The Moray Council (A940 Grantown Road, Forres – Proposed 40 / 30mph Speed Limit) Order 2022

SCHEDULE 1

Location	Description	Restriction
A940 Forres to Grantown Road	From the point where it meets the A96(T) Forres Bypass, in a southerly direction along Market Street, St Catherine's Road and Grantown Road, to a point 230metres or thereby south of the projected south kerbline of Balnageith Road.	30mph
	Grantown Road from a point 230metres or thereby south of the projected south kerbline of Balnageith Road to a point 22m or thereby south of the projected south kerbline of Webster Drive.	40mph

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The general effect will be to introduce a 40mph speed limit buffer for vehicles entering Forres and amend the existing 30mph speed limit in line with current Guidelines and as specified in Schedule 1.

Following the approval of the Planning Application (19/00293 APP) submitted to Moray Council to build 112 residential on Site R1 as identified in the 2020 Local Plan off Grantown Road, Forres, a number of conditions were placed upon the applicants. This included a requirement for a Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit.

The Road Safety Audit identified a "risk of increase in severity of collision" on the A940 and recommended a 40mph speed limit to cover the development junction with the A940. This proposal is to introduce a 40mph speed limit to protect the development access and extend the 40mph limit into Forres to an appropriate location for a transition to 30mph. This amendment is in accordance with the procedure for reviewing speed limits agreed at the Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee on 13 October 2009 and in the interests of Road Safety.