Proposal from Dorney Parish Council to Buckinghamshire Council to change the Speed Limit on unfenced roads crossing Dorney Common, given the special nature of these roads and national precedents.

Proposal from Dorney Parish Council: Based on the carefully considered precedents throughout the country, which appear to have assisted in reducing animal related deaths on unfenced roads, see below, we propose that Buckinghamshire Council take the necessary special legislative actions in order to change the speed limit on roads crossing Dorney Common (Common Road – B3026, Boveney Road and Lock Path) from 60mph to 40mph, as was done by Hampshire Council in 1990, Devon County Council and in 2015 by the London Borough of Richmond. This to be done at no cost to Dorney Parish Council.

In addition, as was confirmed by the Department for Transport on 24 November 2015 (see Appendix A) for the New Forest, to request the Department of Transport to approve the necessary "Dorney Common 40mph" signs and yellow or white 40mph roundels for the roads. These to be installed at a shared cost with Dorney Parish Council.

## **Background:**

**Dorney Common:** Dorney Common is common land and is crossed by the B3026 (Common Road, Boveney Road and Lock Path). Commonable cattle are permitted to graze on this land since 1637, possibly earlier. These commonable cattle have right of way on the roads crossing Dorney Common. There exist around 200 possible cattle grazing rights for the Common. There also exist horses and sheep rights but, currently, they are not used.

Common Land now accounts for 3% of England, but this includes large tracts of the country's most well-loved and ecologically rich landscapes including Dartmoor, the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales, the New Forest, the Shropshire Hills and Dorney Common.

Regrettably, cattle have been killed and injured on Dorney Common since the motor car arrived in the early 1900s. Many suggestions on how this might be avoided have been examined and rejected over the years by Buckinghamshire Council, Thames Valley Police, Dorney Parish Council and the Dorney Commoners Management Committee. Fencing the Common, deep ditches alongside the roads, reflective head collars and corralling the cattle every night have all been examined and rejected.

The records show that XX cattle have been killed or seriously injured by vehicles on Dorney Common roads over the past YY years. These collisions often also cause injury to drivers and passengers, as well as severely damaging the vehicles. They usually occur at night. The sight of a seriously injured calf is extremely harrowing.

The speed limit across Dorney Common is, currently, the national speed limit for this type of road – 60mph. In a recent parish survey 78% of residents confirmed that they would like the speed limit over Dorney Common be reduced.

As can be seen below, in other similar situations where animals roam across unfenced roads (Dartmoor, the New Forest and Richmond Park), the authorities have recognised that these areas require special laws to protect people and animals. In all cases they have determined that a speed limit between 20mph and 40mph would be sensible. It is reported that the implementation of a 40mph limit, with suitable additional signage, in the New Forest reduced animal related accidents.

## **National Precedents**

**Dartmoor National Park:** Dartmoor National Park has a combination of national speed limits and local regulations. The majority of roads within Dartmoor are subject to the national speed limits for the type of road (e.g., 30 mph in built-up areas, 60 mph on single carriageways, and 70 mph on dual carriageways and motorways). However, certain unfenced roads and areas within Dartmoor have lower speed limits (30mph and 40mph) due to safety concerns related to animal deaths.

**New Forest:** In the New Forest during the 1990s, there were introduced specific speed limits in place to protect the free-roaming animals and promote road safety. The New Forest has a unique status in terms of road regulations due to its common land and the presence of animals like ponies, cattle, and deer. Speed limits were typically reduced on many roads within the New Forest to prevent accidents involving animals and to ensure the safety of both drivers and the animals. These are 40 mph (or lower) speed limits on various unfenced roads within the New Forest. This has had the most significant effect on reducing animal deaths, with annual accident statistics being slashed compared to pre-40 mph limit years. This has been assisted with yellow 40mph roundels on the roads and larger signage at the entry points.

**Richmond Park:** Richmond Park, in London, has strict speed limits to ensure the safety of the park's wildlife. In 2015, the speed limit was reduced to 20 mph on all roads within the park to protect the deer population and enhance safety for park visitors.



## ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTIONS 64 AND 65 AUTHORISATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SPECIAL DIRECTIONS

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of his powers under Sections 64 and 65 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, for the purpose of informing drivers of the speed limit on roads in the New Forest in Hampshire, hereby:-

- authorises the erection at appropriate sites on roads within the area shaded within the red dotted boundary line on the attached plan numbered GT50/050/0027-1 of a traffic sign (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised sign A") conforming as to size, colour and character with the sign referenced "Type A" shown in the attached set of drawings numbered GT50/050/0027-2; and
- authorises the erection at the said sites of a traffic sign (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised sign B") conforming as to size, colour and character with the sign referenced "Type B" shown in the said set of drawings; and
- authorises the erection at the said sites of a traffic sign (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised sign C") conforming as to size, colour and character with the sign referenced "Type C" shown in the said set of drawings; and
- 4. authorises the erection at the said sites of a traffic sign (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised sign D") conforming as to size, colour and character with the sign referenced "Type D" shown in the said set of drawings, save that in the bottom panel the name of a village may be varied; and
- authorises the erection of a traffic sign (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised sign F") conforming as to size, colour and character with the sign referenced "Type F" shown in the said set of drawings; and



- authorises the placing of a traffic sign consisting of a road marking (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised road marking G") conforming as to size, colour and character with that referenced "RM1" in the said set of drawings; and
- authorises the placing of a traffic sign consisting of a road marking (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised road marking H") conforming as to size, colour and character with that referenced "RM2" in the said set of drawings; and
- directs that it is a condition of this authorisation that the authorised signs A to D
  and F and the authorised road markings G and H may be placed only to indicate
  the effect of a corresponding Traffic Regulation Order; and
- 9. directs, without prejudice to any statutory provisions to the like effect, that it is a condition of this authorisation that the placing of the authorised signs A to D and F and the authorised road markings G and H at or near the said site shall continue to have effect only until such day as may be appointed by one month's notice given by the Secretary of State in writing to the traffic authority for the removal or alteration of the authorised signs A to D and F and the authorised road markings G and H and on that day the said authorisation shall, without prejudice to the giving of any further authorisation or direction, cease to have effect.

The provisions of Regulations 12, 18 and 19 of the Traffic Signs Regulations 2002 (Part I of SI 2002/3113, "the 2002 Regulations") shall apply to the authorised signs A to D and F in the same manner as they apply to the sign to diagram 670 in Schedule 2 to those Regulations.

The provisions of Regulations 12 and 31 of the 2002 Regulations shall apply to the authorised markings G and H in the same manner as they apply to the road marking to diagram 1065 in Schedule 6 to those Regulations.



This authorisation replaces those listed in the attached Schedule numbered GT50/050/0027-3 which are hereby revoked.

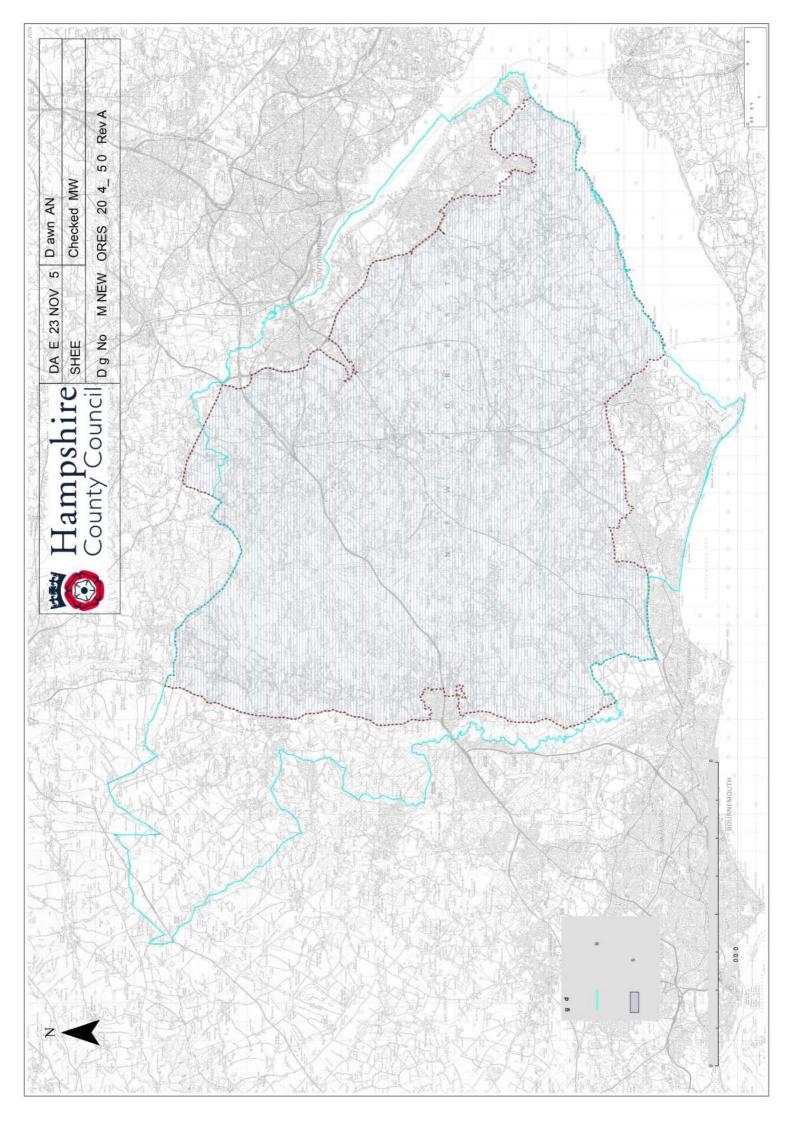
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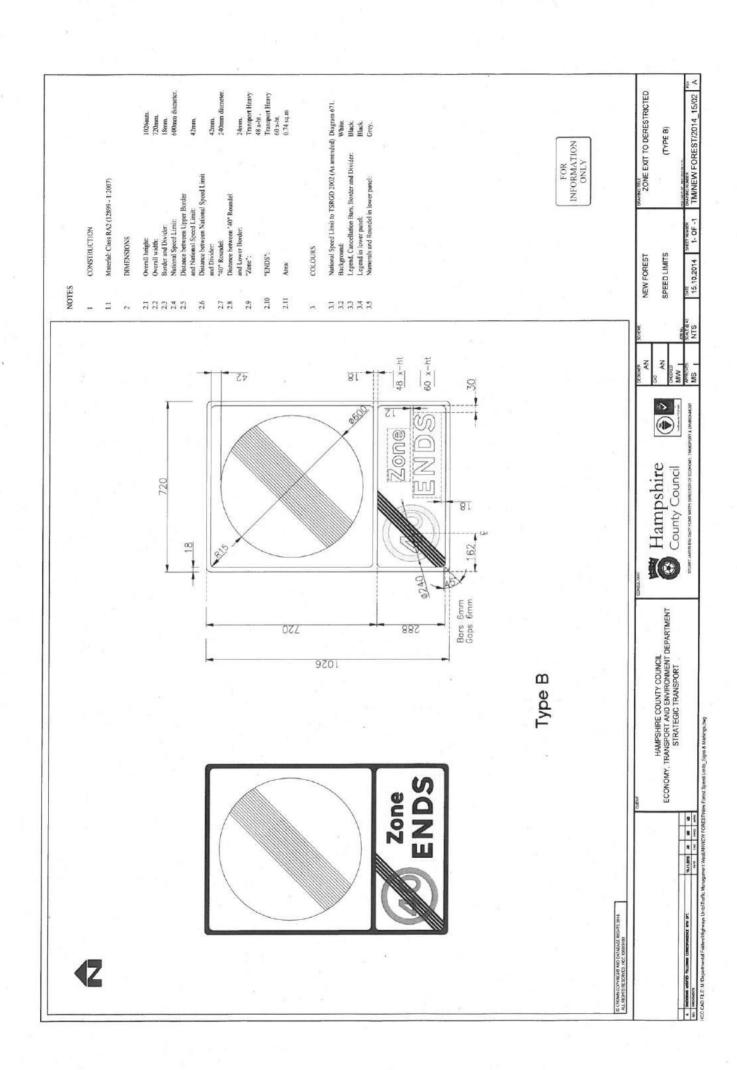
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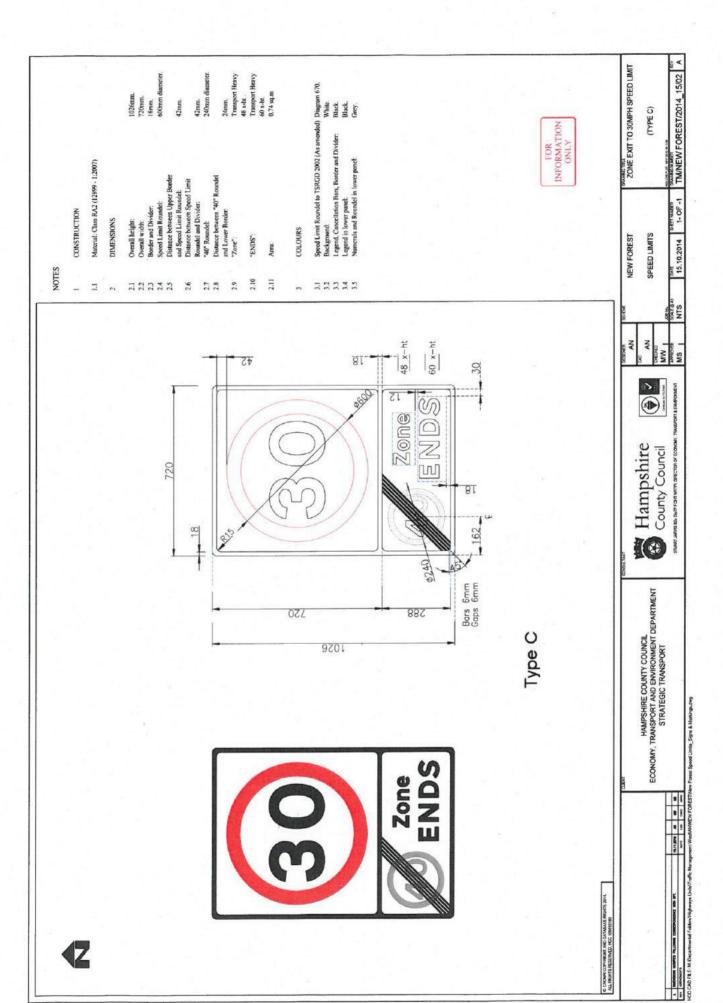
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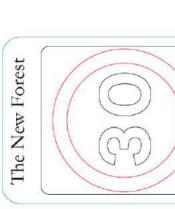
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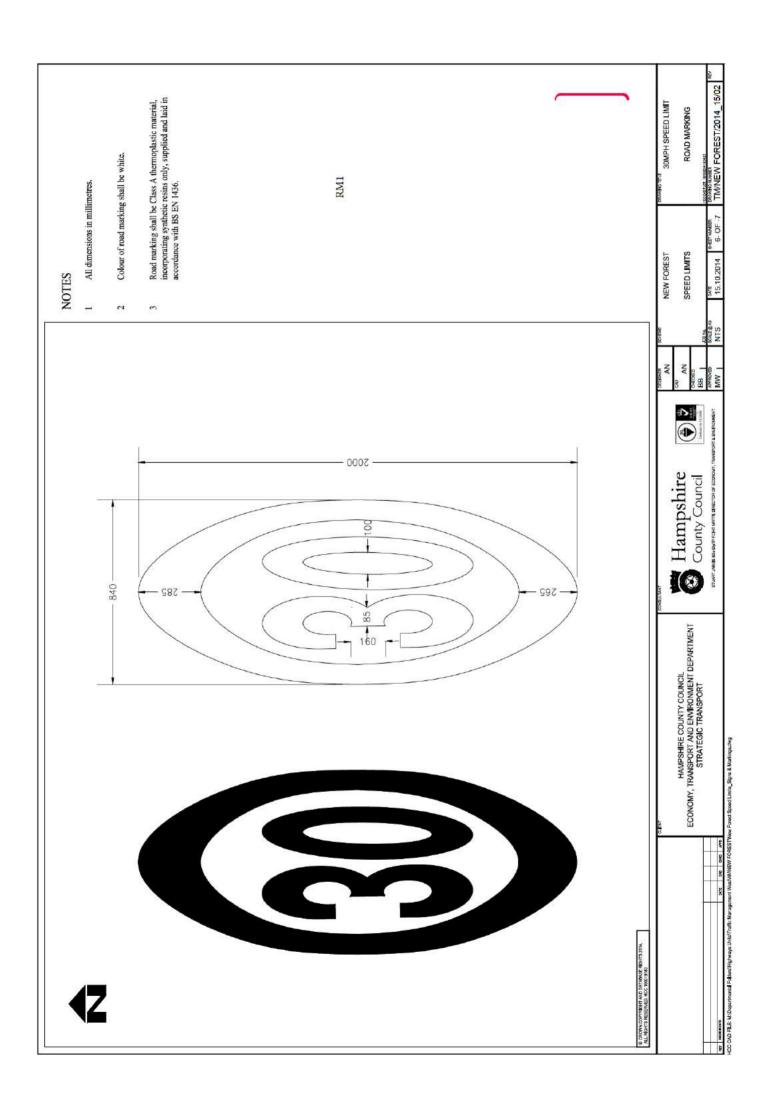
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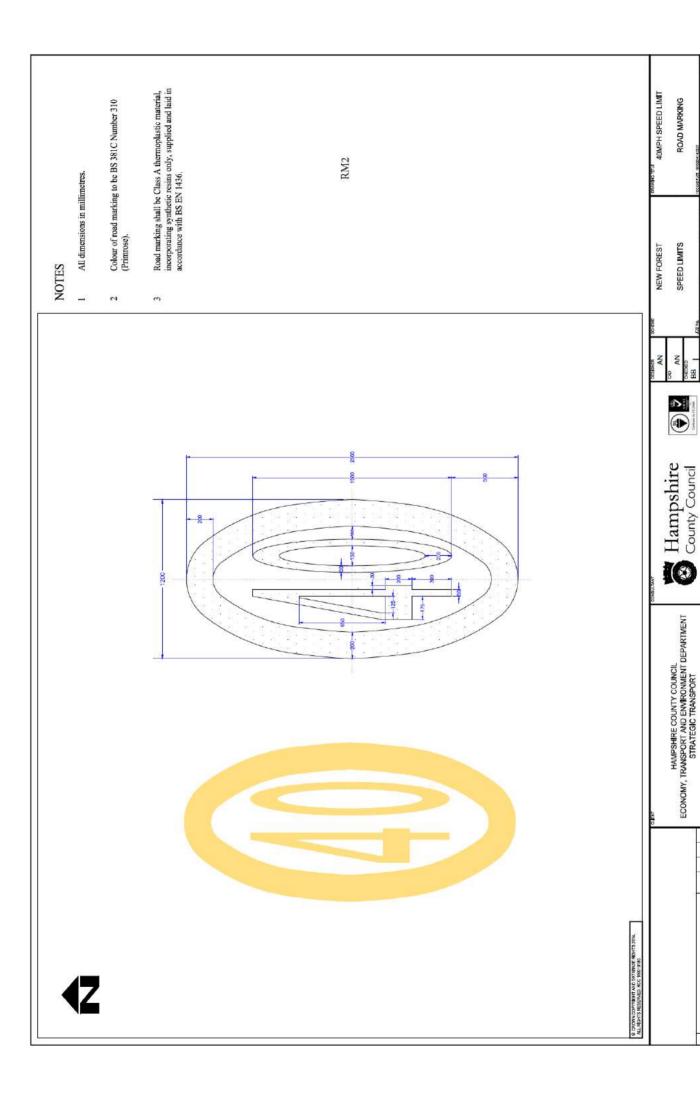
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2.	The New Forest, Hampshire – B3078 40mph Zone - Amendment	- Authorisation of Traffic Signs Road marking	GT 46/51/05-3	Roger	09-Nov-1990
r.	The New Forest - various locations 40mph Zone	- Special Directions for the placing of Authorised Traffic Signs 1992 - Erection of Traffic Signs Authorisation 1992  Traffic Sign (40 Zone Terminal Sign)  Traffic Sign (30/40 Zone Ends Terminal)  Traffic Sign (10/140 Zone Ends Terminal)  Traffic Sign (10/140 Zone Ends Terminal)  Traffic Sign (40 repeater -300mm diameter)  Traffic Sign (40 repeater -450mm diameter)  Traffic Sign (40 repeater -450mm diameter)  Road marking (*40' Roundel)	N/a Sign Ref A (Schedule 2) Sign Ref B (Schedule 2) Sign Ref C (Schedule 2) Sign Ref D (Schedule 2) Sign Ref E (Schedule 2) Sign Ref E (Schedule 2) Sign Ref F (Schedule 2) Sign Ref G (Schedule 2)	P Martin P Martin	05-Jun-1992 05-Jun-1992
4	The New Forest 40mph Zone (North) – Amendment	- Special Directions for the placing of Authorised Traffic Signs 1994		P H Martin	23-Jun-1994
5.	The New Forest – various locations 40mph Zone	- Special Directions for the placing of Authorised Traffic (Repeater) Signs 1996 - Road Marking '40 Roundel' (Yellow)	N/a TS1834	R M Kimber R M Kimber	06-Sep-1996 06-Sep-1996
9	Extension to the New Forest 40mph Zone, 1997	- Road Markings ('40' Roundel)	TS1834	A Waddams	09-May-1997
7.	Beaulieu, New Forest, Hampshire	- Traffic Signs and Special Direction (30mph Zone sign & 30 Roundel)	TS2295 TS315	A Waddams	06-May-1998
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10.	Tiptoe, Hampshire	-Speed Limit Signs (30mph Zone) -Speed Limit Signs (40mph Zone) - Road Markings (30 Roundel)	Drawing No.1 TS1834 TS2315/A	A E Waddams A E Waddams A E Waddams	15-Mar-2002 18-Mar-2002 15-Mar-2002
i:	Mead End, Hampshire	-Road Markings (30 Roundel) -Speed Limit Signs (30mph Zone)	TS2315/A Drawing No.1	A Waddams A E Waddams	18-Mar-2002 18-Mar-2002
12.	Boldre & Pilley, Hampshire	-Speed Limit Signs (30mph Zone) -Speed Limit Signs (40mph Zone) - Road Markings (30 Roundel)	TS 3217 TS 3217 TS 2315/A	A Waddams A Waddams A Waddams	18-Mar-2002 18-Mar-2002 18-Mar-2002
13.	Minstead, Hampshire	-Speed Limit Signs (30mph Zone) - Road Markings (40 Roundel) - Road Markings (30 Roundel)	Drawing No.1 TS1834 TS2315/A	A E Waddams A E Waddams A E Waddams	18-Mar-2002 18-Mar-2002 18-Mar-2002
14.	Brockenhurst, Hampshire	-Speed Limit Signs (30mph Zone) -Speed Limit Signs (30mph Zone Ends) - Road Markings (30 Roundel)	TS2544 TS1976 TS2315/A	Joshua Fox Joshua Fox Joshua Fox	07-Aug-2008 07-Aug-2008 07-Aug-2008
15.	New Forest - Bramshaw, Hampshire	-Speed limit signs (40mph zone terminal) -Speed limit signs (30mph zone terminal) -Road markings (30 Roundel)	TS1774 227552/EQ/13/40/A TS2315/A	Joshua Fox Joshua Fox Joshua Fox	17-Sep-2008 17-Sep-2008 17-Sep-2008
16.	New Forest – Woodgreen, Hampshire	-Speed limit signs (30mph Terminal) -Speed limit signs (40mph Terminal) -Speed limit signs (*30' roundel)	227552/EQ/17/40B TS1774 TS2315/A	Joshua Fox Joshua Fox Joshua Fox	17-Sep-2008 17-Sep-2008 17-Sep-2008
17.	New Forest – Godshill, Hampshire	-Speed limit Signs (40mph Terminal) -Speed limit Signs(30mph Terminal) -Road Markings (*30' roundel)	TS1774 227552/EQ/16/41 TS2315/A	Joshua Fox Joshua Fox Joshua Fox	17-Sep-2008 17-Sep-2008 17-Sep-2008
18.	New Forest – Breamore, Hampshire	-Speed limit Signs (40 Zone Terminal) -Speed limit Signs(30mph Terminal) -Road Markings ('30' roundel)	TS1774 227552/EQ/14/41 TS2315/A	Joshua Fox Joshua Fox Joshua Fox	17-Sep-2008 17-Sep-2008 17-Sep-2008
19.	New Forest – Brook, Hampshire	-Speed limit Signs (40 Zone Terminal) -Speed limit Signs(30mph Terminal) -Road Markings (*30' roundel)	TS1774 227552/EQ/13/40C TS2315/A	Joshua Fox Joshua Fox Joshua Fox	17-Sep-2008 17-Sep-2008 17-Sep-2008
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21.	New Forest – Ripley, Hampshire	-Speed limit Signs(30mph Terminal)	227552/EQ/219	Joshua Fox	17-Sep-2008
22.	New Forest - Avon, Hampshire	-Speed limit Signs(40/ 40 zone ends Terminal)	227552/EQ/219	Joshua Fox	17-Sep-2008
23.	New Forest - Fritham, Hampshire	-Speed limit Signs (40 Zone Terminal)	TS1774	Joshua Fox	17-Sep-2008
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24.	New Forest – Hale, Hampshire	-Speed limit Signs (NSL/ Zone Ends)	227552/EQ/221	Joshua Fox	17-Sep-2008
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		-Road Markings (30 roundel)	TS2315/A	Joshua Fox	17-Sep-2008
25.	Marchwood, New Forest	- Speed Limit Signs- 30mph zone terminal	227552/IG92/601	Kristine Kleidt-Gorton	09-Nov-2009
26.	East Boldre, New Forest	- Speed Limit Signs- 30mph zone terminal	227552/IG99/601	Kristine Kleidt0Gorton	09-Nov-2009
27.	Hyde, New Forest	- Speed Limit Signs- 30mph zone terminal	227552/IG96/601	Kristine Kleidt0Gorton	09-Nov-2009
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29.	Various Locations, New Forest	- Speed Limit Signs- 40mph zone terminal - Speed Limit Signs- 30mph zone terminal - Speed Limit Signs- 30 roundel	227552/IG99/602 227552/IG/316 Dia 1065	Kristine Kleidt0Gorton Kristine Kleidt0Gorton Kristine Kleidt0Gorton	09-Nov-2009 09-Nov-2009 09-Nov-2009
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