

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A329 Reading Road (Winnersh), A329 Reading Road (Wokingham), A329 London Road (Wokingham), Hollow Lane (Shinfield), A327 Arborfield Road (Shinfield), Bearwood Road (Barkham), A327 Reading Road (Finchampstead), New Mill Lane (Finchampstead), Park Lane (Finchampstead)

(30mph Speed Limit) Order 2024

Wokingham Borough Council as Traffic Authority in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 81, 82, 84 and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”) as amended and all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, HEREBY MAKES the following Order:

1. This Order shall come into operation on the XX day of XXXXXXXXXXXX and may be cited as the **Wokingham Borough Council A329 Reading Road (Winnersh), A329 Reading Road (Wokingham), A329 London Road (Wokingham), Hollow Lane (Shinfield), Bearwood Road (Barkham), A327 Reading Road (Finchampstead), A327 Arborfield Road (Shinfield), New Mill Lane (Finchampstead), Park Lane (Finchampstead) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 2024.**
2. Subject to Article 3, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding: 30 miles per hour in any direction along the lengths of road specified in Schedule 1 and 2 to this Order;
3. No speed limit imposed by this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used by the emergency services for the purposes defined in Section 87 of the Act or to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with Regulation 3(5) of these Regulations.
4. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
5. The order item references listed in Schedule 3 are hereby revoked and re-enacted within this Order.

THE COMMUN SEAL OF

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Was hereunto affixed on the XXth Day

Of MONTH YEAR in the presence of

Authorised Signatory/ Solicitor

SCHEDULE 1

30MPH SPEED LIMIT (RESTRICTED ROADS)

ROAD NAME	EXTENTS OF SPEED LIMIT
A329 Reading Road, Winnersh	From the western boundary of property number 616 Reading Road, south eastwards for approximately 2.6km to its junction with Old Forest Road
A329, Reading Road, Wokingham	From its junction with Old Forest Road south eastwards for a distance of 1.5km to a point approximately 50m south of Larch Avenue.
A329 London Road, Wokingham	From a point approximately 45m east of the junction with Priest Avenue, eastwards for a distance of 875m to a point approximately 15m east of the junction with St Annes Drive.
Hollow Lane, Shinfield	From a point approximately 115m south of the junction with Brookers Hill, southwards for a distance of 640m to the junction with Arborfield Road
A327 Arborfield Road	From the junction with Hollow Lane south eastwards for a distance of 330m to a point approximately 75m west of A327 Eastern Relief Road
Bearwood Road, Barkham	From a point approximately 10m north of the junction with Sandy Lane southwards for a distance of approximately 240m

SCHEDULE 2

30MPH SPEED LIMIT

ROAD NAME	EXTENTS OF SPEED LIMIT
A327 Reading Road, Finchampstead	From the western boundary of property number 21 Reading Road north westwards for a distance of approximately 1.1km to a point 170m north of the junction with Park Lane
New Mill Road, Finchampstead	From the junction with the A327 Reading Road westwards for a distance of approximately 90m
Park Lane, Finchampstead	From the junction with the A327 Reading Road eastwards for a distance of approximately 175m

SCHEDULE 3

Revocations and Amendments of existing orders

Revoke Whole Order: Royal County of Berkshire (40mph Speed Limit) (No.7) Order 1962

Revoke Part: Bracknell Forest Borough Council (A329/B3408 London Road, Bracknell/Wokingham) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 1999. **Remove the parts of the following items in the schedule which are affected by the provisions of this Order namely the restrictions on A329 London Road Wokingham- From a point 50m east of its junction with Priest Avenue to its junction with and including the roundabout at the A329(M), A329 Berkshire Way and B3408 London Road (Known as Coppid Beech Roundabout)**

Revoke Part: Wokingham District Council (A327 Shinfield Road, A327 Hollow Lane, A327 Arborfield Road, and Brookers Hill Shinfield) (30 and 40mph Speed Limits) Order 2006. **Remove the parts of the following items in schedule ii of said order which are affected by the provisions of this Order namely the restrictions on A327 Hollow Lane: Between a point 80m south of its junction with Brookers Hill and its junction with B3349 School Green/A327 Arborfield Road; and A327 Arborfield Road: Between its junction with B3349 School Green/A327 Arborfield Road and a point approximately 272 metres southeast of its junction with Oatlands Road.**

Revoke Part: Wokingham Borough Council (Various Roads, Wokingham Borough) (30, 40 and 50 mph speed limits) Order 2016. **Remove the parts of the following items in schedule ii of said order which are affected by the provisions of this Order namely the restrictions on Bearwood Road: From a point 100m north of its junction with The Lilacs northwards to a point 75m north of its junction with Highlands Avenue.**

Statement of Reasons

These proposed speed limit changes have been proposed to help improve driver compliance with speed limits on the affected roads and improve road safety.

The proposed restrictions are considered by the Council to be necessary and expedient to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using these roads or to prevent the likelihood of such danger arising. Additionally, they aim to facilitate the safe passage of all road users, including cyclists and pedestrians.

The reduction in speed limits is also in line with the existing cycle lanes and introduction of an improved cycle facilities for the A329 Reading Road (Winnersh), A329 Reading Road (Wokingham) and A329 London Road (Wokingham). These proposed Lower, consistent speed limits are crucial to improving safety for cyclists, particularly on roads where cycle facilities share space with motor vehicles. This approach also aligns with the Council's commitment to promoting sustainable travel and encouraging more people to cycle by creating safer and more accessible cycling conditions.

The proposed measures have been subject to consultations with local councillors representing the areas and the Police to ensure a coordinated approach to enhancing road safety and supporting active travel initiatives.