WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS IN HERMITAGE, CHIEVELEY, THATCHAM, COLD ASH & BUCKLEBURY) (20MPH, 30MPH AND 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 202*

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The proposed order refers to all minor roads or sections of roads as described within the Parishes of Hermitage, Cold Ash & Bucklebury. Broadly speaking, these are residential roads with schools or community facilities such as shops that attract high levels of footfall.

The proposed order also seeks to revoke four existing Traffic Regulation Orders that currently restrict traffic speeds to 30mph in each of these Parishes. All the roads stated in these four revoked orders would be included in this new consolidated order for 20mph, 30mph or 40mph speed limits in Hermitage, Bucklebury and Cold Ash. Some of the revoked orders also restrict roads in Chieveley and Thatcham which is why the title of the proposed order also includes Chieveley and Thatcham despite the schedules predominantly listing roads in Hermitage, Bucklebury and Cold Ash.

The proposed order aims to reduce the speed of vehicular traffic to make the local area more attractive and accessible by non-motorised highway users. This proposal will contribute to the fulfilment of part of the Council Strategy 2023-27.