

## Statement Of Reasons

The South Reading Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) scheme is a programme of transport improvements along the A33 corridor, designed to provide dedicated public transport priority measures connecting Reading town centre with Green Park and MereOak Park & Ride site. While currently operating for buses, the corridor is intended to be capable of accommodating future modes of rapid transit such as guided buses, trams, or autonomous public transport vehicles. The MRT scheme is being delivered in phases as funding becomes available and forms part of the Council's Local Transport Plan.

As part of the MRT works at the Rose Kiln Lane north junction—specifically the installation of new bus stops and the creation of a new southbound bus lane on the A33 south of the Berkeley Avenue overbridge—the Council proposes to make a permanent Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the existing speed limit. The proposal is to lower the speed limit from **40 mph to 30 mph** in both directions between the Berkeley Avenue overbridge and **29 Rose Kiln Lane**.

The Council considers the proposed speed limit reduction to be necessary and justified on the following statutory grounds:

- **For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road, or for preventing the likelihood of such danger arising; and**
- **For preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.**

Accordingly, the proposed permanent Traffic Regulation Order is required to support the safe and effective operation of the South Reading MRT scheme and to enhance the overall environment of the A33 corridor.