

Statement of Reasons

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

WHITEHOUSE LANE, CASWELL LANE & CASWELL HILL PORTBURY/WRAXALL AND FAILAND

(SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2020

North Somerset Council is proposing to change the speeds limits on the specified lengths of the following roads:

- Whitehouse Lane
- Caswell Lane
- Caswell Hill

As part of the National Grid Hinkley Point C Connection Project, Murphy Construction Ltd have been commissioned by National Grid to carry out the Stage 4 works to install a 10km double circuit, three phase, underground, 132kV High Voltage Cable System and fibre optic cable. For construction purposes, and to alleviate traffic volumes on the local highway network, a temporary haul road will be installed along the route, where it meets the public highway, bellmouth arrangements are to be installed. The location of the bellmouths have been agreed under the Development Consent Order (DCO).

The proposed bellmouths on Caswell Lane and Whitehouse Lane (crossing point) are required to facilitate the Stage 4 works. Due to the nature of the construction works, the haul road will be heavily used and for safety purposes part-time traffic signals will be installed at the road crossing point on Whitehouse Lane. These part-time signals will be used only during daylight hours.

Whitehouse Lane; A stepped speed restriction will be implemented for the duration of the construction works. From north to south, NSL (60mph existing) – 40 – 30 – 40 – NSL (Existing).

Caswell Lane; A reduction in the speed limit between the bellmouths from NSL (60mph existing) to 40mph will be implemented for the duration of the construction works.

Caswell Hill; A reduction in the speed limit from NSL (60mph existing) to 40mph on the approach to the bellmouth at the junction with Caswell Lane for the duration of the construction works.

This is being proposed to reduce the risk of danger to road users and site staff on the approaches to the bellmouths and at the new part-time traffic signal crossing.

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