**Statement of Reasons**

**For Traffic Regulation Order to facilitate**

**the implementation of A355 Improvements Project in Beaconsfield**

The A355 Improvements Project is a partnership project between Buckinghamshire County Council and Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership with funding secured from the Local Growth Fund and Local Transport Body. A Cabinet Member decision was made in July 2018 to implement the A355 Improvements Project in Beaconsfield.

A Traffic Regulation Order is required to be made which will incorporate installation of the adequate speed limit restrictions in line with the new scheme.

The general proposals will be to:

New Maxwell Road link with its junction to the south arm of the new roundabout (by Hyde Green).

1. Extend permanent waiting restriction on both sides of the road.

2. Extend 30mph speed limit restriction.

New relief road

3. Introduction of a 40mph speed limit restriction, starting from the north arm of the roundabout by the railway bridge to Minerva Way.

A355 Amersham Road between no45 Amersham Road and the new tie in point of the new roundabout north arm.

4. Reduce the speed limit to 30mph.

**REASONS**

The County Council has a duty under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 when making TROs to consider the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. This requires the County Council to weigh up several factors when making a decision to proceed with a proposal. These include if applicable:

* The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
* The effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting roads by HGVs so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs;
* The national air strategy;
* The importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles;
* Any other matters appearing to the County Council to be relevant.

These proposals are being promoted under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which allows the Council to take measures under Section 1 and Section 23 for the following reasons:

1(1)(a) Avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising;

1(1)(c) Facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians);

1(1)(e) Preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot;

1(1)(f) Preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs;

1(1)(g) Improving/maintaining air quality specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995.

This Order is to be made following a recommendation to implement the A355 improvements project in Beaconsfield. This will help to improve traffic flow and improve road safety along the new A355 Amersham Road.

Traffic movements will remain unaltered along the majority of remaining route.

The proposed scheme will help to improve traffic flow and road safety within the A355 Improvement project route helping to improve the area for use by motor vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the County Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

Thorough consideration was given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing this TRO.

All signing and lining will be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations & General Directions in force at the time of implementation.