

**LEEDS CITY COUNCIL  
(SPEED LIMIT ORDER)  
(N°42) ORDER 2023**

**OTLEY OLD ROAD, BRAMHOPE**

**40MPH SPEED LIMIT**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER**

The Best City ambition is to improve life for the people of Leeds and make our city a better place. The provision of the highway measures contributes to this ambition by improving the safety and quality of life for residents of Leeds by encouraging and enabling safer vehicle, pedestrian and cycling journeys in local communities. They will also help reduce the risk of traffic collisions to make a specific contribution to the Best City for Communities and a Child Friendly City.

In line with the ambition detailed above, Leeds City Council seeks to introduce a 40mph speed limit on a section of Otley Old Road in the Bramhope Parish, from its junction with Cookridge Lane, west to its junction with Dean Lane.

Otley Old Road is a rural road, but has adjacent properties both residential and commercial that are accessed by vehicular, foot and cycle traffic, as well as a number of public rights of way that cross this road and are utilised by pedestrians.

There have been a number of traffic collisions on Otley Old Road in the last five year period, either causing injury or damage to vehicles and property.

Introducing a lower speed limit aims to adjust driver behaviour along this section of public highway, to the benefit of all users, making the route safer to use through a reduction in likelihood of collisions and a reduction in ultimate severity through lower traffic speeds. Lower traffic speeds will similarly continue to permit and encourage active travel use along this length of road.