

**SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL**  
**(KING HARALD STREET - LERWICK CENTRAL) (20 MILES PER HOUR ZONE)**  
**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER P32/2025**

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL in exercise of their powers under Section 84(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Section 124(1)(c) of, and Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to, the said Act hereby make the following Traffic Regulation Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the "Shetland Islands Council (King Harald Street - Lerwick Central) (20 Miles per Hour Zone) Traffic Regulation Order P32/2025" and shall come into operation on 1 December 2025.
2. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
3. The effect of the Order is that no person shall drive, cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding TWENTY MILES PER HOUR on the lengths of road specified or described in the Schedule and shown COLOURED RED on the plan P32/2025-01, both annexed and executed as relative to this Order.
4. The following Traffic Regulation Orders are hereby revoked:-
  - a. "Shetland Islands Council (Restricted Roads) Transitional Order 1985" insofar as it relates to the A969 Lerwick roads described in Paragraph 2 of the Schedule to that Order, which refers to the road sections specified at Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the Schedule, annexed and executed as relative, to this Order.

Made and enacted by the Shetland Islands Council at Lerwick on the XXX DAY of NOVEMBER TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE.

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John R Smith  
Director of Infrastructure Services  
Proper Officer for the Shetland Islands Council  
Gremista  
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## SCHEDULE

This is the schedule referred to in the foregoing “Shetland Islands Council (King Harald Street - Lerwick Central)(20 Miles per Hour Zone) Traffic Regulation Order P13/2025”.

1. A969 SCALLOWAY ROAD from 15 metres East of its junction with King Harald Street to a point 20 metres West of its junction with King Harald Street, a distance of 35 metres or thereby.
2. A969 COMMERCIAL ROAD from its junction with King Harald Street in a Westerly direction to its junction with Burgh Road, a distance of 58 metres or thereby.
3. A969 NORTH ROAD from its junction with Burgh Road in a Westerly direction to a point 16 metres West of Garthspool Road, a distance of 79 metres or thereby.
4. KING HARALD STREET from A969 Commercial Road in a Southerly direction to A969 Scalloway Road, a distance of 595 metres or thereby.
5. That length of road next to BROWN’S BUILDINGS, formerly part of High Street, running from King Harald Street to A969 Commercial Road/ A969 North Road at Burgh Road, a distance of 40 metres or thereby.

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## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Nationally, in 2022, serious road casualties mostly occurred on 30 mph and 60 mph roads. Just over half (51.1%) of road traffic fatalities in cities and towns were pedestrians or pedal cyclists. The majority (54.4%) of serious injuries were also pedestrians and pedal cyclists, whereas just over a third (34.6%) suffered slight injuries.

The Safe System approach to Road Safety recognises that people are fragile and make mistakes that can lead to collisions, but it should not lead to death or serious injury. Lowering the speed limit to 20 mph is a great example of the Safe system in action as it reduces the risk of collisions occurring and, should a collision occur when a driver is driving at 20 mph, it reduces the severity of the collision. Evidence shows that if you hit a pedestrian at 30 mph, they are seven times more likely to die than at 20 mph.

The Scottish Government has committed to work with Local Authorities to reduce the speed limits in our towns, cities and villages to 20 mph, where appropriate, in order to make these roads safer for all road users.

The Shetland Islands Council is therefore promoting this Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit to 20mph on appropriate roads in the interests of road safety.