
FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	
was hereunto affixed	
this xx th day of xxxx 202-	
in the presence of:-	

CHAIRMAN

LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER

SENIOR SOLICITOR

CHIEF OFFICER GOVERNANCE

THE FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH AND NATIONAL SPEED LIMITS. RESTRICTED AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) (A5026 LLOC)

(30MPH SPEED LIMIT) (AMENDMENT NO. 06) ORDER 202-

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE ORDER

It is proposed to introduce a 30mph speed limit on the A5026 Lloc.

In May 2024, following the appointment of new Transport Minister Ken Skates, the Welsh Government announced a listening programme where they committed to work jointly with local authorities to prepare the ground for changes, revising the guidance on which local roads can be exempted from the default 20mph speed limit, which was introduced on restricted roads on the 17th September 2023.

Following Ken Skates' announcement, residents in Wales were urged to make representation to their local authorities for those roads they believed should return to 30mph. In excess of 1,000 individual requests were received to the Authority, following the launch of Welsh Government's Listening Programme. Each application received has been assessed taking into account Welsh Government criteria contained in 'Setting 30mph speed limits on restricted roads: guidance for highway authorities'.

In determining whether the speed limit should be raised to a 30mph speed limit on the above road, the Authority has had regard to its statutory duties, including its duty under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 to seek to secure the expeditious movement of traffic so far as practicable, and its duty under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to seek to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic, including pedestrians, so far as practicable having regard to the matters specified in section 122(2). It has considered various criteria, including place, movement and road characteristics as set out in the Welsh Government guidance, together with any additional local conditions deemed relevant.

In particular, its assessment noted the following.

Place criteria

Criteria

30mph would not be appropriate on sections of roads which may have significant demand for walking, wheeling and cycling, such as:

- a. within a 100m walk of any educational setting (e.g. nurseries, primary, secondary, further education and higher education)
- b. within 100m walk of any community facility
- c. within 100m walk of any medical facility, e.g. hospitals, GP surgeries etc
- d. where the number of residential and/or retail premises immediately fronting a road exceeds 20 properties per km.

Analysis

The identified section of road, does not have a significant demand for walking, wheeling and cycling. It does not have 20 or more properties immediately fronting the road. It has 19 properties over a 1.2km length. Additionally, there are no educational, community, or medical facilities within 100 meters that would necessitate a lower speed limit. Therefore, based on these factors, a 30mph speed limit is appropriate for this section of road.

Criteria

In terms of 'place' criteria, 30mph limits could be used on:

- a. main or strategic roads outside city/town/village centres or high streets
- b. roads outside other high-density areas and away from other places that attract frequent pedestrian and/or cyclist trips.
- c. roads with very low density of housing and/or very few houses altogether (fewer than 20 properties per km)
- d. roads with residential and retail premises only on one side and no need to cross the road to access services or facilities (or if safe crossings are available or made available, as per Active Travel Act Guidance).

Analysis

The identified section of road, meets the place criteria for a 30mph speed limit as it is an A classification road, making it a strategic transport route. The higher speed limit is appropriate given the road's function and its impact on traffic flow. Additionally, the criteria indicates 30mph limits may be used on main roads outside high-density areas or locations without frequent pedestrian and cyclist activity. Furthermore, this section previously operated as a 30mph limit without any concerns, demonstrating that it has functioned safely and effectively at this speed. Given these factors, reinstating a 30mph speed limit would support efficient transport while maintaining appropriate safety measures.

Movement

Criteria

In terms of 'movement' criteria, 30mph limits could be used on:

- a. strategic roads, such as those for freight or important bus corridors, where evidence exists that journey times have increased significantly since the speed limit was changed to 20mph
- b. minor roads in industrial areas with low demand for pedestrian or cyclist traffic, or areas surrounded by open land (excluding sports grounds, parks or playing fields that need to be accessed via said road).

Analysis

The identified section of road, meets the movement criteria for a 30mph speed limit, as it is an A classification road, making it a key transport corridor. The reduction to 20mph has had a significant impact on journey times for some road users.

Road characteristics

<u>Criteria</u>

In terms of 'road characteristics', 30mph limits could be considered:

- a. where there are segregated facilities (of sufficient width, as per Active Travel Act Guidance) along the road and safe crossings for pedestrians and cyclists (and/or these could be made available, in which case changes to the speed could be considered once in place). It will be necessary to separately consider the degree and quality of protection along (the footway/cycle track) and across the road (this would require safe facilities to be provided for pedestrians and cyclists which meet the Active Travel Act Guidance).
- b. where there is low demand (or no potential demand e.g. planned future trip generators) for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the road (e.g. development is only on one side).
- c. where the road has been designed so that the highway geometry and features support a higher safe speed of 30mph.

<u>Analysis</u>

The identified section of road, meets the movement criteria for a 30mph speed limit based on road characteristics. This section of carriageway is long and fairly straight. There is low demand for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the road. Cyclists have used the road safely in its current layout when it previously operated at 30mph without issue.

Given these factors and the road's established history of safe operation at this speed, it is suitably equipped to support a higher speed limit while maintaining appropriate safety measures for all users.

The above roads have been identified as meeting the requirements (via the assessment process above taking into account the revised guidance and the Authority's statutory duties) to change back to a 30mph speed limit. The potential benefits outweigh the potential disbenefits of raising the speed limit.

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

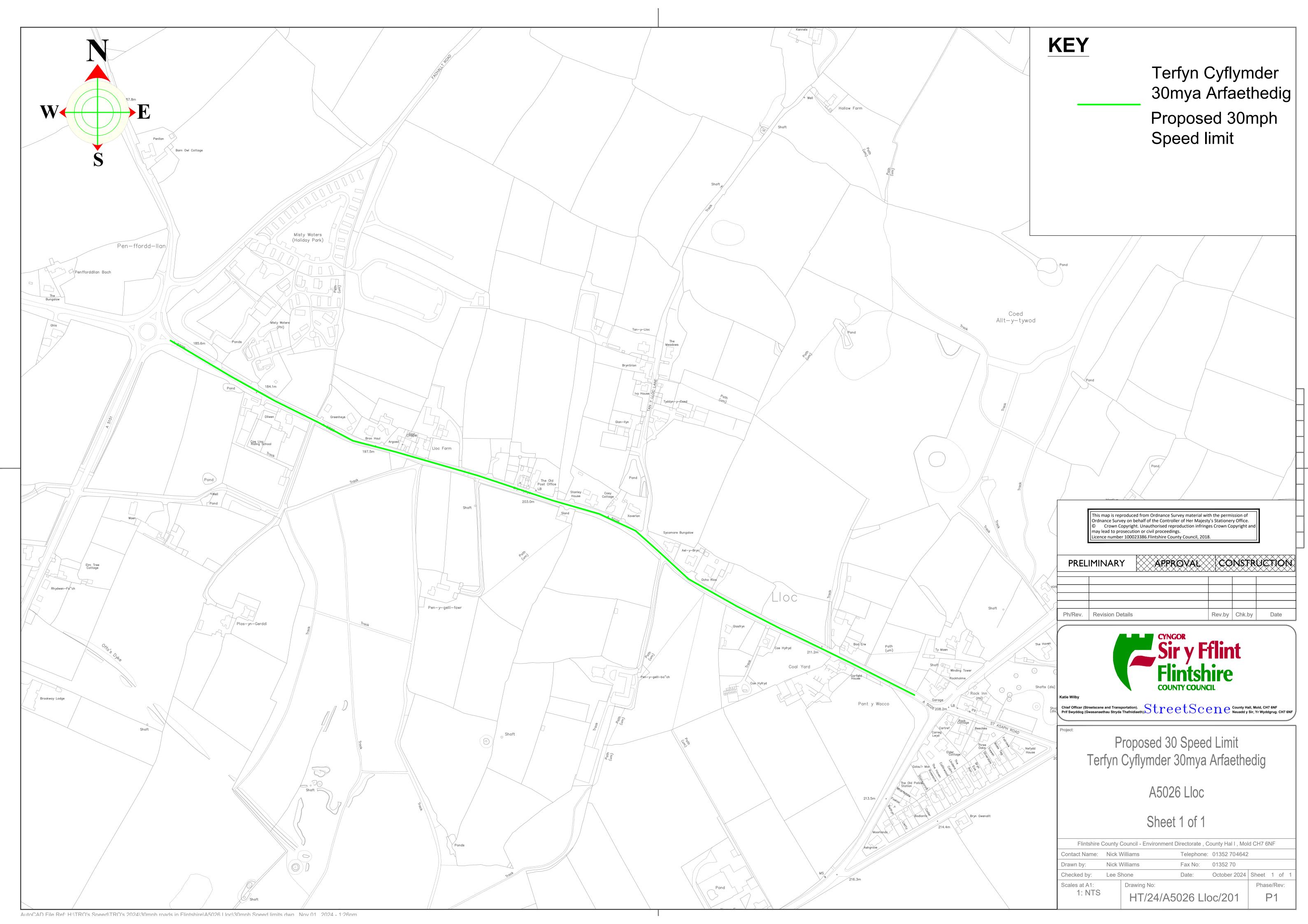
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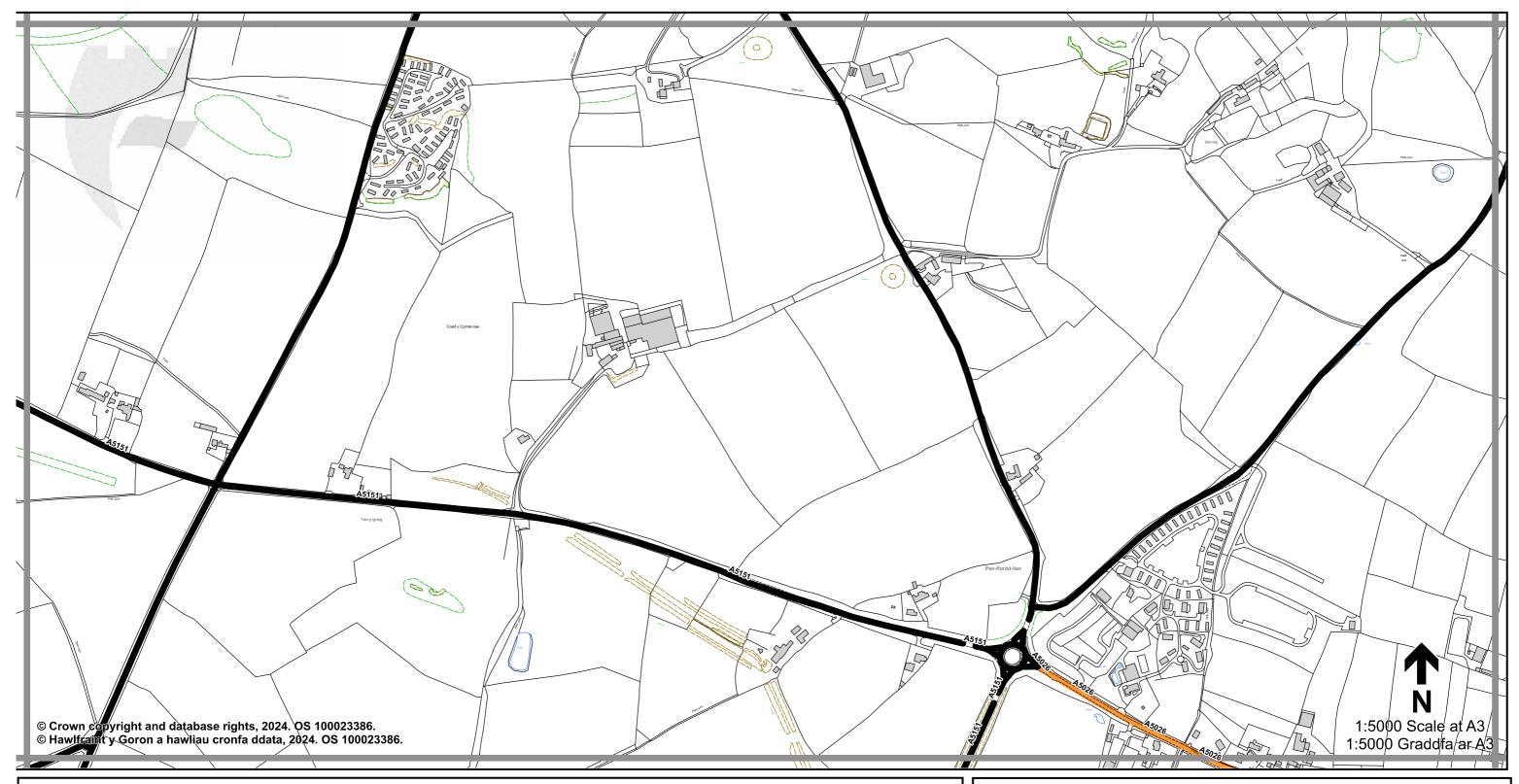
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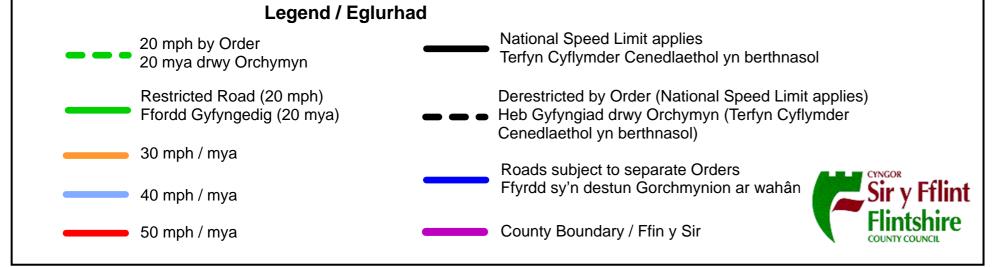
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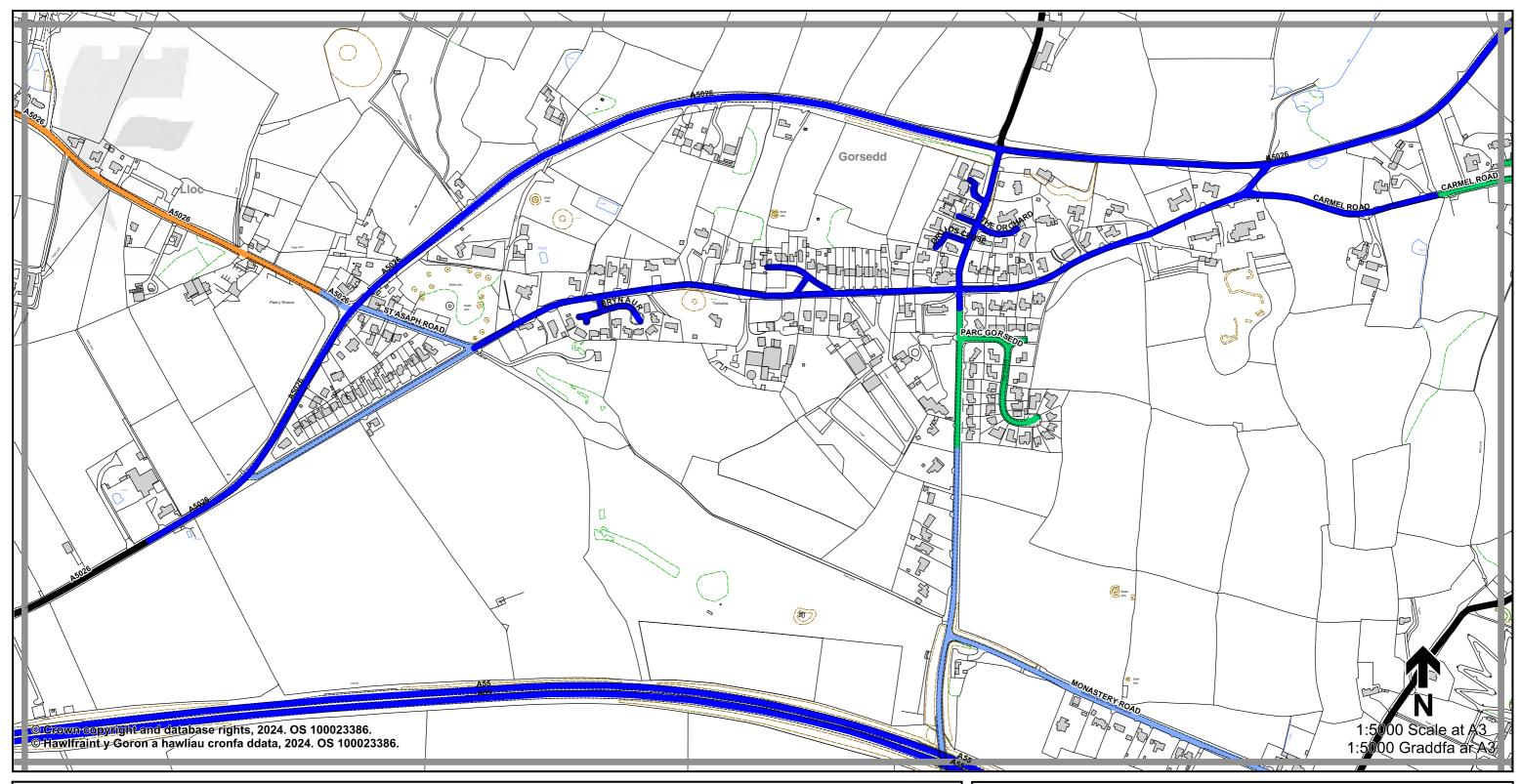
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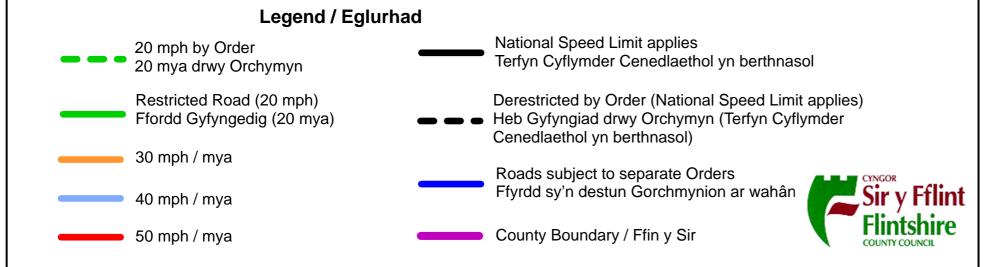
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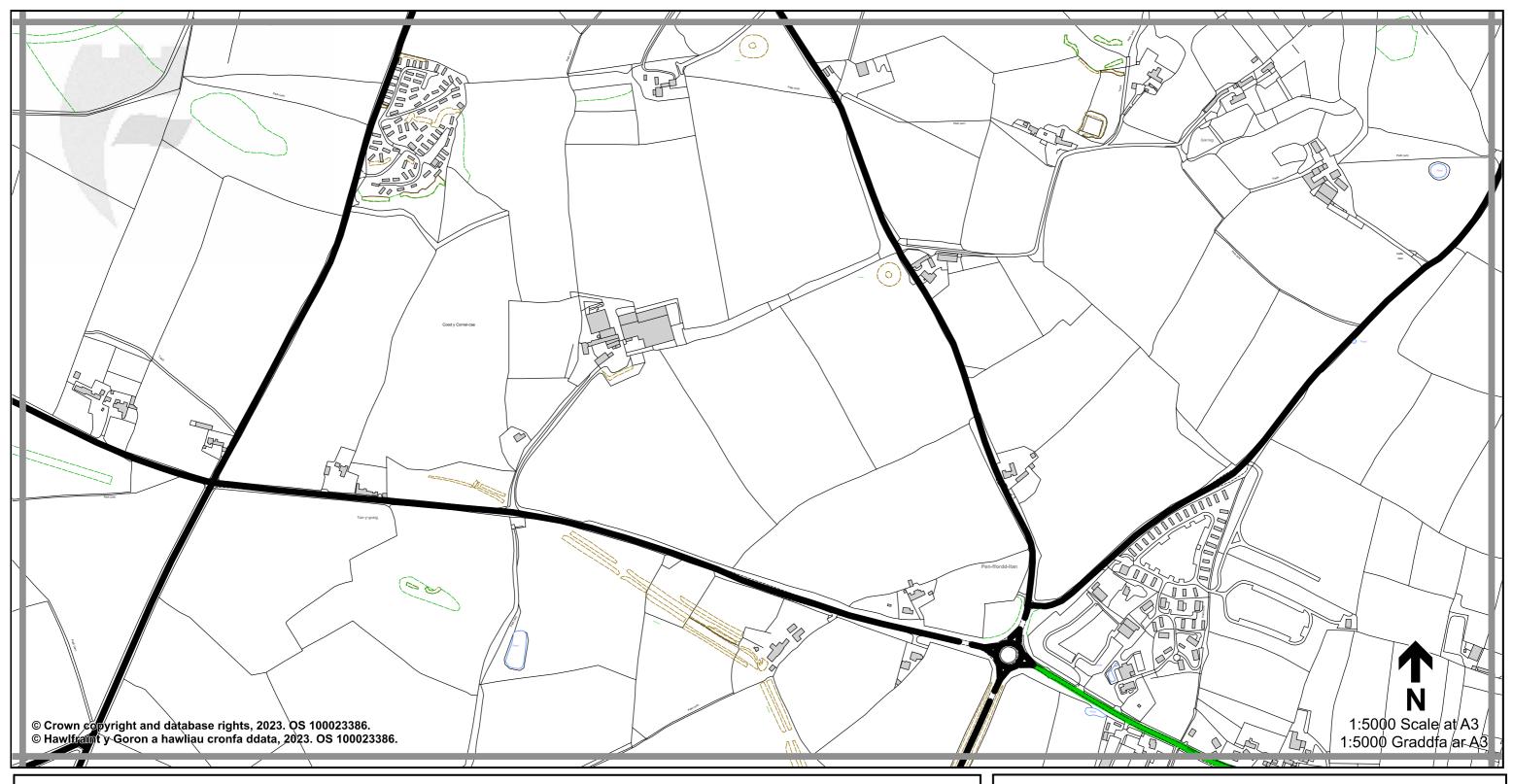
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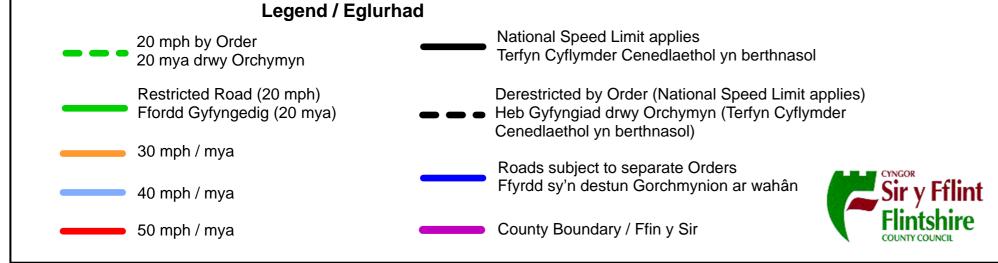
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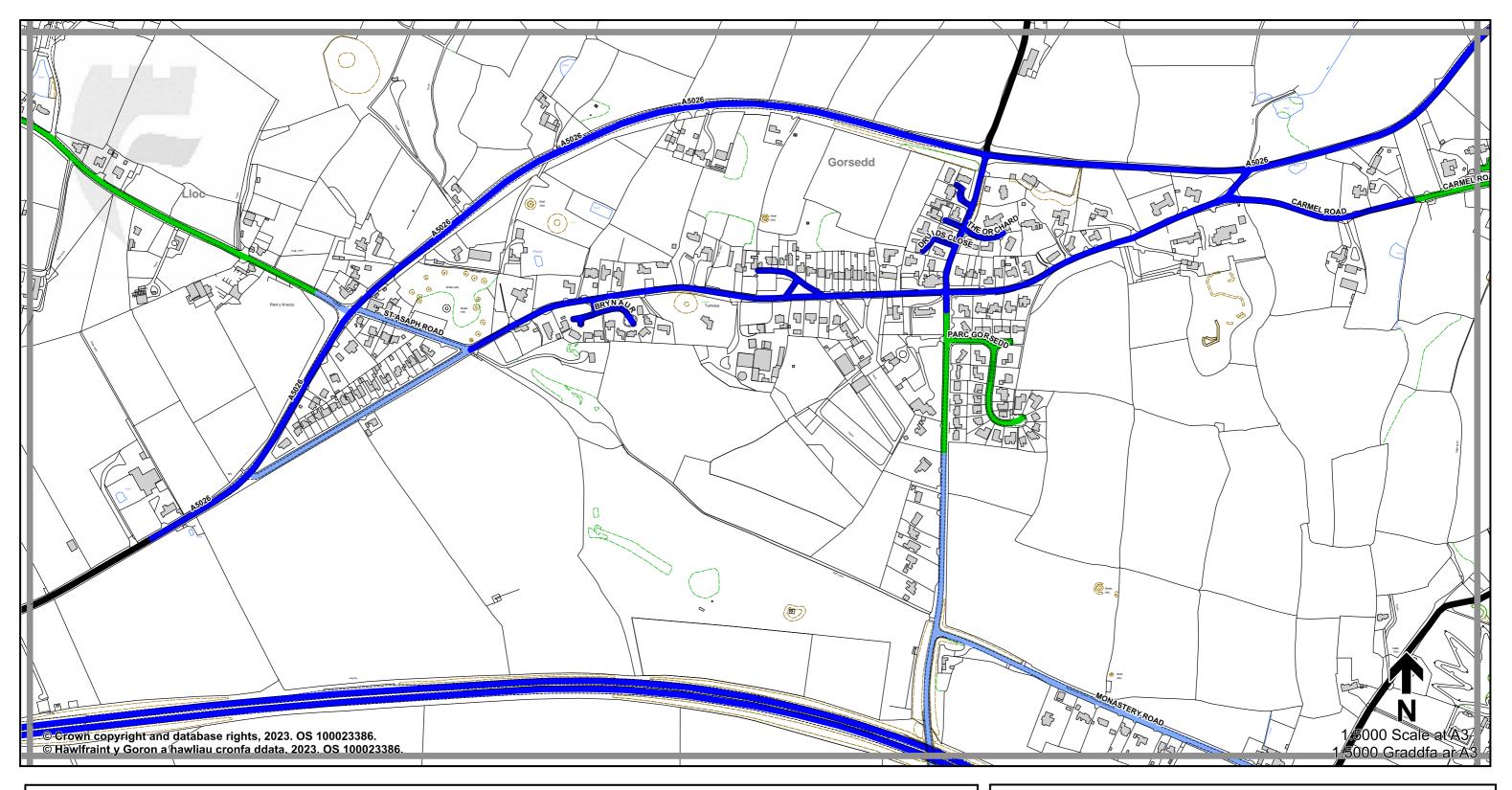
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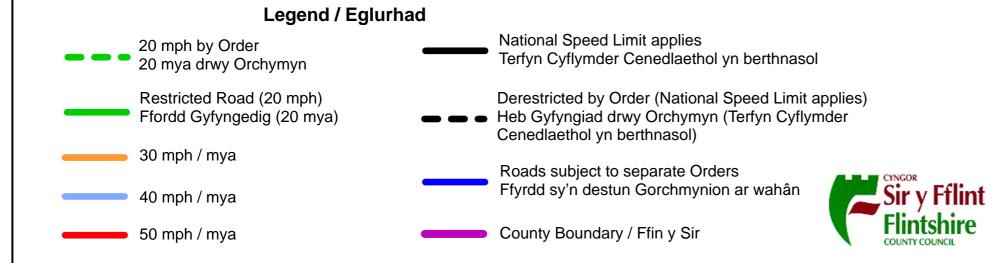
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