OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SOUTH LEIGH PARISH) (20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 20**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Oxfordshire County Council wants to make our built environments safer and more attractive places to walk and cycle. To enable this, 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 journey's 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.

Following concerns raised by the parish council regarding road safety on local roads, Oxfordshire County Council is proposing to introduce 20mph speed limits within South Leigh, replacing the existing 30mph speed limit in its entirety.

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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