

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL (A838 TONGUE) (30MPH SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION) ORDER 2023

This proposal relates to a section of the A838 on the western side of Tongue. Currently, the following speed limits apply: a 30mph speed limit from a point around 30m north of St Andrew's Glebe southwards and a 40mph speed limit from that point northwards for around 330m. North of that, the National Speed Limit for an unlit single carriageway road applies.

Planning application 19/05343/FUL for a proposed development at the former Peter Burr Stores received planning consent in September 2020. This planning application refers to land on the western side of the A838 within the section covered by the 40mph speed limit. Planning application 22/06112/FUL for a health and social care hub on the eastern side of the A838 is currently being considered by Highland Council. This development would be located on the eastern side of the A838, also within the section covered by the 40mph speed limit.

Both applications will introduce a more urban feel to the section of the A838 covered by the existing 40mph speed limit. Furthermore, the existing 40mph speed limit needs to be reduced along this section to allow satisfactory visibility splays to be provided at the junctions with these two proposed developments.

For these reasons it is proposed to remove the existing 40mph speed limit and extend the existing 30mph speed limit northwards to a point approximately 165m or thereby to the north of the point where the existing speed limit changes between 40mph and the National Speed Limit.