

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (20MPH, 30MPH AND 40MPH SPEED LIMITS) (BEDFORD ROAD, RAVENSDEN AREA) ORDER 2023

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL ("the Council") in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 82(2), 83(2), 84(1) and 84(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended ("the Act") and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby make the following Order:-

- 1) This Order may be cited as the "Bedford Borough Council (20mph, 30mph and 40mph Speed Limits) (Bedford Road, Ravensden Area) Order 2023" and shall come into force on 14th August 2023.
- 2) As from the date upon which this Order comes into force the following Order shall be revoked:
 - THE COUNTY OF BEDFORDSHIRE (RESTRICTED ROADS) (ROUTE B 660, KIMBOLTON ROAD/CLEAT HILL, RAVENSDEN) ORDER 2002.
- 3) As from the date upon which this Order comes into force the speed limits imposed by this Order shall supersede any previous speed limits on any length of road specified in Schedule 1, Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 to this Order, and any part of any previous speed limit Order shall hereby be revoked insofar as it applies to any length of road specified in Schedule 1, Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 to this Order.
- 4) No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour on any length of road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.
- 5) No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on any length of road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.
- 6) No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on any length of road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.
- 7) No speed limit imposed by this Order applies to vehicles falling within Regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with Regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

SCHEDULE 1

A 20mph speed limit shall apply over the following length of road:

Α	Graze Hill, Ravensden		
(i)	From Thurleigh Road to a point approx. 58 metres north of Morinsbury Road.		

SCHEDULE 2

A 30mph speed limit shall apply over the following lengths of road:

Α	Graze Hill, Ravensden			
(i)	From Morinsbury Road to a point approx. 58 metres north of Morinsbury Road.			
В	Cleat Hill, Bedford (the B660)			
(i)	From a point approx. 1075 metres north of the Kimbolton Road/Avon			
	Drive/Wentworth Drive, Bedford roundabout to Bedford Road, Ravensden.			
C	Bedford Road, Ravensden (the B660)			
(i)	From Cleat Hill, Bedford to the roundabout which adjoins Morinsbury Road.			
(ii)	The entire roundabout which adjoins Morinsbury Road.			
(iii)	From the roundabout which adjoins Morinsbury Road for a distance of approx.			
2 2	46 metres in a north-easterly direction.			
D	Morinsbury Road, Ravensden			
(i)	The entire length.			

SCHEDULE 3

A 40mph speed limit shall apply over the following lengths of road:

Α	Bedford Road, Ravensden (the B660)		
(i)	Extending from a point approx. 46 metres northeast of the roundabout which		
	adjoins Morinsbury Road for a distance of approx. 490 metres in a north-easterly		
	direction.		

THE COMMON SEAL of the BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed this 10th day of August 2023 in the presence of:

Wai K. Tsang
Solicitor
Legal Services
Bedford Borough Council

Ww 117mg

Authorised Signatory



AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION					
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE			
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed ENVIRONMENT	09/08/2023			
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE			
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	GM	09/08/2023			
APPROVED BY	AP	09/08/2023			



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STATEMENT OF REASONS

Due to a new housing development which is to be built off Bedford Road, Ravensden, the road layout in the area has been changed to include a new roundabout and a new road (Morinsbury Road, Ravensden) into the upcoming estate. As such, it is deemed necessary to reduce some speed limits in the area for safety reasons.

The council has also received representations to reduce the speed limit along the majority of Graze Hill, Ravensden from the national speed limit to 20mph. This road is a winding and narrow road with a number of houses along it, and it is felt that a 20mph speed limit would be safer and more appropriate.

