



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
(30MPH SPEED LIMITS) (THE PARISH OF BLETSOE)
ORDER 2021

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 (30mph Speed Limits) (The Parish of Bletsoe) Order 2021" and shall come into force on 5th November 2021.
- 2) As from the date upon which this Order comes into force the following Orders shall be revoked:
 - THE COUNTY OF BEDFORDSHIRE (RESTRICTED ROADS) (NO. 20) ORDER 1979
 - THE COUNTY OF BEDFORDSHIRE (RESTRICTED ROADS) (THE AVENUE, BLETSOE) ORDER 1999
 - THE COUNTY OF BEDFORDSHIRE (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) (COPLOWE LANE, BLETSOE) ORDER 2003
 - BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) (BOURNE END LANE, BLETSOE) ORDER 2012
- 3) As from the date upon which this Order comes into force any length of road specified in the Schedule to this Order shall cease to be a restricted road for the purposes of Section 81 of the Act.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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

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

A	The Avenue, Bletsoe
(i)	That length of The Avenue which extends from a point approximately 140 metres northeast of its junction with the A6 Rushden Road to a point approximately 715 metres northeast of its junction with the A6 Rushden Road (a distance of approximately 575 metres).
B	Coplowe Lane, Bletsoe
(i)	That length of Coplowe Lane which extends from its junction with The Avenue to its junction with Thurleigh Road (a distance of approximately 1,120 metres).
C	Bourne End Lane, Bletsoe
(i)	That length of Bourne End Lane which extends from its junction with the A6 Rushden Road to its junction with Thurleigh Road (a distance of approximately 350 metres).

**THE COMMON SEAL of the
BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

was hereunto affixed this

28th day of October 2021

in the presence of:



DAVID DOORNE
Team Leader (GPP&L)
(Solicitor)



Authorised Signatory

AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION		
COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MINUTE No.	DATE
DELEGATED POWER	By whom executed ENVIRONMENT	25/10/2021
	OFFICERS INITIALS	DATE
ORIGINATED AND CHECKED BY	JH	25/10/2021
APPROVED BY	AP	25/10/2021



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STATEMENT OF REASONS

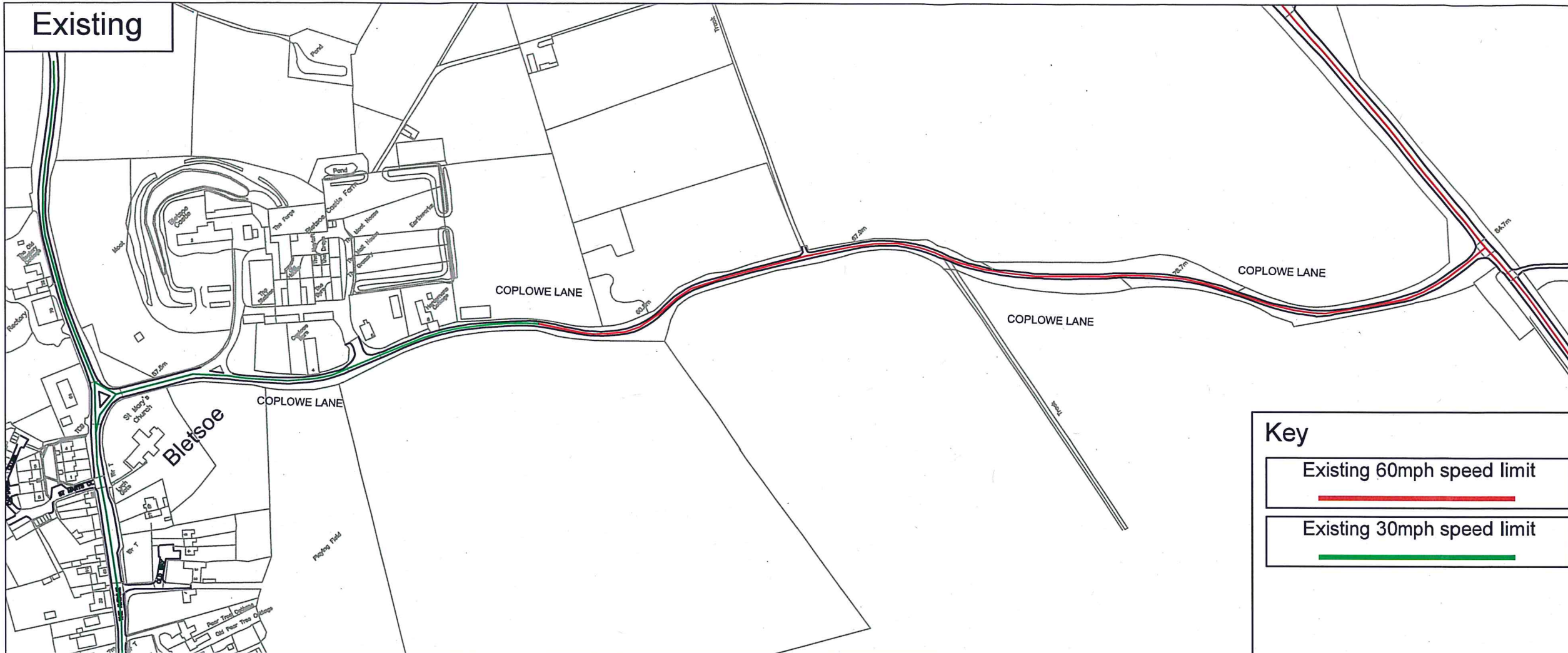
Bedford Borough Council have received a request from Bletsoe Parish Council to reduce the speed limit on the section of Coplowe Lane, Bletsoe that is currently the National Speed Limit (60mph). It is proposed to reduce this to 30mph, in keeping with the rest of Coplowe Lane.

Coplowe Lane is a minor, narrow country lane increasingly used by ramblers, dog walkers, horse riders and cyclists etc., and safety concerns have been raised about the speed of vehicles in relation to these other road users.

Hence, this proposal is aimed at providing a safer road network for all highway users and to help encourage more people to embrace outdoor exercise.

Bletsoe also has other 30mph speed limits which are currently detailed on four separate Legal Orders. For administrative and simplification reasons it's further proposed to revoke these four existing Orders and to amalgamate their existing speed limits into one new Legal Order with the aforementioned proposed new limit.

Existing



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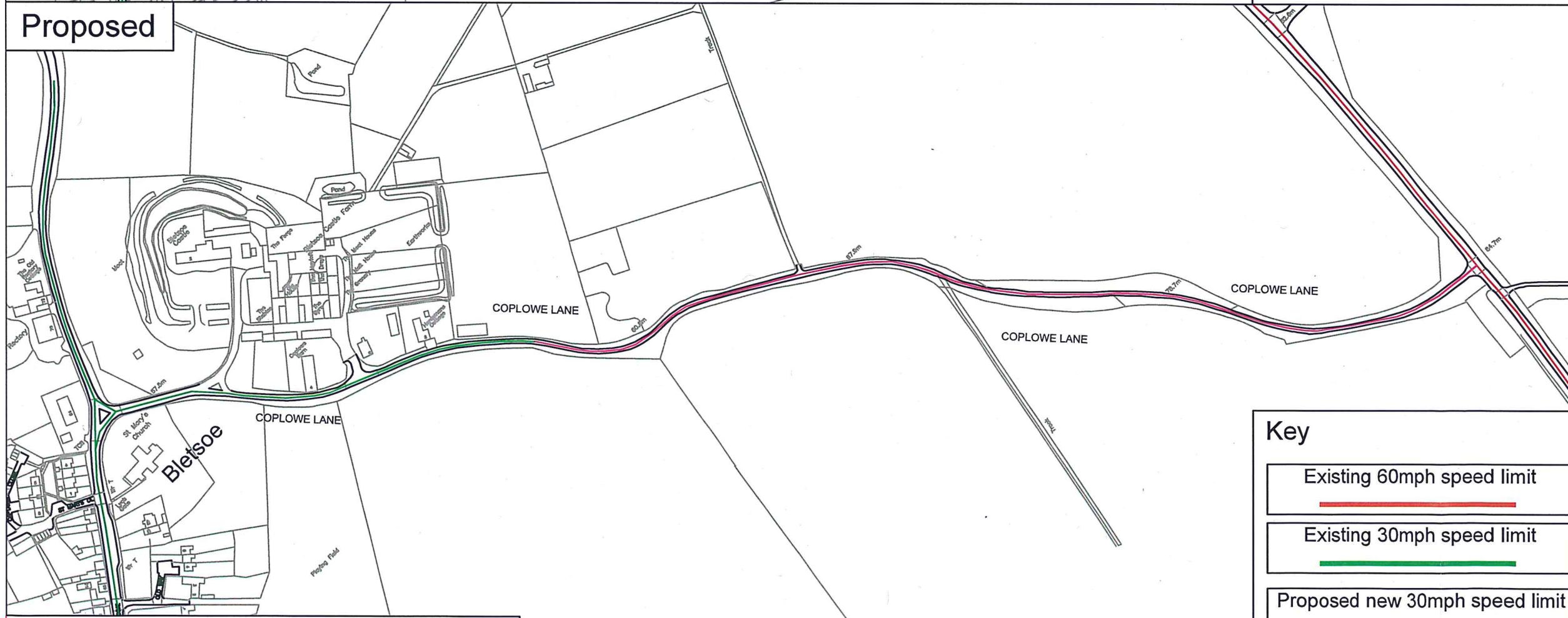
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Key

- Existing 60mph speed limit
- Existing 30mph speed limit

Proposed



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- Existing 60mph speed limit
- Existing 30mph speed limit
- Proposed new 30mph speed limit

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SCHEME
Coplowe Lane, Bletsoe

DRAWING TITLE
Proposed New 30mph Speed Limit

DRG STATUS
Consultation

SCALE @ A3	DATE	DRAWN	CHECKED
NTS	08/09/2021	JH	AP

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