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Sent: 17 November 2008 11:34

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: A30 London Road, 30mph and 40mph Speed Limits - Freedom of Information Request:  
Ref. FOI 085/08

Attachments: A30 40mph Speed Limit Order.jpg; Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (extract).jpg;  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 24 October to the Department for Transport. I have been asked to respond as the Highways Agency Route Performance Manager for the A30 in Staines. You requested information about the 30 mph speed limit along the A30 London Road Staines, from the Crooked Billet eastwards, and the 40 mph speed limit along the A30 London Road Staines, in the region of Ashford Hospital. As confirmed in [REDACTED] e-mail of 27 October, this information is being sent under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under current legislation, there is a national speed limit of 30 mph for all urban roads with street lighting (not more than 200 yards apart, or 185 metres in Scotland) unless the Highways Authority responsible has applied a different speed limit. The national speed limit for urban roads is also quoted in the Highway code in section 124. Please find attached the following documents:

1. A copy of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 (Chapter 27) part 6 speed limits, sections 81 and 82 is attached, which covers the 30 mph speed limit on the A30 London Road.
2. A copy of the Traffic Regulation Order for the 40 mph speed limit on the A30 in the region of Ashford hospital is also attached as requested.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. We will, therefore, be releasing to the public the information you requested, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context via our website: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/>

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Details of the internal review process are attached. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: *Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.*

If you have any queries about this e-mail, or require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number FOI 085/08 in any future communications.

Regards,

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1959 No. 228

LONDON TRAFFIC

REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

The London Traffic (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit) (No.1) Regulations, 1959

Made . . . . . 5th February, 1959  
Laid before Parliament 12th February, 1959  
Coming into Operation 14th February, 1959

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, after receiving advice and a report from the London and Home Counties Traffic Advisory Committee and after consulting the Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under section 10 of the London Traffic Act, 1924(a), as amended by section 63 of the London Passenger Transport Act, 1933(b), and by section 51 of and paragraph 4 of the Eighth Schedule to the Road Traffic Act, 1956(c), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. (1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the fourteenth day of February, 1959, and may be cited as "The London Traffic (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit) (No. 1) Regulations, 1959".

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(d), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2.—(1) The London Traffic (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit) (No. 1) Regulations, 1957(e), are hereby revoked.

(2) The London Traffic (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit) (No. 1) Regulations, 1958(f), in so far as they relate to the item numbered 3 (ii) in the Schedule thereto are hereby revoked.

3. No person shall drive or cause to be driven any mechanically propelled vehicle at a speed exceeding forty miles per hour on any of the lengths of road specified in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this fifth day of February, 1959.

(L.S.)

Harold Watkinson,  
The Minister of Transport and  
Civil Aviation.

SCHEDULE

1. THE LONDON NORTH CIRCULAR TRUNK ROAD (ROUTE A.406)

In the Borough of Walthamstow

From its junction with Peel Road to the junction of North Circular Road and Forest Road.

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 5. c. 34.

(b) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 14.

(c) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 67.

(d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(e) S.I. 1957/1232.

(f) S.I. 1958/301.

2. THE LONDON—HOLYHEAD TRUNK ROAD (ROUTE A.5)  
*In the Boroughs of Hendon and Harrow*  
From a point 130 yards north of its junction with Mill Ridge to a point 100 yards north of its junction with Piper's Green Lane.
3. THE LONDON—CAMBRIDGE TRUNK ROAD (ROUTE A.10)  
*In the Urban District of Hoddesdon*  
From a point 104 yards north of its junction with The Drive to a point 100 yards north of its junction with St. Margaret's Road.
4. THE LONDON—TILBURY TRUNK ROAD (ROUTES A.13 AND A.1089)  
*In the Urban District of Thurrock*  
(i) From a point 22 yards west of its junction with Hogg Lane to a point 225 yards west of its junction with Southend Road (Route A.1013), Grays; and  
(ii) From its junction with Southend Road (Route A.13) to a point 10 yards south of the main entrance to Grays Technical College.
5. THE LONDON—FOLKESTONE—DOVER TRUNK ROAD (ROUTE A.20)  
*In the Rural District of Dartford*  
From a point 215 yards north-west of its junction with Millfield Road, West Kingsdown, to a point 185 yards south-east of its junction with School Lane.
6. THE LONDON—PORTSMOUTH TRUNK ROAD (ROUTE A.3)  
*In the Urban District of Esher*  
From the north side of its junction with the northern arm of Hillbrow Road to its junction with Portsmouth Road (Route A.307).
7. THE LONDON—PENZANCE TRUNK ROAD (ROUTE A.30)  
(i) *In the Urban Districts of Feltham and Staines*  
From its junction with Staines Road (Route A.315) to a point 600 yards east of its junction with Stanwell New Road (Route B.379); and  
(ii) *In the Urban District of Egham*  
From a point 150 yards north-east of its junction with Christchurch Road (Route B.389) to a point 135 yards south-west of its junction with Blacknest Road (Route A.329).
8. THE LONDON—AYLESBURY—WARWICK—BIRMINGHAM TRUNK ROAD (ROUTE A.41)  
*In the Borough of Hendon*  
From its junction with Barnet Way (Route A.1) at Apex Corner to a point 150 yards north-west of its junction with Spur Road (Route A.410).
9. KINGSTON VALE AND KINGSTON HILL (ROUTE A.308)  
*In the Borough of Malden and Coombe*  
From a point 290 yards south-west of its junction with the London—Portsmouth Trunk Road (Route A.3) to a point 100 yards north of its junction with George Road.
10. PORTSMOUTH ROAD (ROUTE A.307)  
*In the Urban District of Esher*  
From a point 85 yards south-west of its junction with Brooklands Road to its junction with the London—Portsmouth Trunk Road (Route A.3).
11. BLACKNEST ROAD (ROUTE A.329)  
*In the Urban District of Egham*  
From its junction with the London—Penzance Trunk Road (Route A.30) for a distance of 175 yards in a westerly direction.

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### PART VI SPEED LIMITS

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General  
speed limit  
for restricted  
roads.

81. — (1) It shall not be lawful for a person to drive a motor vehicle on a restricted road at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour.

(2) The Ministers acting jointly may by order made by statutory instrument and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament increase or reduce the rate of speed fixed by subsection (1) above, either as originally enacted or as varied under this subsection.

#### Annotations:

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 81 modified (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/672, art. 5, Sch. 2

C2 S. 81(2) amended (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, art. 4, Sch. 3; S.I. 1998/3178, art. 3  
S. 81(2); transfer of functions (27.12.1999) by S.I. 1999/3143, art. 2(1)

Attributes of: 81. General speed limit for restricted roads.					
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What roads  
are restricted  
roads.

82. — (1) Subject to the provisions of this section and of section 84(3) of this Act, a road is a restricted road for the purposes of section 81 of this Act [<sup>F1</sup>if—

- (a) in England and Wales, there is provided on it a system of street lighting furnished by means of lamps placed not more than 200 yards apart;
- (b) in Scotland, there is provided on it a system of carriageway lighting furnished by means of lamps placed not more than 185 metres apart and the road is of a classification or type specified for the purposes of this subsection in regulations made by the Secretary of State.]

(2) [<sup>F2</sup>The traffic authority for a road may direct]

- (a) that [<sup>F2</sup>the road] which is a restricted road for the purposes of section 81 of this Act shall cease to be a restricted road for those purposes, or
- (b) that [<sup>F2</sup>the road] which is not a restricted road for those purposes shall become a restricted road for those purposes.

[<sup>F3</sup>(3) A special road is not a restricted road for the purposes of section 81 on or after the date declared by the traffic authority, by notice published in the prescribed manner, to be the date on which the special road, or the relevant part of the special road, is open for use as a special road.]

#### Annotations:

##### Amendments (Textual)

- F1 Words in s. 82(1) substituted (1.11.1991) by New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22, SIF 59, 108), s. 168(1), Sch. 8 para. 59(2); which substitution is in force for Scotland only by S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2(2), Sch.2 and for England and Wales only by S.I. 1991/2288, art. 3, Sch.
- F2 Words in s. 82(2) substituted (1.11.1991) by New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22, SIF 59, 108), s. 168(1), Sch. 8 para. 59(3); which substitution is in force for Scotland only by S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2(2), Sch. 2 and for England and Wales only by S.I. 1991/2288, art. 3, Sch.
- F3 S. 82(3) substituted (1.11.1991) by New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22, SIF 59, 108), ss. 168(1), Sch. 8 para. 59(4); which substitution is in force for Scotland only by S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2(2), Sch.2 and for England and Wales only by S.I. 1991/2288, art. 3, Sch.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C1 S. 82(1)(b)(2)(3): transfer of functions (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, art. 2, Sch. 1

C2 S. 82(2): power to make orders extended (S.) (1.4.2002) by The Forth Estuary Transport Authority Order 2002 (S.S.I. 2002/178), art. 9

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