

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (WHEAT STREET, JUSTICE WALK AND BOND GATE, NUNEATON) (20MPH ZONE) ORDER 2025

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Warwickshire County Council are preparing to undertake major infrastructure works as part of the Transforming Nuneaton Highway Improvements programme.
- 1.2 The Transforming Nuneaton highway improvements programme is a suite of projects that will support development to Nuneaton town centre and the wider borough.
- 1.3 It will unlock development to support the wider Transforming Nuneaton programme, help to reduce and improve the existing Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs), enhance existing cycling infrastructure, along with creating new infrastructure, therefore encouraging more sustainable travel and relieve existing localised pinch points and congestion.

Consultation Drawing Reference	Title
9.2-A444-058-076 Rev D	A444 Wheat Street – 20mph Zone

2. STATEMENT OF REASONS

- 2.1 It is proposed to reduce the current 30mph speed limit, by introducing a 20mph Zone on Wheat Street, Justice Walk and Bond Gate, to reduce and improve the existing Air Quality Management Areas, enhance existing cycling infrastructure, along with creating new infrastructure, therefore encouraging more sustainable travel and relieve existing localised pinch points and congestion.
- 2.2 It is currently a 30mph speed limit but the area complies with the horizontal geometry requirements of a 20mph Zone. The area is used by pedestrians for access to the town centre and there are low vehicle flows and low vehicle speeds. It is currently a commercial area; however future development will create a residential development and a new library. One aim of the future development in this area, and a priority of the Warwickshire Local Plan, is to prioritise pedestrians and other forms of Active Travel. To support this, the underlying highway improvement scheme will provide new cycleway connections, and the footways will be widened in some areas. Creating a 20mph Zone to lower the vehicle speed limit will form an important part of this wider package of measures by formalising this as a low vehicle speed environment. A 20mph Zone also allows a reduction in the number of signs, which will reduce street clutter and make this town centre environment more attractive, while at the same time making the approach to the proposed mini-roundabout safer by reducing vehicle speeds.

3. SCHEDULE

3.1 20mph Zone

Road	From	To
Wheat Street	its western side of its junction with A444 Vicarage Street	its junction with the southern side of its junction with Bond Gate.
Justice Walk	Entire Length	
Bond Gate	Entire Length	

4. PRIORITY

4.1 High