

Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford Parish Council

Briefing Document: Impact of Leicestershire County Council Speed Limit Order 2026

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Subject: Review of *The Leicestershire County Council (Various Roads, Various Parishes, District of North West Leicestershire) (Revocation and Imposition of 30 MPH and 40 MPH Speed Limits and Imposition of De-Restriction to National Speed Limit) Order 2026*

Purpose

To inform councillors of the implications of the County Council's 2026 Speed Limit Order for Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford (ODA) Parish and to recommend any necessary actions or monitoring.

Scope of the Order

The order, effective **28 August 2026**, revokes and replaces existing speed limit regulations across several parishes in North West Leicestershire. It introduces new **30 MPH and 40 MPH zones** and **de-restricted sections** (national speed limit) to improve consistency and safety.

Affected parishes include:

- Ashby-de-la-Zouch
- Measham
- Ibstock
- Whitwick
- Coalville
- Castle Donington

ODA Parish is not listed among the areas subject to direct changes.

Direct Impact on ODA Parish

- No roads within Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe, or Acresford are included in the schedules or maps attached to the order.
- Existing local speed limits remain unchanged.
- No revocations or new impositions apply within the parish boundary.

Indirect and Peripheral Considerations

Although ODA is not directly affected, councillors should note:

- **Neighbouring routes**, such as **Measham Road** and **Atherstone Road**, are covered by the order. These roads connect ODA to Measham and Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
- Changes on these routes may slightly alter **traffic flow and vehicle speeds** entering or leaving the parish.
- Updated **signage and enforcement boundaries** near parish edges may require coordination with County Highways to ensure clarity for motorists.

Recommendations

1. **Monitor** traffic patterns from September 2026 onward to identify any secondary effects on ODA roads.
2. **Engage** with Leicestershire County Council Highways to confirm boundary signage and enforcement zones.
3. **Communicate** with residents to clarify that ODA's internal roads remain unaffected but nearby routes may experience minor changes.
4. **Review** parish transport and safety plans in early 2027 to ensure continued alignment with district-wide speed management policies.

Conclusion

The 2026 Speed Limit Order represents a district-wide rationalisation of speed limits but **does not directly impact Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford Parish**. Continued monitoring and liaison with County Highways will ensure local safety and compliance remain robust.