

Summary of comments to Statutory Consultation

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1	<p>An objection was received to the proposed 50mph speed limit for the A338.</p> <p>The respondent considers that the route is totally safe at 60mph or more and that there are sufficient warning signs informing drivers of the road layout. A 50mph speed limit would be frustrating for drivers and the risk of accidents from overtaking manoeuvres will be increased.</p>	<p>Within the latest three year period, to the end of August 2010, there have been a total of 4 injury accidents on the length of the proposed 50-mph speed limit. This has resulted in one fatal, two serious and one slight injury being received. The fatal and serious accidents all involved motorcycles.</p> <p>Experience has shown that where 50mph speed limits have been introduced and considered appropriate for the nature of the road, traffic speeds and injury accidents have reduced.</p> <p>The proposal will also tie into the Oxfordshire County Council proposal to introduce 50mph to the north of the district boundary making a consistent speed limit.</p>
1	<p>The respondent fully supports the proposed 50mph limit on A338 but objects to the proposals for Fawley and South Fawley for the following reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The reason in the Traffic Order is to make the Fawley villages consistent with other villages covered by 30mph speed Limits. The Fawleys are not like other villages in the district as there are no through roads with the only traffic passing through going to a couple of local farms; due to the lack of through roads almost all vehicles will be stopping in the villages rather than passing through at speed. ii. Communities Secretary Eric Pickles has called for unnecessary traffic signs, railings and bollards to be removed in a bid to make our streets tidier and safer and 30mph limits will require at least 8 new signs for each village with possibly repeater signs as well. Also the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Vehicles accessing the villages can still be travelling at inappropriate speeds. Other residents have concerns about vehicle speeds which have resulted in the original request for the speed limit and the letter of support. ii. Whilst every effort is made to reduce the amount of street clutter, this has to be considered with regard to the need for road safety improvements. The signing of the speed limits will be kept to a minimum and would consist of eight entry signs and three repeater signs per village.

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	suburban white 'gates' should not be installed next to the signs.	
1	A letter of support was received from a couple from South Fawley. They commented that cars and farm vehicles often drive too fast on single track roads and the 50 mph limit on the A338 would be a welcome improvement to road safety.	Comment noted.