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**MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
VARIOUS ROAD, MERTHYR TYDFIL
(VARIOUS SPEED LIMITS) (DERESTRICTION) (VARIATION) (REVOCATION)
ORDER 2023**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Legislation to lower the default national speed limit on restricted roads in Wales from 30 mph to 20 mph was made by the Welsh Ministers on 13 July 2022. The new default 20 mph speed limit on restricted roads (characterized by a street lighting system or otherwise under restriction by Order) will come into force on 17 September 2023. From that date any restricted road will have a speed limit of 20 mph unless a different speed limit is set by the highway authority by Order. The existing sections of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Councils roads currently subject to 30mph or less have been assessed against the Place Criteria set out in addendum 01/2022 to Circular No: 24/2009 Setting Local Speed Limits in Wales to ascertain if they meet the exception criteria and should remain at 30 mph. The principles of the exceptions criteria are built on the Welsh Government's aspiration that a 20 mph speed limit should generally be set where pedestrians and/or cyclists and motor vehicles mix in a frequent manner, except where strong evidence exists that higher speeds are safe. Following an assessment, a 30 mph speed limit is proposed at the locations outlined in the Schedule to this Order, as exceptions to the 20 mph default speed limit. If the order is made after taking all representations into account, it will be made on or after 17 September 2023 when the default speed limit of 20mph for restricted roads has come into force.