

**BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**(30MPH SPEED LIMIT)**

**(CARDINGTON ROAD, BEDFORD (A603)) ORDER 2018**

Bedford Borough Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 82(2), 83(2), 84(1) and 84(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police for Bedfordshire in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby makes the following Order:-

1. The lengths of road specified in the Schedule to this Order shall become restricted roads for the purposes of Section 81 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
2. No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on any length of road specified in the Schedule to this Order.
3. Nothing in Article 1 and 2 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to exceed the speed limit detailed within the Schedule to this Order for the provision to have effect as if no speed limit were imposed in relation to a vehicle used for emergency, naval, military or air force purposes while being driven by a person for the time being subject to the orders of a member of the armed forces or the Crown on an occasion when –
  - (a) the person driving the vehicle is a member of the special force; and
  - (b) the vehicle is being driven –
    - (i) in response, or for practice in responding, to a national security emergency by a person who has been trained in driving vehicles at high speeds; or
    - (ii) for the purpose of training a person in driving vehicles at high speeds
    - (iii) by an emergency response unit when used in connection on official duty which includes ambulance, fire and police services
4. As from the date that this Order comes into operation, the following Order shall be revoked:
  - The County of Bedfordshire (40mph Speed Limit) Cardington Road, Bedford (A603)) Order 1995
5. This Order may be cited as the "Bedford Borough Council (30mph Speed Limit) (Cardington Road, Bedford (A603)) Order 2018" and shall come into operation on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018

THE COMMON SEAL of the  
BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
was hereunto affixed this



13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018

Barbara H. Morris  
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**SCHEDULE**

**Roads to which a 30mph speed limit shall apply.**

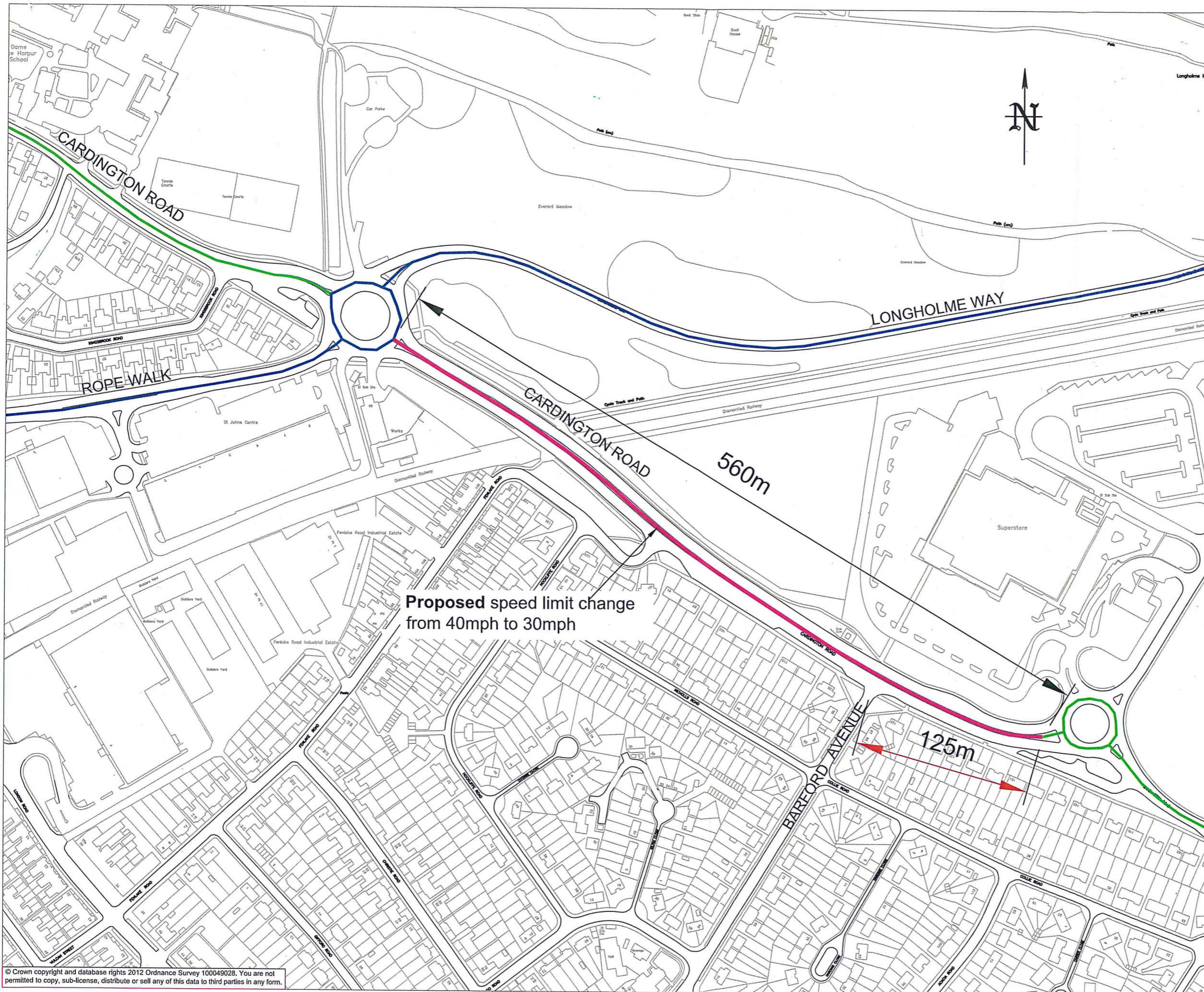
<b>Road</b>	<b>Length</b>
Cardington Road (A603)	That length of A603 Cardington Road (dual carriageway) which extends from a point approximately 125 metres east of its junction with Barford Avenue, Bedford in a north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 560 metres (to the roundabout which links Rope Walk and Longholme Way – The roundabout will remain 40mph)

**AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION**

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed ENVIRONMENT	DATE
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	<b>JS</b>	05.12.18
APPROVED BY	<b>AP</b>	05.12.18

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

The proposal is in response to a request from the Mayor of Bedford to consider reducing the speed limit on Cardington Road (dual carriageway) from its current 40mph to 30mph. The proposal is considered appropriate to reduce vehicle speeds along this length of road which is used by many vulnerable road users. The length of road currently has two signalised crossing points which assist pedestrians to cross the road. There have been reported accidents on this length of road. The Mayor would like to reduce the speed limit with a view of reducing accidents, conflicts and generally making the road a safer highway for all road users.



- KEY**
- Existing 30mph speed limit to remain
  - Proposed speed limit change from 40mph to 30mph
  - Existing 40mph speed limit to remain



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**Proposed speed limit change from 40mph to 30mph**

560m

125m

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DATE	AMENDMENTS	REV	BY



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SCHEME  
**Cardington Road Bedford**

DRAWING TITLE  
**Proposed 30mph speed limit**

DRG No. <b>SP171</b>			
DRG STATUS <b>Consultation</b>			
SCALE @ A2 NTS	DATE Jan 18	DRAWN JS	CHECKED