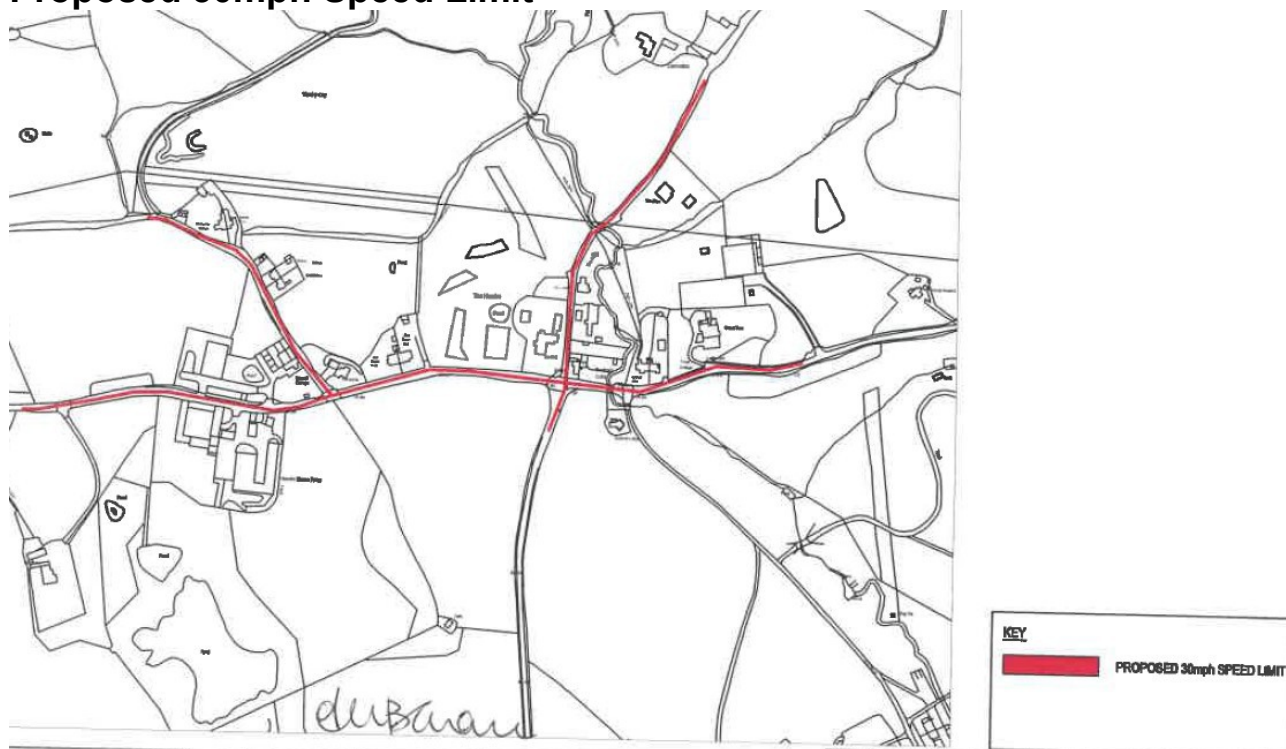


Speed Limits Changes in Rockfield and St Maughans September 2024

The county council has approved speed limits changes in Rockfield and St Maughans which will take effect in the coming weeks. These are the changes:

B4233, The Hendre to come into effect on 21 September Proposed 30mph Speed Limit



Concerns have been identified regarding the appropriateness of the current 40mph speed limit through The Hendre, particularly in light of recent changes to national speed limit policy. The issue is that this route was designated 40mph when the national default for built-up areas was 30mph; following the implementation of 20mph as the default for restricted roads in Wales, the speed differential between this route and surrounding residential roads has become inappropriate. The area exhibits a distinct residential character with associated pedestrian activity. In order to address this and improve safety, the authority proposes a reduction to a 30mph speed limit. This measure aims to align the speed limit with the road's character and current national policy, enhancing safety while maintaining reasonable traffic flow.

B4233/B4347 Junction, Rockfield to come into effect on 21 November

Proposed 20mph Speed Limit



An engineering review has determined that the residential area surrounding the B4233/B4347 junction in Rockfield meets the criteria for a 20mph speed limit under Welsh Government guidance. The issue primarily revolves around high levels of pedestrian activity, including vulnerable road users such as children and the elderly, interacting with vehicular traffic at a junction with complex geometry and visibility constraints. In order to address this and enhance safety, the authority is proposing the implementation of a 20mph speed limit. This measure aims to create a safer environment for all road users, reflecting the residential character and density of access points in the area.

B4233, Monmouth to Rockfield to come into effect on 21 November Proposed 40mph Speed Limit



Concerns have been raised by officers regarding the speed management on the B4233 connecting the 20mph zones of Monmouth and Rockfield. The issue is that the current arrangement creates inappropriate and sudden speed changes, which can compromise road safety and create enforcement challenges. Furthermore, the road's alignment, featuring numerous bends and challenging geometry, does not safely support higher travelling speeds. In order to address this, the authority proposes a 40mph speed limit for this section. This measure aims to create a more appropriate transitional speed environment, enhancing safety through a graduated approach to speed management while maintaining reasonable journey times and connectivity.