

Dear Mrs Rumsby

Staffordshire County Council is proposing to introduce a reduced speed limit along Station Lane, Barton under Needwood between the junction of Station Lane with B5016 and the existing bailey bridge over the River Trent at Walton-on-Trent.

The reduced speed limit forms part of a wider safety scheme to reduce the number of vehicle-strikes and highway safety issues which have occurred at the existing bailey bridge on Station Lane.

In addition to the reduced speed limit, it is proposed to form a carriageway narrowing or pinch point on Station Lane in the vicinity of the access to the Tucklesholme Nature Reserve, in order to prevent use of the bridge by vehicles which are wider than the 2.2m (7'6") width restriction.

In addition to addressing the highway safety issues at the existing road bridge, the reduced speed limit is required as part of the permanent highway works being undertaken by Countryside Homes to construct the Walton-on-Trent by-pass as part of the redevelopment of the former Drakelow Power Station site.

Please see the attached plan for details of the reduced speed limit on Station Lane as well as details of the carriageway narrowing.

The new speed limits shown on the attached drawing will be trialled for up to 18 months under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). This will include a 6-month period for formal public consultation commencing from the ETRO coming into operation. By introducing an ETRO, the Highway Authority has scope to amend the original Order and any associated signs and road markings should any highway issues arise. If the proposals are acceptable, then the ETRO for the new speed limits will be made permanent after 18 months.

This email forms part of the consultation for implementing these measures therefore I would ask that you follow the link below which will give you an opportunity to register your comments on these proposals:

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/TROStakeholderConsultation>

When filling the form please use the following unique references

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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