

## TRO/20/20 - Speed limits - Various locations - 40 to 30

### Response in support of TRO from Spokes - the Lothian Cycle Campaign, Nov 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Spokes is very supportive of the proposals to reduce the speed limits from 40mph to 30mph on the roads in the Order.

The proposed lower limits will reduce the danger on these roads for all road users and especially for pedestrians and cyclists.

Reducing the speed differential between cycles and vehicles reduces the danger of collisions, close passes and turbulence, making it more attractive for cycling, at least until segregated cycling facilities are installed.

We are pleased that additional roads/areas have been added to the previous version of the TRO.

We are aware that not all current 40mph roads are included. Lasswade Road, Burdiehouse Road and Braid Hills Drive we understand have separate proposals for 30mph speed limits being progressed, either alongside new housing developments or (for Braid Hills Drive) as part of a long-delayed active travel project. We hope to see these Orders as soon as possible, particularly the long-delayed Braid Hills Drive scheme which was to provide safer cycling facilities

Old Dalkeith Road, Turnhouse Road, Cliftonhall Road and Clifton Road, we understand will not be progressed at this time, having been assessed as relatively safe during the 40mph Speed Limit Review. However, it is important that this situation will be monitored and speeds eventually lowered, on the basis of risk rather than actual injury.

We found the "Speed limits 20mph Project" layer in the Transport section of the Council Atlas very useful in assessing these proposals. We would urge that a map of proposed locations for speed reduction from 40 to 30 is added and that a map of speed restrictions across the City is maintained.

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