

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed 40mph Speed Limit – A810 Glasgow Road, Hardgate

The purpose of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order is to improve road safety along A810 Glasgow Road, where the current speed limit is the national speed limit.

Traffic speed surveys have been undertaken to inform the proposal. These surveys indicate that the existing 85th percentile speed are already below 40mph, demonstrating that most drivers are naturally travelling at speeds lower than the current posted limit. This suggests that a 40mph limit would better reflect actual driving behaviour and the nature of the road.

Reducing the speed limit to 40mph would:

1. Improve consistency between the posted speed limit and observed vehicle speeds
2. Encourage safer driving behaviour
3. Reduce the likelihood and severity of collisions
4. Improve safety for all road users, including vulnerable users such as pedestrians and cyclists

The proposal also aligns with national guidance on setting speed limits, which recommends that speed limits should be evidence led and reflect the function and character of the road, as well as existing traffic speeds.