

Devon County Council (A396, Stoke Canon) (40mph Speed Limit) Order

Devon County Council propose to make this under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce in Exeter and Stoke Canon

40mph speed limit on a specified length of the A396

The draft order, plan and statement of reasons may be seen at <https://devon.cc/tro> from 9th April. Free bookable computer use is available during the opening hours of Devon Libraries. Documents are also available to view during normal office hours at the address below.

Objections and other comments specifying the proposal and the grounds on which they are made must be in writing to the address below or via <https://devon.cc/tro> to arrive by **30th April 2026**. Receipt of submissions may not be acknowledged but those received will be considered. If you make a submission, be aware that comments will be anonymised prior to being sent to Highways & Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC) members for consideration or being published on our website. Your data may be shared within the Council and with our partner agencies. Personal details will be kept confidential in line with the Privacy Notice at <https://devon.cc/troprivacy> and will only be shared in accordance with the terms of that Notice or to comply with our legal obligations.

9th April 2026

reference imr/DEV001/1587 | website reference 6290

Director of Legal & Democratic Services, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QD

Statement of Reasons

It is proposed to introduce a section of 40mph speed limit along A396, Stoke Canon to manage traffic speeds on completion of planned engineering works to stabilise the edge of the carriageway. A temporary 30mph speed limit is currently in place before the works can be arranged, but a reduction in the permanent (national) speed limit is considered necessary to resolve safety concerns following the highway works.

Specifically, the restrictions are proposed to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, will facilitate the passage on the road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) and will preserve or improve the amenities of the area which the road runs through