



**OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(BLETCHINGDON, KIRTLINGTON AND SHIPTON-ON-CHERWELL  
AREAS) (SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 20\*\***

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Oxfordshire County Council continues to make our built environments safer and more attractive places to walk and cycle. To enable this to happen 20mph speed restrictions are being used to help promote alternative modes of transport for local travel.

Streets are central to everyday life in Oxfordshire. They play a role in all transport journeys and are places where people shop, work and spend time. Improving the experience of being on Oxfordshire's streets will therefore improve people's local areas and their everyday lives. Improving streets to encourage active travel will also help to deliver further benefits for people in Oxfordshire. A wide range of people choosing to walk and cycle will help to improve public health, reduce road noise, improve air quality and make local areas more relaxing. Furthermore 20mph speed limits will help reduce casualty rates and improve road safety.

Oxfordshire County Council is therefore proposing to introduce a 20mph speed limit within Kirtlington. The proposals have been put forward following road safety concerns raised by the Parish Council and will see a reduction of the existing 30mph speed limit in its entirety to 20mph. Additionally, accompanying the proposed 20mph limit new 40mph 'buffer' speed limits will be introduced on the approaches to the village.

The County Council continues its responsibility to consider the provision of convenient and safe movement of motor vehicles and other traffic, and the proposed measures are aimed at ensuring that danger is minimised whilst facilitating the effective and safe passage of traffic.

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