

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

### **THE A9 AND A96 TRUNK ROADS (RAIGMORE INTERCHANGE) (30MPH AND 50MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 202 [ ]**

Following safety concerns from the local community and a subsequent assessment, the Scottish Ministers are proposing the introduction of a reduced 30mph speed limit on the A9 Edinburgh to Stirling to Thurso Trunk Road and A96 Craibstone to Inverness Trunk Road at Raigmore Interchange, Inverness, to improve road safety. The Scottish Ministers are satisfied that reducing speeds on, and on the approach to the roundabout will also improve accessibility for non-motorised users. Furthermore, a scheme to provide signalisation and controlled pedestrian and cycle crossings at Raigmore Interchange is in preparation which will require the reduction of speed limit to enable the safe operation of the Interchange. Having considered the current and future use of Raigmore Interchange, it has been concluded that a 30mph speed limit will be appropriate for the function and nature of the road.

As part of the proposed speed limit reduction, the existing 50mph speed limit on the A96 Craibstone to Inverness Trunk Road, put in place by the A96 Trunk Road (Raigmore Interchange to East of Seafield) (50mph Speed Limit) Order 2004, will be adjusted to the extent that the speed limit on the 150-metre approach to the Raigmore Interchange will be reduced to 30mph. The speed limit on the remaining length of road remains unchanged at 50mph and is consolidated into this Order.