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Freedom of Information Request: FOI2025/00102

Thank you for your information request dated 20 January regarding 30mph speed limit B679 Clifton Lane, Nottingham. We have dealt with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your Request:

Please provide info about the introduction of a 30mph limit on the B679 Clifton Lane eastbound between its junction with the A453 and Wilford Lane, Nottingham, namely:

1. When was a 30mph limit introduced
2. What was the speed limit prior to this
3. When were accompanying 30mph signs erected
3. Any documents supporting the decision-making around the introduction of a 30mph limit

I have shown the section of the B679 referred to circled red and approximate position of 30mph signs marked with a red X on the attached map

Our Response:

1. When was a 30mph limit introduced

Information not held, we have searched our records and can't find an order, therefore it falls to the definitions revolving around a system of street lights less than 150 yards etc and therefore always been a 30mph zone. Having searched google street view the 30mph signs were seen in 2008.



2. What was the speed limit prior to this

As above this section of road has always been 30mph to our knowledge

3. When were accompanying 30mph signs erected

Gateway signs have been erected at the start of the 30mph zone since at least 2008 (from google streetview) supplementary signs (ie not a requirement for the limit to be enforceable/valid) were erected on the night of the 15th May 2024.

4. Any documents supporting the decision-making around the introduction of a 30mph limit

As question 1. I am unaware of any documentation specifically related to this road ref limits.

The 30mph has been in place for many years, the 30mph will have come into effect when the route was originally furnished with street lighting.

Any road which has a system of street lighting in place, is a restricted road and is subject to a speed limit of 30mph, see sections 81 & 82 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, if there are speed limit signs to the contrary and then an Order would be made under S84 of that Act.

See below extract from Section 81 and 82 of the [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984](#)

81 General speed limit for restricted roads.

(1) It shall not be lawful for a person to drive a motor vehicle on a restricted road at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour.

82 What roads are restricted roads.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section and of section 84(3) of this Act, a road is a restricted road for the purposes of section 81 of this Act **[E1]** if—

(a) in England and Wales, there is provided on it a system of street lighting furnished by means of lamps placed not more than 200 yards apart;

Advice and Assistance

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Kind regards

Freedom of Information Officer

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