

PROUD OF OUR **PAST**, OUR **PRESENT** AND FOR OUR **FUTURE**

Chester Road

Promotion of Community Health & Safety Scheme

2024/25



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IMPROVE
outcomes and
customer experience



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employee satisfaction
and engagement



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service efficiency
and performance

Education, Engineering, Enforcement

Holistic approach to addressing road safety combining

- Education
- Engineering
- Enforcement

West Midlands Police and Staffordshire Police hold responsibility for the enforcement of speed limits as they alone have the legal powers.

West Midlands & Staffordshire Police can be contacted on their non-emergency number 101 or via their websites at

www.westmidlands.police.uk

www.Staffordshire.police.uk

West Midlands Police – Operation Snap a national policing initiative that asks members of the public to submit footage of anyone committing driving offences, such as dangerous driving, using a mobile phone while driving, or not wearing a seatbelt.

Each piece of footage that is sent to the Op Snap team, whether captured on a dashcam, CCTV or a mobile phone held by a passenger, is reviewed by specially-trained staff. If an offence is identified, the driver can be prosecuted or told to take a driver improvement course.



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Promotion of Community Health & Safety Programme

- Section of Chester Road Castle Hill junction to Back Lane ranked 77 out of 91 schemes of list of measures under Local Safety Schemes, based on a section of route from node to node, Personal Injury Collisions, injury severity, vehicle speeds, average daily flows, first year rate of return
- The junctions of Birch Lane / Gravelly Lane and Lazy Hill were assessed under the Promotion of Community Health & Safety schemes. These schemes have slightly lower criteria and recognise community anxiety.



Actions to date

- December 2023 - Borough wide speed review on A & B class roads
- December 2023 - Borough wide review of personal injury collisions
- December 2023 – Meeting with colleagues from Staffordshire County Council
- January 2024 – Draft Road Safety Programme
- February 2024 – Additional speed surveys conducted along Chester Road in the vicinity of the junctions of Birch Lane / Gravelly Lane & Lazy Hill
- March 2024 – Road Safety Programme presented to Cabinet
- March 2024 – Cabinet approval of Road Safety Programme
- April 2024 – Results from speed surveys received
- June 2024 – Site visits, budget review, feasibility designs
- September 2024 – Detailed designs
- October 2024 – Meeting with colleagues From Staffordshire County Council
- October 2024 – Procurement of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)
- November 2024 – Liaison with colleagues in Traffic Management with regards to Traffic Regulation Order for the reduction of speed limit from 50mph to 40mph
- December 2024 – Commissioning of works, ordering of signs



Speeds

- Mean speeds are used nationally for setting local speed limits
- Results from Automated Traffic Counts 24 hours a day for 7 days.

Location	Current Speed Limit	Mean Speed	Average Daily Flow
Gravelly Lane junction	50mph	39.3mph	16,480
Lazy Hill junction	50mph	40.2mph	15,640

Proposals



Central hatching

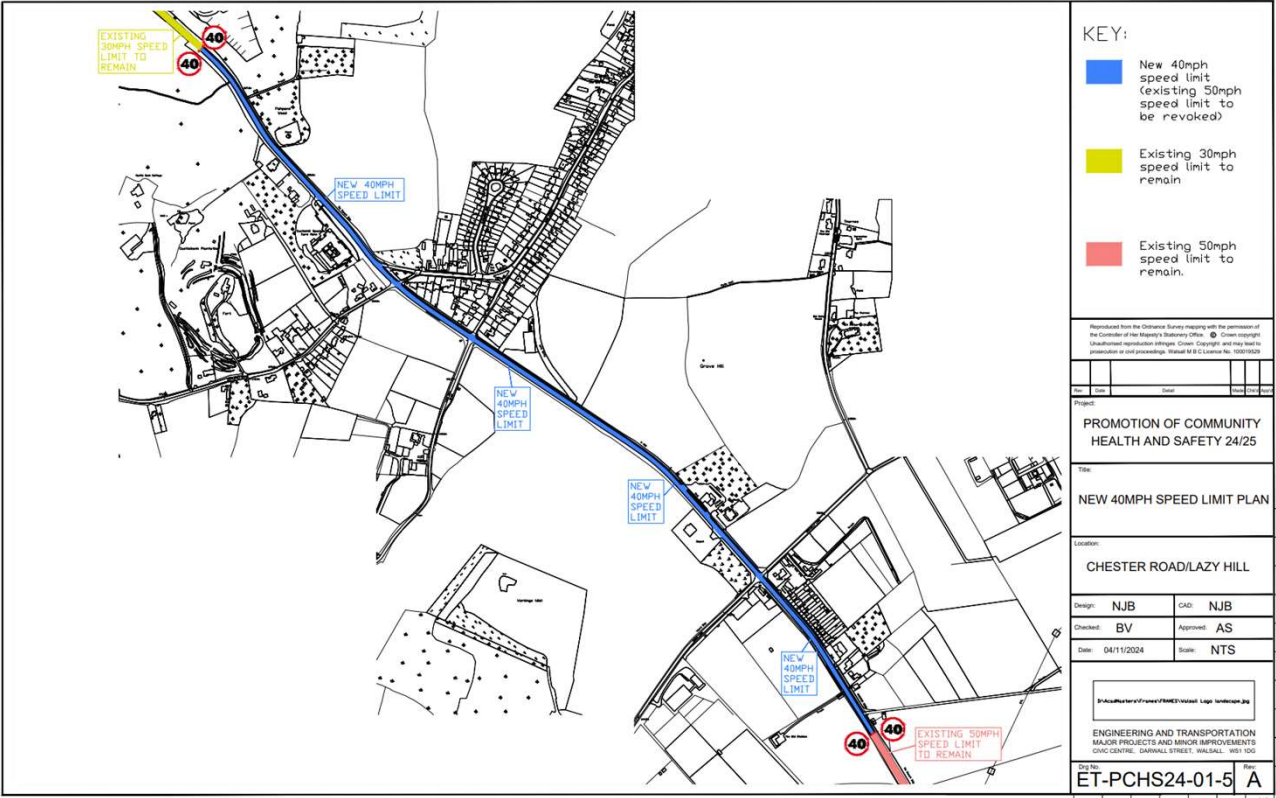


Gateway feature



Vehicle Activated Signs (x2)

Proposals – Extents of Proposed 40mph Speed Limit



Examples of New Road Signs



45 New or replacement signs
27 Signs to be removed

Timeline for Implementation

- 10th January 2025 - Draft Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph will be advertised for the section of Chester Road from approx. 375m south of Birch Lane / Gravelly Lane junction to existing change in speed limit location, south-east of the quarry access
- Advertised for a period of 21 days
- Objections to be resolved – potential for delay
- 14th January 2025 – External Road Safety Audit – Stage 1/2
- W/C 6th January VAS production
- Implementation of new speed limit, signing and lining, subject to consultation, March / April 2025
- VAS installation to follow, subject to receipt of signs and contractor availability



What can you do to help?

Positive support of draft Traffic Regulation Order – formal representations only to tro@walsall.gov.uk

Reporting concerns of anti-social driver behaviour to West Midlands & Staffordshire Police utilising the non-emergency 101 number or via their live web chat facilities at www.westmidlands.police.uk
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