

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **The County of Carmarthenshire (Imposition of 50 M.P.H. Speed Limit) Order 2025**

The purpose of this Traffic Regulation Order is to introduce a 50mph speed limit on selected sections of the highway network where the current national speed limit (60mph) is considered inappropriate due to road safety concerns and to support active travel objectives.

Analysis of traffic collision data and speed surveys has identified that vehicle speeds on the affected roads are often excessive for the road conditions, particularly in areas with limited visibility, sharp bends or junctions.

Reducing the speed limit to 50mph is expected to lower the risk and severity of collisions, thereby improving safety for all road users.

Several of the roads included in this Order are used by pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians. A lower speed limit would create a safer and more comfortable environment for these vulnerable road users, especially where footways or segregated paths are absent or limited.

The following locations have been identified for the proposed speed limit reduction to 50mph:

<b><u>1</u> Locality</b>	<b><u>2</u> Name/Description of Road</b>	<b><u>3</u> Map Reference</b>
Blaenau	Class II Road B4556, Blaenau to Llandybie	AH29 and AH30
Blaenau	Class III Road, Blaenau to Saron	AH30 and AH31
Capel Dewi	Class II Road B4300, Capel Dewi to Llanarthne	AA25, AB25, AC25 and Z25

Drefach	Class II Road B4310, Drefach to Porthyrhyd	AB29, AC29 and AC30
Hermon	Class II Road B4333, Hermon to Aberarad	P11, P12, P13, Q12, Q13, Q14, Q15, Q16, R16, R17 and S17
Llanarthne	Class II Road B4300, Llanarthne to Ffairfach	AC25, AD25, AD26, AE25, AE26, AF25, AG25 and AH25
Llanddarog	Class II Road B4310, Llanddarog	AA27 and AA28
Llanedi	Class II Road B4297, Coopers to Llanedi	AF33
Penygroes	Class II Road B4556, Penygroes to Caerbryn	AF30 and AG30