

Statement of Reasons for A40 Huntley to Boxbush Speed Limits

The A40 is subject to a succession of different speed limits between Huntley and Boxbush (at the Herefordshire border) that has been raised by drivers and residents as a concern. In addition there have been a number of incidents on the A40, 11 between 2014 and 2018. The route mostly consists of 1 and 2 stars on the IRAP rating system suggesting if an incident were to occur the severity would be high than that of a higher star rated road.

Heading west from Huntley Village, the speed limit changes from 30mph to 50mph to 40mph to the National Speed Limit, without the road geometry or layout changing noticeably. This has resulted in multiple customer enquiries / complaints, reduced compliance and the occurrence of speed related accidents on the section with National Speed Limit.

The implementation of this scheme will mean there is a consistence speed limit between Huntley and Boxbush which will improve compliance and should lead to a reduction in the severity/numbers of people injured on this section of the Strategic Road network.