

STATEMENT OF REASONS

DISTRICT OF BLABY

AND HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH

A47 – LEICESTER FOREST EAST & EARL SHILTON

PROPOSED 50MPH SPEED LIMIT ORDER

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 A47 from Leicester Forest East to Earl Shilton 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.

We are also extending the existing 40mph speed limit on A47 Hinckley Road at Leicester Forest East to commence at a point beyond the rugby club entrance. This will assist safety and a number of other highway changes proposed in the vicinity.

The effect of the proposed Order will be to reduce the existing national speed limit on A47 from Leicester Forest East to Earl Shilton to 50mph starting after rugby club entrance.