

**The Borough Council of Gateshead (Rowlands Gill Area, Gateshead) (Speed Limits) Traffic Regulation Order 2017**

**Statement of Reasons**

The proposed 20mph speed limit zone scheme for this area was proposed as part of the Council's speed management plan.

The Speed Management plan which sets the standard speed limit in urban areas as 30mph with local speed limits of 20mph encouraged in situations where there is a particular risk to vulnerable road users so as to improve road safety conditions for them.

In May 2009 Gateshead Council's Cabinet approved an implementation strategy to introduce 20mph speed limits or zones at specified retail centres, at schools and within previously traffic calmed areas.

The scheme is therefore in line with these policies and will introduce a 20mph zone on the streets in the vicinity of Highfield Community Primary School / St Joseph's RC Primary School and Rowlands Gill Primary School and the existing traffic calmed residential streets within Rowlands Gill.

The speed reduction on Linzford Road from the national speed limit to 40mph is to improve road safety for motorists along this section of road as there is a history of serious injury accidents.