

Westmorland and Furness Council (Various Towns and Villages in the Eden Locality Area) (Consolidation and Provision of Speed Limits) Order 2025 No. 2

Statement of Reasons

Westmorland and Furness Council has made the above order for the following reasons specified in Section 1(1) Road Traffic Regulation Act, namely:

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

Westmorland and Furness Council wants to make our built environments safer and more attractive places to walk and cycle. To enable this, 20mph speed restrictions are being used to help promote alternative modes of transport for local travel. Improving streets to encourage active travel will help to deliver public health benefits, reduce road noise, improve air quality and make local areas more relaxing. Furthermore, 20mph speed limits will help to reduce casualty rates and improve road safety.

In September 2023, Westmorland and Furness Councils' Cabinet approved the strategy for how 20mph speed limits should be considered and introduced. Whilst the Council is not introducing 'blanket' 20mph areas throughout Westmorland and Furness, the belief is that the greater level of coverage will help with a greater level of compliance.

Following concerns raised by Parish Councils regarding road safety, Westmorland and Furness Council is proposing to introduce speed limit changes at 11 locations, as follows: -

- i. Askham
- ii. Crosby Ravensworth
- iii. Dufton
- iv. Glenridding
- v. King's Meaburn
- vi. Nenthead
- vii. Orton
- viii. Ousby
- ix. Patterdale
- x. Ravenstonedale
- xi. Temple Sowerby