

Summary of comments received during statutory consultation

No. of comments	Consultation response	Officer Comments and recommendations.
6	Residents of Bottom Lane requesting that the 7.5 tonne limit on the lane is retained.	<p>This is nearly half of the residents. Bottom Lane is unsuitable for large vehicles and in view of the local concern it is recommended that the limit should be retained.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: that the existing weight limit for Bottom Lane is retained.</b></p>
	<p>Sulhamstead Parish Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The existing limit on Bottom Lane should be retained.</li> <li>2. Objects to the 3 tonne limit on Ufton Nerve Bridge, arguing that the limit is so low that drivers of large cars will unwittingly break the limit. Understands a limit of some sort is required. An unnecessarily low limit would divert traffic to the A4 / Sulhamstead Hill junction.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In view of the local concern it is recommended that the limit should be retained.</li> <li>2. Department for Transport specify allowable limits of 3 or 7.5 tonnes. In this case a 7.5 tonne limit is too high. The bridge is not strong enough for a limit of greater than 3 tonnes.</li> </ol> <p>As this comment relates to 4x4 vehicles that are just over the maximum 3 tonne weight limit, the enforcing officer has the discretion whether to prosecute vehicles marginally over the limit and it is considered that this discretion may be used.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: that the existing weight limit for Bottom Lane is retained and the 3 tonnes limit at Ufton Nerve is introduced as advertised.</b></p>
1	<p>Ufton Nerve Parish Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Objects to the 3 tonne limit on Ufton Nerve Bridge, arguing that the limit is so low that drivers of large cars will unwittingly break the limit. Understands a limit of some sort is required. An unnecessarily low limit would divert traffic to the A4 / Sulhamstead Hill junction.</li> <li>2. Requested if a higher limit could be allowed for local agricultural vehicles.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Department for Transport specify allowable limits of 3 or 7.5 tonnes. In this case a 7.5 tonne limit is too high. The bridge is not strong enough for a limit of greater than 3 tonnes.</li> </ol> <p>As this comment relates to 4x4 vehicles that are just over the maximum 3 tonne weight limit, the enforcing officer has the discretion whether to prosecute vehicles marginally over the limit and it is considered that this discretion may be used.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. A higher weight restriction is not suitable for the bridge.</li> </ol>

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		<b>Recommendation: that the 3 tonnes limit at Ufton Nerve is introduced as advertised.</b>
1	<p>A local resident responded who was the same person that replied on behalf of Sulhamstead Parish Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The existing limit on Bottom Lane should be retained.</li>   <li>2. Objects to the 3 tonne limit on Ufton Nerve Bridge, arguing that the limit is so low that drivers of large cars will unwittingly break the limit. Understands a limit of some sort is required. An unnecessarily low limit would divert traffic to the A4 / Sulhamstead Hill junction.</li>   <li>3. Concerned about emergency service vehicles accessing premises to the south of the canal.</li>   <li>4. Objects to the revocation of the limit on Church Lane, Ufton Nerve.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In view of the local concern it is recommended that the limit should be retained.</li>   <li>2. Department for Transport specify allowable limits of 3 or 7.5 tonnes. In this case a 7.5 tonne limit is too high. The bridge is not strong enough for a limit of greater than 3 tonnes.</li>   <p>As this comment relates to 4x4 vehicles that are just over the maximum 3 tonne weight limit, the enforcing officer has the discretion whether to prosecute vehicles marginally over the limit and it is considered that this discretion may be used.</p>   <li>3. Ufton Nerve Bridge cannot safely be used by anything over 3 tonnes and an exemption cannot be made for the emergency services exceeding this limit. However the proposed order on Sulhamstead Hill will allow use by all three emergency services, which were included in the consultation process and have not, indicated any concerns.</li>   <li>4. This is the only objection received on this proposal. The 3 tonne limit on Ufton Nerve Bridge will provide a more focused point of restriction so could be more effectively enforced. The signage on Church Lane will have to be removed for the advance warning of the bridge restriction, which should assist in reducing traffic through the area.</li> </ol> <p><b>Recommendation: that the existing weight limit for Bottom Lane is retained and the 3 tonnes limit at Ufton Nerve is introduced as advertised.</b></p>