

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

A6135 HOOD HILL & SHEFFIELD ROAD HOYLAND COMMON

Statement of Reasons

A-one+, in partnership with National Highways, are to remove and replace the current vehicle protection barriers on both sides of the M1 overbridge at the A6135 Hood Hill.

The A6135 currently has a speed limit of 40mph as the road leaves Chapelton in Sheffield. At the Sheffield City boundary with BMBC, the speed limit changes to 50mph as the road enters a rural environment and heads towards Hoyland, Barnsley. This current speed limit change from 40 to 50mph is situated on the boundary and is only a few meters west of the overbridge where the barriers are to be changed.

The engineering specifications of the new vehicle restraint barriers require that they be sited within a 40mph speed limit. As the overbridge currently sits within the 50mph section of the road, the current 40mph speed limit is required to be extended northeast into Barnsley at Hood Hill.

Following a Stage 2 Road Safety Audit for the barrier/overbridge works, undertaken for A-one+, the sight lines for the new speed limit signage has also had to be taken into consideration.

It is proposed to extend the existing 40mph speed limit by 176m further northeast from the county boundary, along the A6135 at Hood Hill. New associated signage will be installed along with a high visibility road surface speed limit entry feature.

The scheme is fully funded by National Highways.

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 provides the appropriate powers for the Council to make the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

In determining the extents of the proposed restrictions, the Council has had due regard to the duty imposed on it to exercise the functions conferred on it by the Act so as to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway (Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) and is satisfied the traffic restrictions proposed will achieve those objectives.

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