

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The 70 miles per hour, 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour
(Temporary Speed Limit) (Variation) Order 1978**

Made - - - - - 16th August 1978

Coming into Operation - - - 23 August 1978

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 77(1), (2) and (8) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 (a), and now vested in him (b), and of all other enabling powers, and after giving public notice of his intention to do so, hereby for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the 70 miles per hour, 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) (Variation) Order 1978 and shall come into operation on 23 August 1978.

2. The 70 miles per hour, 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) Order 1977 (hereinafter referred to as "the 1977 Order") shall be varied as follows, that is to say—

- (1) Schedules 1 and 2 to the 1977 Order (lists of roads subject to 50 mph or 60 mph speed limits) shall be amended in the manner indicated respectively in Schedules 1 and 2 to this Order; and
- (2) the references in Articles 2 and 3 of the 1977 Order to Schedule 1 or Schedule 2 to that Order shall be construed as references to the Schedule in question as amended by the relevant Schedule to this Order.

3. The variations provided for in Article 2 above relate only to roads in England.

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State
16th August 1978.

P. N. Gerosa.
An Under Secretary in the
Department of Transport.

SCHEDULE 1

AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE 1 TO THE 1977 ORDER

PART I

**LENGTHS OF DUAL CARRIAGEWAY ROAD FOR WHICH A 50 MILES
PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT IS PRESCRIBED**

At end add "as amended by Part II of Schedule 1 to the 70 miles per hour, 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) (Variation) Order 1978".

(a) 1967 c. 76.

(b) S.I. 1970/1681.

PART II

LENGTHS OF SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY ROAD FOR WHICH A 50 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT IS PRESCRIBED

A—TRUNK ROADS

(1) *Roads in England*

In the County of North Yorkshire

Delete the item.

In the Metropolitan County of South Yorkshire

Delete all four items.

In the Metropolitan County of West Yorkshire

Delete the first item.

In the Metropolitan County of Greater Manchester

Delete the item.

In the County of Lancashire

Delete the third item. [No longer a trunk road]

In the County of Northamptonshire

Delete the item. [No longer a trunk road]

In the County of Hertfordshire

In the first item, for "Ellen Brook" substitute "Ellenbrook".

In the County of Warwickshire

In sub-paragraph (i) in the first item, for "64 yards" substitute "220 yards".

In the second item, for "100 yards" substitute "400 yards" and for "2 miles" substitute "1 mile 1532 yards".

Delete the third item.

In the County of Staffordshire

For the first item substitute the following:—

"That length of the London - Holyhead Trunk Road (A5) which extends from a point 120 yards south east of its junction with the A460 road at Longford Island to its junction with the Worcester - Wolverhampton - South of Stafford Trunk Road (A449) at Gailey, a distance of approximately 3 miles 1180 yards".

Delete the second item.

In the Metropolitan County of West Midlands and the County of Staffordshire

Delete the item.

In Greater London

In the first item, for "150 yards south east of its junction with the Main Road at Sidcup" substitute "722 yards south east of the eastern kerb line of County Gate".

In the County of East Sussex

Delete the item.

In the County of Gloucestershire

For sub-paragraph (i) in the item substitute the following:—

“(i) from its junction with Woodlands Road, at Cheltenham, to a point 249 yards north east of its junction with Leckhampton Lane, at Shurdington, a distance of approximately 1 mile 280 yards; and”.

B—OTHER ROADS

(1) *Roads in England*

In the Metropolitan County of Tyne and Wear

Delete the item.

In the County of Cleveland

Delete the item.

In the Metropolitan County of West Yorkshire

In the second item, for “A64” substitute “A641”.

In the County of Lancashire

For sub-paragraph (i) in the first item substitute:—

“(i) from a point 1080 yards east of its junction with Lower Lane (West), Freckleton, to its junction with Lower Lane (West), Freckleton; and”.

After the second item insert new item as follows:—

“That length of the A583 road at Blackpool which extends from a point 750 yards west of its junction with Westby Lane to the boundary between the Borough of Blackpool and the Borough of Fylde, a distance of approximately 1 mile 890 yards”. [Formerly a trunk road].

In the County of Northamptonshire

In the item, for “London-Holyhead Trunk Road (A45)” substitute “Western Avenue”.

After the item insert new item as follows:—

“That length of Braunston Road, Western Avenue and London Road at Daventry which extends from a point 195 yards east of the roundabout at the junction of Braunston Road and Leamington Way to a point 126 yards west of the roundabout at the junction of London Road and Southway, a distance of approximately 1 mile 669 yards”. [Formerly a trunk road].

In the Metropolitan County of West Midlands and the County of Warwickshire

In the item, for “58 yards” substitute “98 yards”.

In the Metropolitan County of West Midlands

In the first item, for “Greynolds Lane” substitute “Creynolds Lane”.

In Greater London

In the first item, for “228 yards” substitute “216 yards”.

SCHEDULE 2

AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE 2 TO THE 1977 ORDER

LENGTHS OF DUAL CARRIAGEWAY ROAD FOR WHICH A 60 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT IS PRESCRIBED

A-TRUNK ROADS

(1) *Roads in England*

In the Metropolitan County of West Midlands and the County of Warwickshire

In sub-paragraph (i) in the first item, for "880 yards" substitute "935 yards".

In sub-paragraph (ii) in the first item, for "528 yards" substitute "1,065 yards".

In the second item, for "Birmingham County" substitute "Birmingham City".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order varies the 70 miles per hour, 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) Order 1977 (which imposed during the period from 31st May 1977 to 30th November 1978 a general speed limit of 70 miles per hour on dual carriageway roads (not being motorways) and a general speed limit of 60 miles per hour on single carriageway roads (not being motorways), with lower limits on certain specified lengths of road). The variation comprises amendments to the Schedule (Schedule 1) which lists the specific lengths of road on which a 50 mph speed limit was imposed and to the Schedule (Schedule 2) which lists the specific lengths of road on which a 60 mph speed limit was imposed.

Certain of the amendments correct mistakes in the 1977 Order. Other amendments reflect the fact that certain lengths of road specified in the 1977 Order have ceased to be trunk roads and now need to be differently grouped. The main amendments of substance, however, have the effect of raising to 60 mph the speed limit on certain lengths of the following single carriageway roads which are at present subject to a 50 mph speed limit:—

- (1) in North Yorkshire—about 3 miles of the A64 between Bramham and Tadcaster;—
- (2) in South Yorkshire—
 - (a) about $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles of the A61 between Tankersley and Grenoside;
 - (b) about $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles of the A18 between Hatfield and Tudworth;
 - (c) two lengths of the A614, between Thorne and Tudworth Hall (about 1 mile) and at Hatfield Woodhouse (about 900 yards);
 - (d) two lengths of the A57 between Anston and South Anston (about $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles) and between South Anston and Gateforth (about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles);
- (3) in West Yorkshire—just under 5 miles of the A64 between Seacroft and Bramham Cross Roads;

- (4) in Greater Manchester—just under 1 mile of the A56/A556 road at Bowdon;
- (5) in Warwickshire—just over 1 mile of the A45 between Thurlaston and Dunchurch;
- (6) in Staffordshire—two lengths of the A449, between Gailey and Penkrige (about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles), and between Penkrige and Dunston (about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles), and one length of the A5 at Bridgetown (about 1000 yards);
- (7) in West Midlands and Staffordshire—about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles of the A5/A452 between Brownhills and Churchbridge;
- (8) in East Sussex—about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the A27 at Falmer;
- (9) in Tyne and Wear—a length of the B6338 at Newcastle-upon-Tyne;
- (10) in Cleveland—about $2\frac{1}{8}$ miles of the A67 at Stockton-on-Tees.

One further amendment has the effect of raising from 50 mph to 70 mph the speed limit on the following length of road which was formerly a single carriageway road but is now a dual carriageway road:—

in Lancashire—about $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles of the A584 at Freckleton.

© *Crown copyright 1978*
First published 1978

Published by

HER MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE

Government Bookshops

49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6HB

13a Castle Street, Edinburgh EH2 3AR

41 The Hayes, Cardiff CF1 1JW

Brazennose Street, Manchester M60 8AS

Southey House, Wine Street, Bristol BS1 2BQ

258 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2HE

80 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JY

*Government publications are also available
through booksellers*

20p net