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Traffic Regulation Order

Statement of Reasons

## Bath and North East Somerset Council

(Beauchamp Avenue and Surrounding Roads) (Midsomer Norton) (20mph speed limit) Order 2024

### STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposal

The proposal is to introduce a 20mph speed limit on Beauchamp Avenue, and all other adopted roads within the cul-de-sac, which is accessed from the A367 Fosseway to the south of Midsomer Norton.

Reason

The scheme is being proposed to formalise the existing 20mph speed limit on Beauchamp Avenue and the surrounding cul-de-sac roads. The developer that completed the housing estate adjacent to the A367 Fosseway entered into a Section 38 Highways agreement with Bath & North East Somerset Council that included a 20mph speed limit on all estate roads within the development. Consequently, 20mph speed limit signage has already been installed on-site.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

This proposal is made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which under Section 1 provides, generally, for Orders to be made for the following reasons, and in the case of this Order specifically for the reason(s) shown and marked below:

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| (a) | for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or | X |
| (b) | for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or |  |
| (c) | for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or |  |
| (d) | for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, |  |
| (e) | (without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or |  |
| (f) | for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs, or | X |
| (g) | for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality) |  |

In making this proposal the Council has discharged its duties under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Human Rights Act 1998, section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 and section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. The Council intends to consider making an order in due course having the same effect as the proposed order which is not an experimental order.

Date: 24th October 2024