

Statement of Reasons

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL **(A370 BRISTOL ROAD AND A370 WESTON ROAD, PUXTON AND** **CONGRESBURY AREA, NORTH SOMERSET)** **(40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2021**

A speed limit reduction from 50mph to 40mph is required over a section of the A370 Bristol Road and Weston Road in the parishes of Puxton and Congresbury to facilitate the installation and safe operation of new junction/bellmouth arrangements required by the Hinkley Point C Connection project.

As part of the National Grid project, Balfour Beatty have been appointed by National Grid as the main contractor to carry out the Stage 10.1 works. The works consist of the installation, testing and commissioning of the double circuit 'northern section' of the 400kV Overhead Line Route, with a route length of approximately 31.2km, and the removal of approximately 37.2km of existing 132kV Overhead Line. The 'northern section' of the 400kV Overhead Line Route runs from Sandford Substation to Seabank Substation in Avonmouth.

For construction purposes, and to alleviate traffic volumes on the local highway network, a temporary haul road will be installed along the route, where it meets the public highway, bellmouth arrangements are to be installed. The location of the bellmouths have been agreed under the Development Consent Order (DCO).

The proposed speed limit is intended to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road on the approaches to the bellmouths.

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