

STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR MAKING THE MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, MIDLOTHIAN) (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) (VARIATION NO 1) ORDER 2024

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Apart from a short section at its western end, most of C36 Old Pentland Road / Pentland Road between the A702 Edinburgh to Carlisle Trunk Road near Hillend and the A701 Edinburgh to Penicuik Road near Straiton is subject to the National Speed Limit (60 mph for cars).

Pentland Road is a country road from a former era, without the alignments and sightlines which would be expected handle traffic today. Industrial activity at Old Pentland settlement attracts and generates heavy vehicle movements, adding to through traffic attracted by the steady development around the Straiton area. Traffic movements are expected to increase further with the imminent opening of a new Aldi store under construction at the junction of Pentland Road with the A701 Edinburgh to Penicuik Road.

In these circumstances, and following a county-wide strategic study of speed limits in Midlothian, the Council has reduced the speed limit to 40 mph along the entire length of this road.

Midlothian Council

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