

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD

**BARKBY THORPE LANE, THURMASTON AND BARKBY
PROPOSED 50MPH SPEED LIMIT**

**DUCK POND LANE, BARKBY THORPE LANE, THURMASTON
PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT**

**VARIOUS ROADS, BARKBY THORPE
EXISTING 30MPH SPEED LIMIT**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

As part of the Rural Routes Initiative (RRI), all County roads that are assigned the national speed limit have been reviewed to identify those with a personal injury accident rate higher than the national average.

As a result of this review Barkby Thorpe Lane has been identified to have a total number of accidents above the national average. Therefore, in order to increase highway safety and reduce the accident rate, the County Council proposes to reduce the speed limit from 60mph (national speed limit) to 50mph.

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a significant number of accidents that have not been recorded at the Duck Pond Lane and Barkby Thorpe Lane junction. After taking the above into account, the presence of sharp bend and the proximity of the rail bridge to the junction, it has been decided to reduce the speed limit to 40mph for Duck Pond Lane and a section of Barkby Thorpe Lane.

To help emphasise the start of the 40mph speed limit and to encourage drivers to reduce their speed at this point we propose introducing a gate way feature, relocating the village name plate for Thurmaston to the location of the speed limit change and to lay dragons teeth markings on the approach with a carriage way roundel

The proposals are shown in plan TM5023/T1/1A.

Separate to these proposals and as part of an administrative process to update the schedules using our current descriptions we have included the lengths of the 30mph speed limit in the village of Barkby Thorpe in the advert. The 30mph speed limit is where there is no street lighting and is currently signed on the ground. The extents will NOT be changing and are shown in plan TM5023/T1/1B.