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## SETTING LOCAL SPEED LIMITS

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### SECTION 6: RURAL SPEED MANAGEMENT

This section provides specific guidance on the setting of local speed limits in rural areas.

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#### **Responsibility for local speed limits**

23. The Highways Agency is responsible for determining local speed limits on the trunk road and motorway network, and local traffic authorities are responsible for determining local speed limits on the local road network. In this Circular, the term 'traffic authority' is used to denote both the Highways Agency and local traffic authorities.

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115. In some circumstances it might be appropriate to consider an intermediate speed limit of 40 mph prior to the 30 mph terminal speed limit signs at the entrance to a village, in particular where there are outlying houses beyond the village boundary or roads with high approach speeds. For the latter, traffic authorities might also need to consider other speed management measures to support the message of the speed limit and help encourage compliance so that no enforcement difficulties are created for the local police