

MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION

Happy New Year to you, your friends and families, I hope you all had a good break and enjoyed the festive period.

Personally, I saw friends and family and was so very lucky to be invited to the Fairford Branch, Royal British Legion Christmas dinner. They had the most incredible year, and thanks to your generosity, and with the help of Dennis, the big grey horse, raised a fantastic amount for the 2023 Poppy Appeal. The Royal British Legion was established to look after retired service men and women, but now their activities have a far wider reach. Should you, or you know of anyone, looking for help please do reach out to the RBL.

As we look to 2024, the Council has many projects underway. Cllr Shankland has worked with Gloucestershire Highways and other agencies to bring about the speed limit reduction consultation for Fairford. More details are inside the Newsletter. The Toddler Area in the park will be getting a much needed refurbishment, and we will be asking the Preschool & Flying Start Nursery to help choose the final design. Flying Start have also very kindly contributed towards the funding of this important project, and we thank them for their generosity. We are also seeking grants to help fund the refurbishment.

I must thank the USAF for sending a team of people to help us with the logistics for the Festive Market – they were magnificent. The Council is looking forward to continued engagement with both the USAF and the RAFCE as we grow the links between the Town and these important neighbours.

2024 sees the return of some wonderful events and the addition of The Town Crier competition, on 28th September. Dates for your diary can be found inside the Newsletter.

The Door, who are our partners in providing youth engagement in both Fairford & Lechlade, awarded Vanessa and Roz, our Clerks, the *Recognition of Significant Impact in your Community* award, in recognition of the work they did to secure the funding for this much valued provision for the next few years.

The biggest thanks again to all who helped to put up and take down all the fabulous trees and Christmas decorations.

As always, should you want to get involved or know anything, please do reach out to us.

Best wishes
Vicky



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FEBRUARY 2024



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WARM WELCOME ROOM

W4W Talking Cafe

Every Wednesday 1030am-12pm
Fairford Community Centre.
A warm and welcoming space
where you can enjoy good
company, conversation and
refreshments.



W4W Warm Welcome Room

Exciting News!

Introducing the Warm Welcome Room, open from January to March. Embrace the cozy atmosphere, partake in community lunches, quizzes, board games, read a book in a nice warm space or organise a meet up with friends. Connect with your community, meet the W4W team, and explore our services. Open Monday's, Tuesday's and Friday's 10am-1pm in the Heritage Room in Fairford Community Centre

Admission is FREE, donations welcome.

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Find us on Facebook - search for Fairford Town Council.

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clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Or visit our website:
fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

NEXT MEETINGS

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on Tuesday 13th February and Tuesday 12th March at 7.00pm in Fairford Community Centre.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

Fairford has loads going on this year. It really is a good place to be!

- ❖ 6th – 9th June: Fairford Festival
- ❖ 19th – 21st July: Royal International Air Tattoo
- ❖ 9th – 11th August: FairFest
- ❖ 17th – 18th August: Fairford Steam, Classic & Retro Show
- ❖ 28th September: Town Crier Competition
- ❖ 6th December: Festive Market



17th & 18th August

Fairford Steam, Classic & Retro Show

Lady Lamb Farm, Waiten Hill, Fairford, GL7 4BT

Steam Engines	Miniature Steam
Fairground Rides	Classic & Retro Vehicles
Traders & Auto Jumble	Static Displays
Craft Tent	Local Food & Drink
Local Charity Stalls	Beer Tent

Friday Night

STEAM IN THE SQUARE

Saturday Night

DJ & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



Early Bird Ticket Sales and Exhibitor Applications NOW OPEN!!

www.fairfordsteamshow.co.uk

Sponsorship offers and donations gratefully received

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FAIRFORD STEAM, CLASSIC & RETRO SHOW

Early Bird tickets are now available for the Fairford Steam Show taking place over the weekend of 17th and 18th August. The organisers are also taking applications from exhibitors. To book your tickets or to apply to be an exhibitor, please visit www.fairfordsteamshow.co.uk.

NEWS FROM ST MARYS FAIRFORD

We had a wonderful Christmas time at the church to finish off 2023. Thank you so much to everyone who helped out with our Carol Services, our Crib Services and all of our celebrations over the Christmas period. It was lovely to see so many people, and to feel some of that joy and peace that we all know the world needs at the moment.

If you and your children enjoyed attending our Christmas services, now is a good time to remind you of the things we are up to throughout the year that you might like to come and check out!

On the second Sunday of the month (February 11th, March 10th) at 4pm we have our Messy Church gathering, specifically for families. From 4-5pm we enjoy themed craft activities to help us learn about our theme for the month, followed by a time of celebration with songs and prayers. We finish our time together with a cooked tea at the Community Centre, all of which finishes at around 6pm.

On the last Sunday of the month we have our Family Service at 10am. A shorter (30 min) informal service with songs, teaching and prayers, specifically geared for all ages. Finally for older young people, and folk who like more relaxed worship, don't forget our Prayer & Praise service at 6pm on the first Sunday of the month.

We'd love to see you!

Vicar: Rev'd Caroline Symcox - 712467, carolinesymcox@googlemail.com

Associate priest: Rev'd Canon Denise Hyde - 713285

Parish Office: Heather Gorton - 712428, fairfordpcc@gmail.com

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

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We're seeking for volunteers to:



Help out at our Talking Cafe in Lechlade - Making tea/coffee, washing up, welcoming people and being a listening ear.



Provide Digital Support to people in our community - Supporting people to understand how to use Apps, send and receive emails, play music on their device and much more.



Become a Shopping Buddy - join a group from our community and our driver on a shopping trip, provide company and act as a time keeper to get everyone back on the bus.



PALMER HALL CINEMA

The Palmer Hall community film in February will be **The Great Escaper**:

In the summer of 2014, a World War II veteran sneaks out of his care home to attend the 70th anniversary commemoration of the D-Day landing in Normandy. Starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson in her last film role.

Wednesday 7th February. Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Admission £3.50 to include tea and biscuits. Glass of wine £3.00.

FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 15th February
2024 at 10.30am
(during half term)
at Fairford Community
Centre

Along the Road through
Fairford by Edwin Cuss

and

Thursday March 21st at
7.30pm
at Fairford Community
Centre

Hailes Abbey and the
Mystery of the Holy Blood
by David Aldred

Visitors are welcome to
attend meetings at £3 per
session.

For further information
contact Alison on

01285 711768

or email:

enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk

or visit

www.fairfordhistory.org.uk



THE ERNEST COOK TRUST'S WORK IN FAIRFORD

The Ernest Cook Trust is UK-wide educational charity which creates Outdoor Learning experiences.

At the heart of the Trust's Fairford Estate is an almost three-mile stretch of the River Coln, which stretches from Fairford to just north of Quenington.

As with most rivers, the Coln is not immune to the pressures placed upon the UK's water courses.

So, together with grant funding from the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, the Trust has made a significant investment to restore an ecologically healthy and diverse catchment.

Cllrs Vicky Lipscombe-Kettel and Marcus Stroud recently visited the Trust to look at some of the measures that have been put in place, such as riverbank repairs, habitat improvements, and renewing fencing.

Additional funding from the Thames Water Rivers and Wetlands Community Days project will be used to offer activities for the local community. The Trust is planning guided walks, to enable people to explore beyond the permissive footpath areas and learn more about the wonderful habitat. For information contact Communities Lead Karen Price, by emailing karen.price@ernestcooktrust.org.uk.

At the heart of the Trust, is its charitable work, funded by revenue from the careful management of its estates. This includes providing new homes. Locally, the Trust is involved in two housing developments being built on land it owns in Fairford.

Work is already underway on a small development of five traditionally built homes, at Waiten Hill.

A second development on Trust land allocated for housing within Fairford's Neighbourhood Plan, is on land west of Hatherop Road. Designed with nature in mind with 50% green space and achieving Building in Nature accreditation, permission has been received for 87 new homes, to include 40% affordable housing. This scheme will also secure significant funding from the developers, towards community and social infrastructure. There is more about the development here: <https://nefairford.co.uk/>.

Following their local engagement event in June 2023, Innova are now lodging an application with Cotswold District Council to seek full planning permission for the installation and operation of a solar PV farm and associated infrastructure on the Trust's land off Welsh Way, Fairford. Innova will continue to keep local residents, parish and town councils directly informed with updates on the project, with updates also available on their website:

www.innova.co.uk/projects/welsh-way-solar-farm-project/

For information about the work of The Ernest Cook Trust visit www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk.



FAIRFORD COMMUNITY VOICE

Water Crowfoot (*Ranunculus aquatilis*)

In 2017 a group of volunteers translocated water crowfoot from the River Coln near the Town Bridge and planted it in sections of the river downstream from the sewage treatment works as this area had been identified as having very little in-stream vegetation. The replanted areas have been successful, and alongside some natural recolonisation, the water crowfoot was abundant in this sector during this summer. As well as providing a beautiful display of floating white flows through early summer, water crowfoot is a keystone species, playing a vital role in creating healthy habitats. Food source - it supports a whole host in invertebrates that are a food source for fish. Water voles are also fond of tucking into the leaves and flowers.

Regulating water temperature - it provides shade, helping to keep the water cooler which is vital for trout and other aquatic creatures.

Maintaining river levels - in the low flows of summer, its presence helps keep water levels higher, creating channels of oxygenated water.

Flow diversity - the plants disrupt flows creating areas of slower and faster flow. This can help in cleaning the gravel of sediment, providing areas where trout can spawn.

Shelter - the dense vegetation provides somewhere for young fish to hide from predators, including larger fish.



As usual, if you would like to be more involved with any of our work or have any queries then please contact us – email info@fairfordcv.org.uk.

Our website is www.fairfordcv.org.uk for information about our activities.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF REDUCING SPEED LIMITS IN FAIRFORD.

As a part of our ongoing commitment to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents, Fairford Town Council has been working collaboratively with the local travel authorities on addressing concerns relating to speed limits in Fairford.

We are pleased to share the proposed scheme (Traffic Regulation Order) in Fairford and the public consultation process.

This is an important part of the process allowing the local community to express their opinions, concerns and suggestions regarding the changes.

Full details of the proposal can be found below or by going to <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/tros/>

The period of public consultation starts on the 11th of January 2024 and finishes on the 2nd of February 2024.

We encourage all community members to participate and provide their feedback by following <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/tros/>, emailing info@troltd.co.uk or writing to Traffic Regulation Orders Ltd, ADL House, Oaklands Business Park, Armstrong Way, Yate, BS37 5NA before the 2nd of February 2024. Please quote ref 5227-24.

Your input will play an important role in shaping the final proposal and overall success of the scheme.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. Further information including the maps of the proposed scheme can be found on the following pages.

24HR ACCESSIBLE DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS:

There are 7 publicly accessible defibrillators in Fairford. These are at the following locations:

- Fairford Fire Station, Hatherop Road.
- The Bull Hotel, Market Place.
- Fairford Youth Football Club, Horcott Road.
- The Old Phone Box, Milton Street.
- Bowls Club, East End.
- Queensfield Phone Box
- Keble Fields Estate

Other defibrillators are available during operating hours at:

- Fairford Community Centre;
- Hilary Cottage Surgery;
- Fairford Town Football Club &
- White Cottage Dental Practice.
- The Palmer Hall



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**PUBLIC NOTICE
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(20, 30 & 40 MPH SPEED LIMITS) (VARIOUS ROADS) (TOWN OF FAIRFORD)
(COTSWOLD DISTRICT) ORDER 2024**

Notice is hereby given that Gloucestershire County Council in exercise of its enabling powers under Sections 82 & 84 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 intends to make the above-named order the effect of which will be:

1) To prohibit the driving of any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 20mph on the following roads:

Road Name & Number	Description
Market Place (C157 and 47230)	For its entire length.
High Street (C157)	For its entire length.
Park Street (C157)	For its entire length.
Mill Lane (41002)	From its junction with High Street (C157) for a distance of 35 metres in a north-westerly direction.
Hatherop Road (C157)	From its junction with Park Street (C157) to its junction with The Croft (40966).
The Croft (40966)	From a point 66 metres north-west of its junction with Lower Croft (C157) to its junction with Croft Lane (40966) in a westerly direction and to its junction with Mount Pleasant (C157) in a northerly direction.
Croft Lane (40966)	For its entire length.
The Orchard (47371)	For its entire length.
Back Lane (47107)	For its entire length.
Gas Lane (41013, 73575)	For its entire length.
Bridge Street (A417)	From its junction with Market Place (C157) for a distance of 27 metres in a north-westerly direction.
London Street (A417)	From its junction with Market Place (C157) to a point 44 metres west of its junction with The Plies (47084).

2) To revoke the existing 40mph speed limits on London Road (A417) & Cirencester Road (A417) to enable these roads to become 30mph (either by virtue of street Lighting or by Traffic Order).

3) To prohibit the driving of any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30mph on the following roads to tie in with the 30mph speed limits on London Road (A417) by virtue of Street Lighting or by Traffic Order on Cirencester Road (A417):

Road Name & Number	Description
London Road (A417)	From a point 9 metres east of its junction with Morecombe Way (73581) for a distance of 140 metres in a south-easterly direction.
3/161 Southrop to Fairford (C161)	From its junction with London Road (A417) for a distance of 92 metres in a north-easterly direction.
Cirencester Road (A417)	From its junction with Horcott Road (C168) to a point 126 metres south-west of its junction with Scott Thomlinson Road (43405)

4) To prohibit the driving of any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40mph on the following roads:

Road Name & Number	Description
London Road (A417)	From a point 149 metres east of its junction with Morecombe Way (73581) for a distance of 337 metres in a south-easterly direction.
A417 Known in part as Cirencester Road and in part as Road from Meysey Hampton to Cirencester Road Fairford (A417)	From a point 126 metres south-west of its junction with Scott Thomlinson Road (43405) for a distance of 167 metres in a westerly direction.
3/173 Fairford Road to South Leaze Cottage Meysey Hampton (C173)	From its junction with Cirencester Road (A417) for a distance of 46 metres in a southerly direction.

The lengths of roads fall within the Town of Fairford within the Cotswold District in the County of Gloucestershire.

A copy of the draft Order together with the relevant plans and statement of reasons may viewed at The Map Room, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TG, Fairford Library, London Street, Fairford, GL7 4AQ or online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/tros and <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/parking-travel-and-visitors/parking-strategy-and-parking-orders/>

Any objections or representations to the proposal together with the grounds on which they are made must be sent in writing to Traffic Regulation Orders Ltd, ADL House, Oaklands Business Park, Armstrong Way, Yate, BS37 5NA or emailed to info@troltd.co.uk no later than the 2nd February 2024. (Please quote reference 5227-24). Representations of support will also be received during this period.

Any comments that you make concerning this proposal cannot be treated as confidential. For further details about how we deal with your comments and your personal details, please go to <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/tros>.

Dated 11th January 2024



for Assistant Director of Legal Services

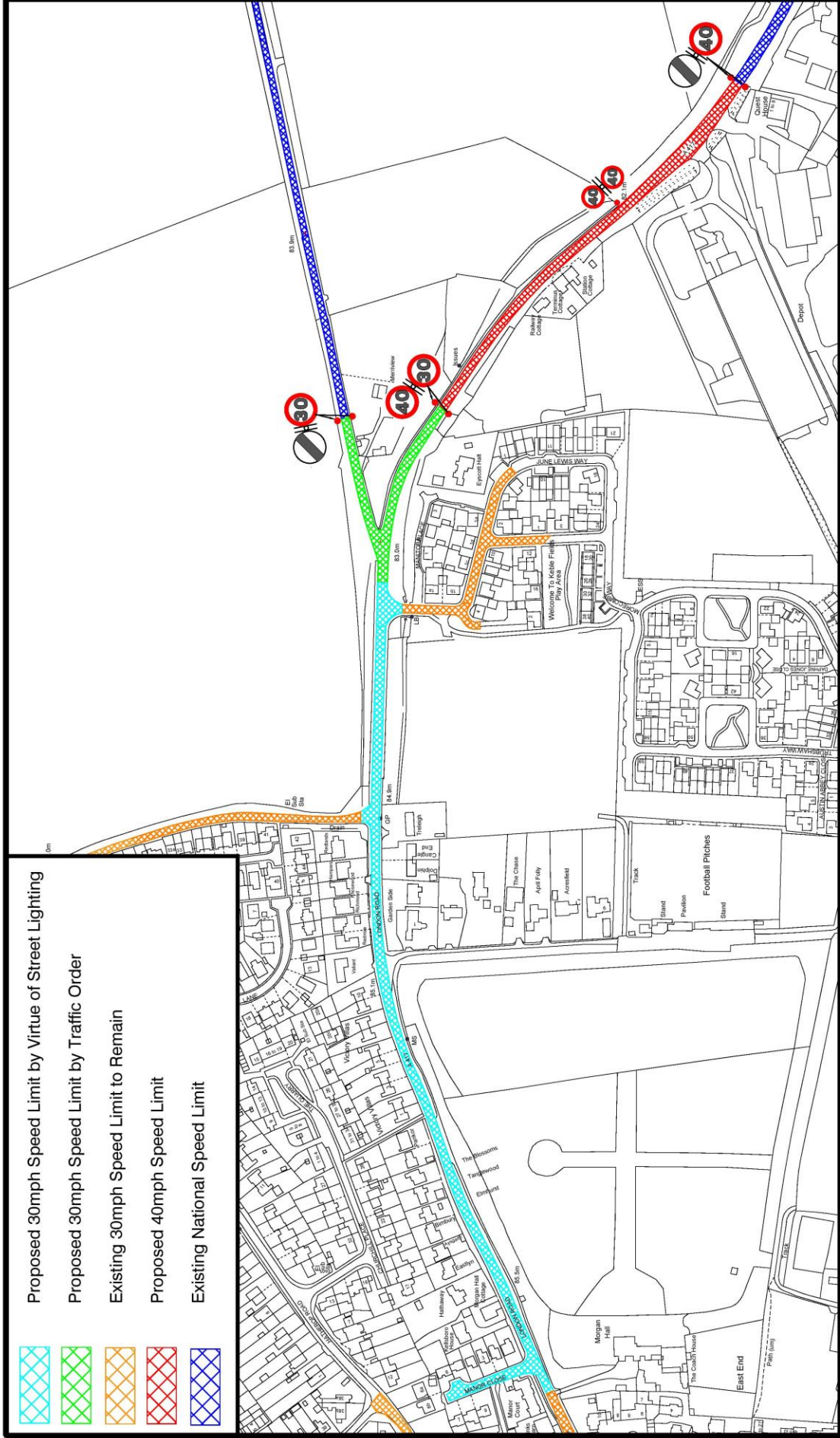
Proposed 30mph Speed Limit by Virtue of Street Lighting

Proposed 30mph Speed Limit by Traffic Order

Existing 30mph Speed Limit to Remain

Proposed 40mph Speed Limit

Existing National Speed Limit



Project: Fairfield Gloucestershire	
Title: Proposed 30mph Speed Limit (Eastern Extent)	Drawn: WC
Date: Nov 2023	Approved: Date
Checked: Date	Approved: Date
Scale: NTS/A3	Urg No: 5227-24-002
Rev: B	

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Proposed 30mph Speed Limit by Virtue of Street Lighting



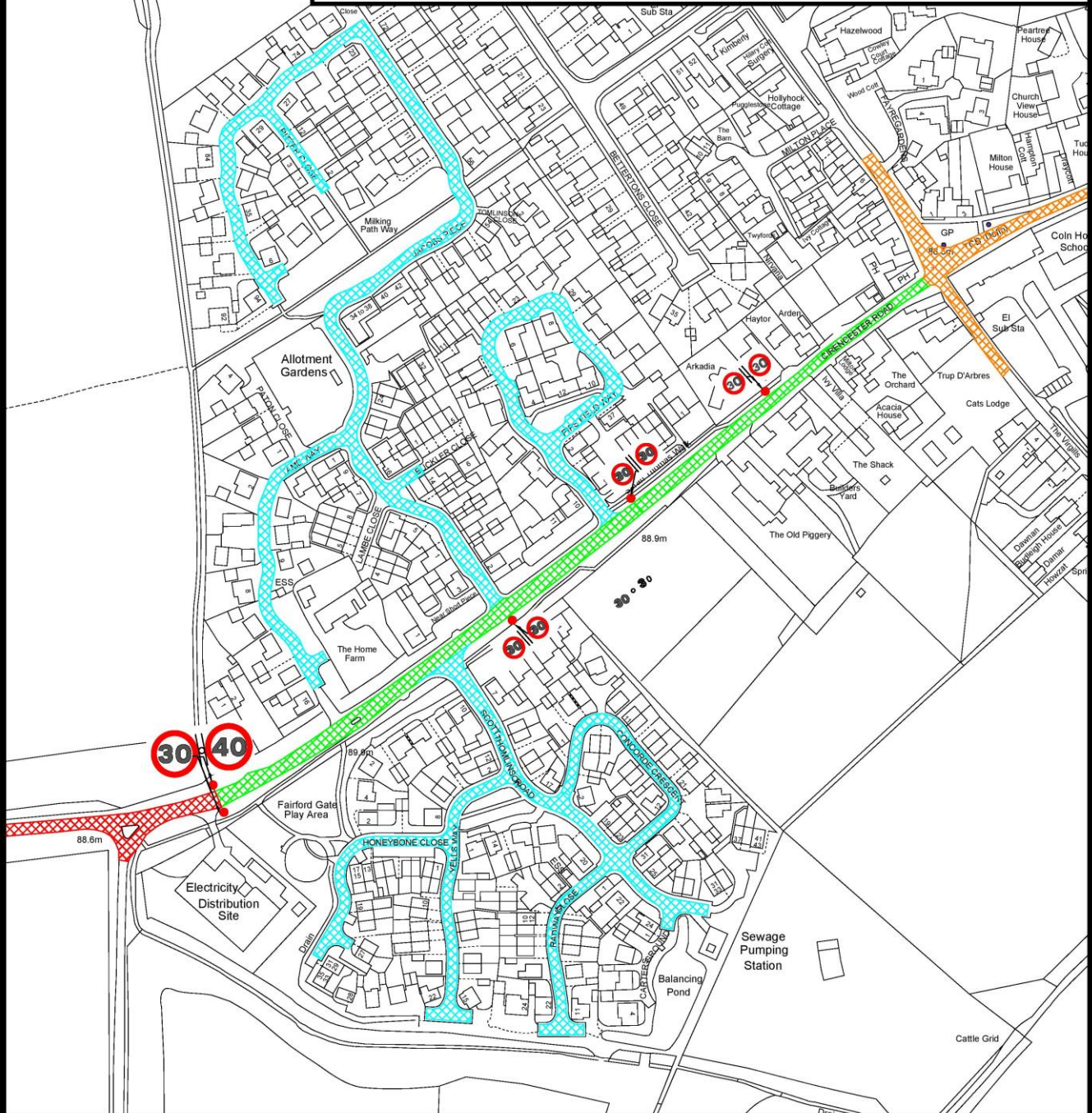
Proposed 30mph speed Limit by Traffic Order



Existing 30mph Speed Limit to remain



Existing 40mph Speed Limit to remain



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