STATEMENT OF REASONS

In 2014 Highways England commissioned a report to review the safety implications of the gaps within the central reservation of the A40 between Wilton Roundabout and Penraig. The review identified that a number of accidents have occurred as a result of road users either turning or waiting to turn at these gaps. The report recommended further investigation and consultation be carried out to identify gaps for closure.

A detailed review has been carried out and following consultation with West Mercia Police, the Parish, Town and County Councils, local residents and land owners, four central reservation gaps have been identified for closure. It has been identified that there is insufficient width at these locations to accommodate a stationary vehicle waiting to turn.

In the interest of safety it is proposed to close all four gaps.

West Mercia Police have no objection to the proposal.