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## Newbury town centre Experimental Pedestrian Zone hours - revocation

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| <b>Committee considering report:</b> | Individual Executive Member Decisions |
| <b>Date of Committee:</b>            | 14 August 2026                        |
| <b>Portfolio Member:</b>             | Councillor Stuart Gourley             |
| <b>Report Author:</b>                | Gareth Dowding                        |
| <b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>             | ID4823                                |

### 1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform the Executive Member for Environment and Highways of the responses received during a statutory consultation that was necessary in order to revoke an [Experimental Traffic Regulation Order](#) (ETRO) made on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and to seek approval of officer recommendations. The ETRO extended the operational hours for the Newbury town centre Pedestrian and Cycle Zone from 10am-5pm to 10am-11pm daily for a maximum trial period of 18 months
- 1.2 The revocation is necessary in order to bring the experimental scheme to an early close.

### 2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Executive Member for Environment and Highways approves the proposals as set out in Section 8 of this report, namely that:
  - (a) The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) that completed its statutory consultation between 11<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 giving effect to revoking the Experimental TRO be Sealed and that the Pedestrian Zone return to the previous daily operational hours of 10am to 5pm, in accordance with the Executive Decision made on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 to allow vehicular traffic to enter the Pedestrian and Cycle Zone at 5pm from September 2026 onwards.
  - (b) The respondents to the statutory consultation be informed accordingly.

### 3 Implications and Impact Assessment

| Implication       | Commentary                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Financial:</b> | The implementation of the physical works would be funded from existing Capital budgets as part of the Network |

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|                                                                                                                                      | Management team's approved Minor Works Programme for 2026/27.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                |                 |                   |
| <b>Human Resource:</b>                                                                                                               | Whilst not creating an immediate or significant financial pressure, the amendment to existing traffic signs places additional workload on the officers responsible for inspecting and maintaining them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                |                 |                   |
| <b>Legal:</b>                                                                                                                        | Before making the Order the Council, as Highway Authority, must consider all objections made and which have not been withdrawn. All objections must be considered with an open mind and once assessed should be formally accepted or rejected. All objectors must be notified in writing of the decision on whether (a) the TRO is made as advertised, (b) is modified or (c) is abandoned. Where any substantial modifications are proposed, the authority is required to inform those likely to be affected by such modifications and give them the opportunity to make representations which must again be considered. Should a decision be made to proceed, the Traffic Regulation Order will need to be sealed by the Legal Services team. |                |                 |                   |
| <b>Risk Management:</b>                                                                                                              | If implemented the project will be managed in accordance with the Environment Department's approach to risk management.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                |                 |                   |
| <b>Property:</b>                                                                                                                     | None arising from this report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                |                 |                   |
| <b>Policy:</b>                                                                                                                       | The consultation was in accordance with the Council's consultation procedure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                |                 |                   |
|                                                                                                                                      | <b>Positive</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Neutral</b> | <b>Negative</b> | <b>Commentary</b> |
| <b>Equalities Impact:</b>                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                |                 |                   |
| <b>A</b> Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could impact on inequality? |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | X              |                 | N/A               |

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| <b>B</b> Will the proposed decision have an impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics, including employees and service users? | X |   |  | Mobility impaired and elderly: The proposals will help improve vehicular access to the town centre amenities which are used by the disabled with mobility issues in particular.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Environmental Impact:</b>                                                                                                                       |   | X |  | Whilst the creation of a traffic-free area in the town centre in the evenings should have encouraged more active travel, which would have had a net improvement environmentally, there was no firm evidence to support this actually took place to any great extent and the knock-on effect of this scheme and the increase of traffic on the routes traffic that had been displaced because of this proposal diminished slightly this potential net improvement. |
| <b>Health Impact:</b>                                                                                                                              |   | X |  | The proposal may have encouraged active travel options within the town centre but it created less opportunities on the network where traffic had been displaced to, so an overall net increase has not been achieved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>ICT Impact:</b>                                                                                                                                 |   | X |  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Digital Services Impact:</b>                                                                                                                    |   | X |  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Council Strategy Priorities:</b>                                                                                                                |   | X |  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Core Business:</b>                                                                                                                              |   | X |  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Data Impact:</b>                                                                                                                                |   | X |  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <b>Consultation and Engagement:</b> | <p>Local stakeholders, statutory consultees and road users were consulted on the proposals by way of statutory advertisement, Street Notices and online Consultation and Engagement Hub.</p> <p>Affected Ward Members have been sent this report for comment. The following responses have been received:</p> <p>Councillor Any further comments received following publication of this report will be reported verbally at the Individual Decision meeting.</p> |
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## 4 Executive Summary

- 4.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Executive Member for Environment and Highways of the responses received during a statutory consultation that was necessary in order to revoke an [Experimental Traffic Regulation Order](#) (ETRO) made on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and to seek approval of officer recommendations. That ETRO extended the operational hours for the Newbury town centre Pedestrian Zone from 10am-5pm to 10am-11pm daily for a maximum trial period of 18 months.
- 4.2 The revocation is necessary in order to bring the experimental scheme to an early close.
- 4.3 Comments indicating objections, support and neutral positions for the proposals were received during the public consultation period. This report summarises the responses and makes recommendations to the Executive Member on what should be implemented as a result of this consultation.

## 5 Introduction/Background

### Introduction

- 5.1 Newbury town centre first became pedestrianised in 1998, with restrictions that prohibited all motor vehicles except buses and taxis entering between 10am and 6pm. Subsequent Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) made amendments to also exclude buses and taxis and in 2011 the operational hours for the Pedestrian and Cycle Zone were adjusted and reduced to 10am-5pm.
- 5.2 Those operational hours remained in place until May 2025 when an ETRO came into force which specifically extended the evening operational times from 5pm, to 11pm.
- 5.3 This change of hours was the result of extensive [pre-trial consultation](#) held between 12<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and was a Council commitment that was planned in the [Council Strategy 2023-2027](#).
- 5.4 ETROs are made under Sections 9 and 10 of the [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984](#) (RTRA 1984) and are an effective method that allow Local Authorities to trial traffic management and parking schemes in a 'live' setting for a maximum period of 18 months, during which time the actual positive and negative effects can be monitored and feedback from the public can be gathered. A key benefit of an ETRO is that it gives

the community the opportunity to experience proposed restrictions, rather than being asked to comment on a theoretical proposal before it being made permanent

- 5.5 The ETRO that was made as a result of the pre-trial consultation feedback came into operation on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025, with an 18 month effective date until 19<sup>th</sup> November 2026.
- 5.6 The first 6 months period of an ETRO is when comments and objections can be submitted by way of public consultation and decisions can subsequently made on whether to adjust the trial, continue with it, or remove it entirely. At the end of the 18 month period the scheme either becomes permanent or the ETRO expires and the scheme is removed.

## Background

- 5.7 The statutory consultation and advertisement for the initial 6 month period of the ETRO proposal was undertaken between 8<sup>th</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025. 3,150 responses were received during that period. These were considered during the [Executive Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026](#).
- 5.8 The decision made during that Executive Meeting was that the ETRO should be removed early and the pedestrianised timings should revert back to 10am-5pm from September 2026. Ending the ETRO early would have to be subject to a further statutory process.
- 5.9 The statutory consultation and advertisement of the proposal was undertaken between 11<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 and is the consultation on which this report is based.
- 5.10 At the end of the statutory consultation period a total of 1,019 respondents had provided their comments of either objection, support or recording a neutral position to the proposals via the WBC Consultation and Engagement Hub, or directly to the Traffic & Road Safety team.
- 5.11 There were 248 objections received, however of those responses there were 35 that gave no additional supporting detail or reason for the objection. These were discounted. It is a requirement under current legislation (Section 8(3) to Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996) that persons objecting to Traffic Order proposals must state the grounds on which their objection is made. This was made clear in the Consultation & Engagement Hub and the response survey for anyone wishing to respond.
- 5.12 The final responses were therefore recorded as 213 objections, 744 in support of the return to the 10am-5pm closure and 27 indicating a neutral position.
- 5.13 Thames Valley Police indicated they had no objection and recorded a neutral position on the proposal.
- 5.14 Appendix B provides the full extract from the survey responses of all the objection comments received.
- 5.15 Appendix C provides the full extract from the survey responses of all the comments in support of the proposal and comments indicating a neutral position.

## 6 Summary of responses

6.1 The key points from the objections received (Appendix B) are summarised below:

- (a) Overall, respondents largely said the 11pm extended pedestrianisation would make Newbury town centre safer, cleaner and more attractive, supporting evening activity, outdoor hospitality and a calmer public space. Concerns focused on traffic displacement, access for drivers and Blue Badge holders, business impacts and whether outdoor café culture is viable year-round. Many favoured a compromise, such as later reopening, different weekday/weekend arrangements or seasonal hours, while also calling for better management of deliveries, parking, enforcement, crossings, e-bikes, scooters and cyclists

6.2 The key points received in support of the proposals (Appendix C) are summarised below:

- (a) Most comments support reverting pedestrianisation to 10am–5pm, mainly to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion and pollution on the A339, restore evening access for disabled and less mobile visitors, taxis, deliveries and pick-ups, and make the town centre feel busier and safer after dark. Many felt the extended 10am–11pm restriction had not clearly boosted businesses, footfall or outdoor dining and felt that the trial had been detrimental to businesses in the town centre due to a lack of passing trade and whether outdoor café culture is viable throughout the year, although a smaller number favoured longer pedestrianisation for pedestrian safety, active travel and a more pleasant shopping environment.

## 7 Options for consideration

7.1 The option open to this consultation is that Revocation Order is not made, in which case the ETRO will naturally expire on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2026.

## 8 Proposals

8.1 That the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) that completed its statutory consultation between 11<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 giving effect to revoking the Experimental TRO be Sealed and that the Pedestrian Zone return to the previous daily operational hours of 10am to 5pm in accordance with the Executive Decision made on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 to allow vehicular traffic to enter the Pedestrian and Cycle Zone at 5pm from September 2026 onwards.

8.2 That the respondents to the statutory consultation be informed accordingly.

## 9 Conclusion

9.1 The response to this consultation, with 75.6% of respondents in favour of a return to the 5pm operational hours and 21.7% raising objection (with a further 2.7% indicating a neutral position) demonstrates a clear confirmation of the decision made by the Executive on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026.

## Appendices



Appendix A – Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix B – Consultation responses (Objections only) – (full extracts from Consultation & Engagement Hub survey).

Appendix C – Consultation responses (Support and Neutral comments only) – (full extracts from Consultation & Engagement Hub survey).

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### Corporate Board's recommendation

Not applicable.

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### Background Papers:

N/A

### Subject to Call-In:

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

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| The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Considered or reviewed by Scrutiny Commission or associated Committees or Task Groups within preceding six months | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Item is Urgent Key Decision                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Report is to note only                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Wards affected:** Newbury Central

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# West Berkshire Council Equity Impact Assessment

TEMPLATE

March 2023

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## Section 1: Summary details

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| <b>Directorate and Service Area</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Place Directorate – Highways & Transport (Network Management)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>What is being assessed</b><br>(e.g. name of policy, procedure, project, service or proposed service change).                                                                                                                                                                     | Extended Pedestrianisation Hours in Newbury – early removal of ETRO and reversion to the original pedestrianisation restrictions (10:00–17:00), with a refresh of the Newbury Town Centre Masterplan to consider any future permanent arrangements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Is this a new or existing function or policy?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Existing. The recommended decision restores the pre-trial pedestrianisation restrictions that were in place in Newbury town centre prior to the ETRO (10:00–17:00). The Masterplan refresh will consider any future changes through a separate, comprehensive engagement process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Summary of assessment</b><br><br>Briefly summarise the policy or proposed service change. Summarise possible impacts. Does the proposal bias, discriminate or unfairly disadvantage individuals or groups within the community?<br><br>(following completion of the assessment). | <p>This EQiA considers the recommended decision within the accompanying report on the extended pedestrianisation trial (ETRO) in Newbury town centre. The recommendation is to remove the ETRO early and revert the pedestrianisation restrictions to the original hours (10:00–17:00) from September 2026, alongside a refresh of the Newbury Town Centre Masterplan to develop any future permanent arrangements through comprehensive engagement.</p> <p>Because the recommendation returns to the pre-trial restrictions (i.e. no change from the original arrangements that previously operated), the decision itself is not expected to introduce new or additional adverse impacts for people with protected characteristics compared with the baseline position. Any equality-related issues identified during the ETRO trial (notably access for some disabled and older people during extended hours) are not being progressed as part of the recommended decision. The Masterplan refresh provides an opportunity to work with stakeholders (including accessibility groups) to shape any future proposals and associated mitigations.</p> |

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| <b>Completed By</b>       | Andy Alty, Network Manager, Highways and Transport.                    |
| <b>Authorised By</b>      | Jon Winstanley, Service Director, Environment (West Berkshire Council) |
| <b>Date of Assessment</b> | 17/07/2026                                                             |

## Section 2: Detail of proposal

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| <b>Context / Background</b><br><br>Briefly summarise the background to the policy or proposed service change, including reasons for any changes from previous versions. | Extended pedestrianisation hours in Newbury town centre were introduced as a trial using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) made on 6 May 2025 and effective from 19 May 2025. The trial extended the pedestrianised period to 10:00–23:00 to improve safety, encourage active travel and support the evening economy, aligned with the Council Strategy 2023–27. A statutory consultation to end the ETRO early ran between 11 <sup>th</sup> June and 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026 and generated 1,019 responses, with 21.7% objecting, 75.6% in favour and the remainder neutral.                                                                                                          |
| <b>Proposals</b><br><br>Explain the detail of the proposals, including why this has been decided as the best course of action.                                          | <b>Proposed decision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) for extended pedestrianisation hours early.</li> <li>• Revert the pedestrianised timings in Newbury town centre to 10:00–17:00 from September 2026 (reflecting the original restrictions that operated prior to the trial).</li> <li>• Take forward consideration of any future permanent pedestrianisation arrangements through a refresh of the Newbury Town Centre Masterplan, supported by a comprehensive engagement process with residents, businesses and representative groups (including the Disability Access Forum and night-time economy stakeholders).</li> </ul> |
| <b>Evidence / Intelligence</b>                                                                                                                                          | Evidence and intelligence considered includes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <p>List and explain any data, consultation outcomes, research findings, feedback from service users and stakeholders etc, that supports your proposals and can help to inform the judgements you make about potential impact on different individuals, communities or groups and our ability to deliver our climate commitments.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory ETRO consultation feedback (1,019 responses), including themed analysis of comments on access, safety, the public realm and the evening economy.</li> <li>• Stakeholder engagement, including discussions with Newbury BID and identification of issues raised by accessibility stakeholders.</li> <li>• Transport capacity checks referenced in the report indicating the A339 corridor operated within capacity overall.</li> <li>• Independent economic analysis referenced in the report (Beauclair), indicating Newbury's town centre performance broadly mirrored national trends, with no definitive evidence linking observed variation directly to the pedestrianisation trial.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Alternatives considered / rejected</b></p> <p>Summarise any other approaches that have been considered in developing the policy or proposed service change, and the reasons why these were not adopted. This could include reasons why doing nothing is not an option.</p>                                                     | <p>Options considered in developing the recommendation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do nothing (allow the ETRO arrangements to continue until it expires naturally):</b> not recommended because it would perpetuate a trial arrangement that was introduced experimentally and which has generated significant objection.</li> </ul> <p>The recommended approach ends the ETRO early and returns to the original restrictions (10:00–17:00), while a Masterplan refresh considers any future change.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### Section 3: Impact Assessment - Protected Characteristics

| Protected Characteristic | No Impact                           | Positive                 | Negative                 | Description of Impact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Action owner* (*Job Title, Organisation)                  | Timescale and monitoring arrangements                                                                                 |
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| <b>Age</b>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>The recommended decision returns to the original pedestrianisation restrictions that operated prior to the ETRO trial (10:00–17:00). As such, no new age-related impacts are anticipated compared with the pre-trial baseline.</p> <p>Consultation feedback on the ETRO trial identified that some older people experienced difficulties with access and convenient set-down/collection when restrictions were extended into the evening; those extended restrictions are not being progressed.</p> | <p>Ensure the reversion to original restrictions is clearly communicated (including access/parking information). Use the Masterplan refresh engagement to understand older people's access needs and to inform any future proposals and mitigations if changes are brought forward.</p> | <p>Network Manager (Highways), West Berkshire Council</p> | <p>Reversion implemented from September 2026. Engagement and monitoring through the Masterplan refresh programme.</p> |
| <b>Disability</b>        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>The recommended decision removes the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>Communicate the reversion to the original</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Network Manager</p>                                    | <p>Reversion implemented</p>                                                                                          |

| Protected Characteristic | No Impact | Positive | Negative | Description of Impact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Action owner* (*Job Title, Organisation)                                | Timescale and monitoring arrangements                                                                                                     |
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|                          |           |          |          | <p>ETRO and returns to the original pedestrianisation restrictions (10:00–17:00) that were in place prior to the trial. Accordingly, the decision is not expected to create new or additional disability-related impacts compared with the pre-trial baseline.</p> <p>The ETRO consultation identified that some disabled people experienced difficulties during the extended restricted hours (including Blue Badge access and safe set-down/pick-up in the evening). Those extended-hour restrictions are not being progressed as part of this recommendation.</p> | <p>restrictions clearly (including access/parking information) in accessible formats. Use the Masterplan refresh engagement (including with the Disability Access Forum and other accessibility stakeholders) to identify and address access needs and to develop appropriate mitigations should any future changes be proposed.</p> | <p>(Highways) with Masterplan lead officers, West Berkshire Council</p> | <p>from September 2026. Engagement and monitoring through the Masterplan refresh programme; review if future proposals are developed.</p> |

| Protected Characteristic                | No Impact                           | Positive                 | Negative                 | Description of Impact                                                                                                                                                            | Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts                                                                                                                                     | Action owner* (*Job Title, Organisation)           | Timescale and monitoring arrangements |
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| <b>Gender Reassignment</b>              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No specific impacts identified. The proposals relate to highway access arrangements and are not expected to affect this characteristic differently from the general population.  | Not applicable beyond standard inclusive communications.                                                                                                                                 | Network Manager (Highways), West Berkshire Council | N/A                                   |
| <b>Marriage &amp; Civil Partnership</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No specific impacts identified.                                                                                                                                                  | Not applicable beyond standard inclusive communications.                                                                                                                                 | Network Manager (Highways), West Berkshire Council | N/A                                   |
| <b>Pregnancy &amp; Maternity</b>        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Potential impact on parents/carers with pushchairs if access to convenient drop-off and safe crossing points is reduced during restrictions; the improved pedestrian environment | Maintain safe, step-free pedestrian routes and crossings; ensure clear information on access and nearby parking/set-down. Monitor feedback during consultation and early implementation. | Network Manager (Highways), West Berkshire Council | N/A                                   |



| Protected Characteristic  | No Impact                           | Positive                 | Negative                 | Description of Impact           | Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts     | Action owner* (*Job Title, Organisation)           | Timescale and monitoring arrangements |
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|                           |                                     |                          |                          | may be beneficial for families. |                                                          |                                                    |                                       |
| <b>Race</b>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No specific impacts identified. | Not applicable beyond standard inclusive communications. | Network Manager (Highways), West Berkshire Council | N/A                                   |
| <b>Sex</b>                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No specific impacts identified. | Not applicable beyond standard inclusive communications. | Network Manager (Highways), West Berkshire Council | N/A                                   |
| <b>Sexual Orientation</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No specific impacts identified. | Not applicable beyond standard inclusive communications. | Network Manager (Highways), West Berkshire Council | N/A                                   |

| Protected Characteristic  | No Impact                           | Positive                 | Negative                 | Description of Impact           | Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts     | Action owner* (*Job Title, Organisation)           | Timescale and monitoring arrangements |
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| <b>Religion or Belief</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No specific impacts identified. | Not applicable beyond standard inclusive communications. | Network Manager (Highways), West Berkshire Council | N/A                                   |

### Section 3: Impact Assessment - Additional Community Impacts

| Additional community impacts | No Impact                           | Positive                 | Negative                 | Description of impact                                                                               | Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts                                        | Action owner (*Job Title, Organisation) | Timescale and monitoring arrangements              |
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| <b>Rural communities</b>     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No specific impacts identified for rural communities beyond general changes to traffic routing when | Monitor any displacement/traffic routing issues through TRO consultation feedback and post- | Network Manager (Highways), West        | During and after TRO implementation (6–12 months). |

| <b>Additional community impacts</b> | <b>No Impact</b>                    | <b>Positive</b>          | <b>Negative</b>          | <b>Description of impact</b>                                                                                                                                          | <b>Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts</b>                                                                                                               | <b>Action owner</b><br>(*Job Title, Organisation)  | <b>Timescale and monitoring arrangements</b>                  |
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|                                     |                                     |                          |                          | travelling to/through Newbury town centre.                                                                                                                            | implementation monitoring.                                                                                                                                                | Berkshire Council                                  |                                                               |
| <b>Areas of deprivation</b>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No specific impacts identified. General impacts may relate to travel time and cost of accessing the town centre (e.g., parking, public transport and walking routes). | Ensure consultation materials are accessible and widely promoted; consider any issues raised relating to affordability/transport access when finalising TRO arrangements. | Network Manager (Highways), West Berkshire Council | During TRO consultation and for 6 months post-implementation. |
| <b>Displaced communities</b>        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not applicable / no specific impacts identified.                                                                                                                      | N/A                                                                                                                                                                       | Network Manager (Highways), West Berkshire Council | N/A                                                           |

| Additional community impacts | No Impact                           | Positive                 | Negative                 | Description of impact           | Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts | Action owner<br>(*Job Title, Organisation) | Timescale and monitoring arrangements |
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| Care experienced people      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No specific impacts identified. |                                                      |                                            |                                       |
| The Armed Forces Community   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                 |                                                      |                                            |                                       |

## Section 4: Review

Where bias, negative impact or disadvantage is identified, the proposal and/or implementation can be adapted or changed; meaning there is a need for regular review. This review may also be needed to reflect additional data and evidence for a fuller assessment (proportionate to the decision in question). Please state the agreed review timescale for the identified impacts of the policy implementation or service change.

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| Review Date                   | 17/07/26                                     |
| Person Responsible for Review | Andy Alty, Highways Network Manager          |
| Authorised By                 | Jon Winstanley, Service Director Environment |

EDI employee related EQiA's should now be sent to Human Resources [hrenquiries@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:hrenquiries@westberks.gov.uk).

## PEDESTRIAN ZONE return to 10am – 5pm operational hours

### Consultation responses (full extract from WBC Consultation & Engagement Hub)

|   | PEDESTRIAN ZONE return to 10AM – 5PM operational hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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|   | I OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1 | Persistent pedestrianisation has made the town a much more pleasant experience without having to worry about the movement of cars through the area. Whilst traffic concerns are valid, the town centre route is not an appropriate location to shunt rush hour traffic through.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2 | Extended pedestrianised hours help businesses Safer for pedestrians after 5pm with no traffic, especially families with children More vibrant late evenings More attractive environment with added plants and landscaping                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3 | excluding traffic from the town centre during the evening was a good idea and it should be retained. Many of the drivers in Newbury are reckless and traffic does not mix well with people who just want to enjoy their evening in safety.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4 | On balance, I object to it going back to 10-5 from the current 10-11 because it is safer, cleaner (re:exhaust fumes) & much more pleasant as a pedestrian without the traffic compared to with it (after 5pm). Traffic sitting idle in market square whilst waiting for the traffic lights to change throwing out fumes is unhealthy for pedestrians/seated diners in the area. How about a seasonal approach? 10-5 Oct-March 10-11 April-Sept This would give Market Square outside diners a nicer experience April-Sept whilst giving Newbury another traffic route for the Oct-March months. Just a thought                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5 | It creates a far more pleasant car free environment, reduces air and noise pollution. I regularly walk through the town morning and evening to and from the station and the return journey in the evening is far more enjoyable. It will take time for the night time economy to reflect the closure, it is not immediate - but look at the positives, such as outdoor seating for Lussos. The policy position should favour active modes over the car. I do think something should be done about e-bikes through the pedestrianised area, albeit i am not sure how you can control that. As a Council you need to be brave and not just bow to those that shout loudest just because they want to drive through the town to perhaps save a minute or two in their journey rather than use the the A339! Selfish lot.                                                                                                                    |
| 6 | It feels safer walking home after work when there isn't traffic - it's been nice to feel safe during the extended pedestrianisation hours. It's so busy and congested during rush hour and the pavements aren't big enough for all the footfall over the bridge - it's better having use of the whole road as there are many bikes, wheelchairs, buggies, dog walkers etc. The pollution is also horrible - all I can smell is the exhaust fumes of the cars and vans sat waiting at the traffic lights. It puts me off walking home from work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 7 | I like not having traffic zipping by when sitting outside the pub.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 8 | I object to these proposals on the following grounds: 1. The increased pedestrianisation makes Northbrook Street a safer place to walk and socialise without having to be aware of traffic in the evenings. 2. Less traffic in the centre of town increases the air quality and therefore the health of people visiting as well as those working in the area. 3. From what I have noticed, there has been no detriment to businesses by being closed to traffic during this time as the road is just used as a way to get from one side of Newbury to another. 4. I feel that, given time and investment, the future of Northbrook Street will benefit with more outdoor seating and greenery/water features which can only be developed by pedestrianising the street 24/7. 5. The increasing summer temperatures due to the changing climate will necessitate a more comfortable town centre with features expressed in no. 4 above. I |

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|    | therefore urge you to keep the pedestrianisation times the same with a view to increasing to 24/7 in future.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 9  | I don't see the benefit of vehicles being allowed up and down the main highstreet. As a pedestrian its sometimes unclear of when you should be looking out for a vehicle. I would prefer this to be a no vehicle area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10 | The project didn't work the first time; the town needs people to visit it for commerce. I have avoided the town due to the lack of access for 2 of my kids (both with disabilities)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 11 | I am objecting the reinstatement of the original pedestrianisation order because I think that the extended pedestrianisation hours support better living standards and make the pedestrianised area accessible to a greater variety of people, be it families and children or people with disabilities using wheelchairs or mobility scooters. It makes the high street safer and more inviting to use for recreation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 12 | It should be pedestrianised permanently to allow restaurants and cafes to embrace the European cafe culture of having tables, chairs & umbrellas out, particularly with the UKs temperatures increasing and more people wanting to sit outside.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 13 | I live close to Strawberry Hill medical center and I work in London. During the winter, it's scary to walk in a dark dead road. Since the road is mostly dead, it seems unnecessary to cause a chaos in the traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 14 | I live in west fields and regularly walk through the town centre to reach other areas of Newbury. With the pedestrianisation in place after 17.00 it feels much safer as well as the air being cleaner to walk here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15 | I enjoy traffic free evenings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 16 | I live in West Fields area and work on Northbrook street near the clock tower. The increase in pedestrian hours has made my entire commute more pleasant. I hate walking to work with idling cars spewing exhaust in my face as they wait for the light to change over the bridge. It's incredibly unhealthy, not to mention unsafe trying to find a place to cross in between traffic. If it must be changed again, would prefer 6pm most days of the week, and maintain 11pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, to allow for safe and healthy pedestrian experience. Most cars are not stopping to shop - they only use it to cut through town. |
| 17 | The town centre should remain traffic free until 9pm This allows for people to spill out of pubs & restaurants after work, onto the pavements - especially in the summer months The traffic fumes are really unpleasant I loved the imagined images of Northbrook Street lined with many trees - we should aim for this - we need to do what we can to try & reduce temperatures Overall I am in support of the ban on cars but I think 11pm is too late & it should be 9pm                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 18 | The town centre would really benefit from embracing the European Cafe culture and the street should be pedestrianised 24/7. By having any form of traffic (excluding a few delivery trucks) allowed down the high street means bars and restaurants can't expand their outdoor seating areas or have incentive to do so. Most restaurants won't have space to store extra tables or heaters for winter inside and need to be able to have the extra pavement space to leave them out all the time. The road section through the high street would then be the new pavement walking area for people.                                               |
| 19 | As someone who lives in the town centre. The evenings are quieter with less traffic. Going for a walk through town after work is more peaceful. I would maybe understand reinstating 10am-5pm in the late autumn / winter months. But as someone who actually sees Newbury high street past 5pm, the obvious business boost is outstanding and there is a greater sense on community. I also find it is safer, for example, with the football on, the pubs and bars have been full and when people spill out after games, it is a safe environment for pedestrians.                                                                               |

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| 20 | It's clear to most that the trial has not been successful. Perhaps consider doing it during the summer months, but why on earth do it from September to April? The traffic between is pushed out into the A339 during the evening rush hour for no reason!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 21 | The area around the Corn Exchange feels very continental at night with people milling around. With the work on the Kennet Centre it should become ever more popular. Keeping it pedestrianised would benefit Newbury                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 22 | I would like to keep them 10am-11pm. I'm in favour of as much pedestrianisation as possible as believe cars are a blight on our town centres.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 23 | We need to slow traffic down. This was a good traffic calming scheme which also improved the environment and safety for town users.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 24 | I live a five minute walk from the high street, which means I frequently walk down the high street to get to different places throughout the week. The extended pedestrianisation has made the town feel much safer, everyone is able to walk without worrying about cars speeding down the street in the evening. The extended hours also benefit town centre businesses, allowing them to have extra seating outside. For example Lusso has been able to expand their business as a result of this. The council should be encouraging walking over the use of cars, and the extended pedestrianisation helps toward this. The last thing we need is more cars travelling down the high street |
| 25 | I believe the evening pedestrianisation to have been a great addition to the town centre, however more now needs to be done to reduce parking charges at nearby car parks to encourage more people into the centre in the evenings, and perhaps beautify the space with planting so it is more than just a wide carriageway. I would also support businesses to be allowed to encroach more into the carriageway during the pedestrianised hours to enable more outdoor use of space.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 26 | Why oh why are the Council wasting yet more money on ridiculous surveys? The previous "trial" was opposed by the majority but yet still went ahead! They even shortened it because of it not working. For pity's sake have they genuinely nothing better to do? Or are they genuinely stupid?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 27 | I think the experimental TRO extending the pedestrianisation hours is a good thing for Newbury Town centre. To create a vibrant street life takes time, but it's already more vibrant than it was. People-centered spaces set us apart from other towns--it's our USP, along with the canal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 28 | The extended pedestrian ionization of the town center has transformed the character of the entrée at night. Families, couples, and people out for a stroll now have the town cent back. It means restaurants and bars, feel easier to access and their income, and footfall seems to have gone up. The most progressive towns around the world are boosting pedestrian ation schemes because it makes town centers more human and livable again. There are plenty of roads for the cast to drive on, let's do what's right for people on foot. It's good for the town in the community. I fully support extended pedestrian hours.                                                              |
| 29 | I think that having the town centre car free is a much calmer, more pleasant experience when eating out or visiting the bars. I think the council should support the restaurants with planning to utilise outside space better though. Less traffic and pollution People moan about driving around the ring road but it's really not that bad I lived in London and this is nothing they are just moaners who think it is still the 1970s Having a traffic free high street makes it much more inviting to come to town                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 30 | I would like to keep traffic out of the town centre entirely, apart from the necessary delivery vehicles and waste collection. No through traffic ever needs to be there, they can go around town instead. It's so nice at the moment in the evenings, no longer having to dodge cars.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 31 | I enjoyed being able to walk through town after dinner or drinks, safely.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 32 | Pedestrianisation until late at night, as per the current arrangement, allows restaurants and other venues to use Northbrook street without competing with traffic. It is a safer and cleaner/quieter space for pedestrians. Traffic needs to be kept outside of Newbury centre and it is counterproductive and counterintuitive, given environmental issues, to do otherwise.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 33 | As a pedestrian, cyclist and motorist, aged over 70, there are often occasions when I need to get from Wash Common to somewhere north of the canal or vice versa. From 5pm to 11pm it is no problem to drive the slightly longer route using the main road. There are also occasions when I would like to spend time around the Market Place between 5pm and 11pm and when cars etc are driving through they create noise and pollution that spoils the enjoyment of the Market Place as a pedestrian area. Bartholomew Street now has several new bars and restaurants and again is best enjoyed without cars etc driving down it during the evening. This also makes it safer as the potential for accidents increases when there is vehicular traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 34 | I didn't enjoy the high street during the darker months. There were often intimidating groups of youths hanging around and I certainly wouldn't want my teenage kids in the town centre after dark. I don't understand why the closure can't be seasonal and also from say Thursday to Sunday in the summer. Equally on weekends when the traffic is lighter, the high street should be closed to traffic from 8am as I have witnessed many people walking in the middle of the road unaware that it is live to traffic. In summary, the road should reopen to traffic as before, with a view to more targeted closures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 35 | I am not entirely sure why it is a very black and white situation and elements in between cannot be considered. Specifically around these areas: 10-5pm versus 10-11pm is a significant difference. Until 6pm there is still large numbers of foot traffic, especially in the summer, and I believe this should be measured and timings extended accordingly, albeit conceding 11pm is probably too late. I would also advocate for the restriction starting at 0900hrs on the weekends for that very same reason. I am regularly walking in town with my kids at 0930 and the traffic can be dangerous. Why can we not look at different hours for different days or seasons? During daylight savings time the pedestrianised period should be longer. Currently you can see lots of people enjoying tables outside in the evening and this will all be wiped out if cars are allowed back into town. We should be looking at 8 or 9pm in the summer and 6pm in the winter. Likewise we should be looking at different days having different rules. I think the weekend should remain with longer pedestrianised hours whereas the business week can revert. For me the either / or approach is ludicrous and does not serve anyone's interests. |
| 36 | I like having a pedestrianised town centre, I think it has contributed to a safer and more joyful atmosphere and enjoy being able to walk through town without navigating cars. If necessary, I think the later evening hours should be instated through summer months of daylight saving to allow local restaurants an opportunity to increase footfall through outdoor seating, and reduce the hours during winter months.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 37 | Having the main high street pedestrianised means people of all ages can go about their shopping and social needs without worrying about being hit by a vehicle. Too many drivers do not adhere to the speed limits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 38 | Newbury Town centre doesn't have pavements going through Northbrook Street. I feel it is unsafe for cars to come through when the shops are open. Please bring back the car free times of 10am to 11pm. Think of blind and hard of hearing people or people with disabilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 39 | I think pedestrianisation should start earlier because you have a lot of employees walking to work .maybe have 2 slots early morning and later at night                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 40 | It is still good weather in September and it is great to sit outside to eat or have a drink after 5pm on the high street and it is much more enjoyable without traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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| 41 | I personally think the pedestrianisation extension has many positives. It is important to note my opinion has changed since it was introduced. The removal of vehicles revving at traffic lights spewing out fumes and unnecessary noise when folks are enjoying an evening beer or dinner is a significant benefit. Likewise it is an absolute pleasure to walk or cycle through town in the evening without the same noise and fumes. However, I feel it should be extended to 10pm not 11pm as it serves no useful purpose to be that late whilst there are benefits for traffic to use it. Also, and I feel strongly about this, consideration should be given to the disabled on accessing venues particularly in the Market Place, whether it be to access the Corn Exchange or restaurants. |
| 42 | The town centre has been a much improved environment since the extension of the pedestrianisation hours. I and my family have increased our visits to the town centre to visit restaurants/bars and to enjoy being able to walk around without constantly watching for traffic. The future of Newbury should not be centred around vehicles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 43 | Your original application failed, you need to re-open as per the original setup                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 44 | I eat regularly in Newbury and don't have a worry about cars when sitting down outside to eat it's very relaxing. If cars are allowed it'll be noisy and having cars parked and passing while sitting outside having a drink isn't inviting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 45 | It has been a pleasure with no traffic in the evening walking in Newbury town centre                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 46 | a pedestrian area is comfortable in the evening and allows businesses to extended their footprint without have to be concerned about passing traffic impacting on their service proposition. it may encourage more premises to offer out door amenities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 47 | Since the hours banning traffic from central Newbury were extended to end at 11pm, the town centre has become a much more pleasant place to walk and socialise. Before the traffic ban was extended, motorists used to queue up to rush through Northbrook Street and the Market Place from 5pm even though the streets were full of pedestrians. The fumes from car exhausts were an unpleasant accompaniment to any activities involving sitting down, socialising, dining etc, within the designated area. As a resident, pedestrian, cyclist and motorist I object very strongly to the council caving in to the motoring lobby and reinstating vehicle access between 5pm and 11pm.                                                                                                           |
| 48 | When The roads are closed I as a disabled person with Blue Badge I find it difficult to park The Broadway parking is always busy right up to MCDonalds where cars are parked without a BB in disabled spaces. From where I live I have to travel all around via Robin Hood roundabout to get to exercise sessions at Everyman Active, costing me extra fuel.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 49 | I think it would be good to have the longer pedestrian times in place for the summer, to allow for more use of outside areas by restaurants while the weather allows it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 50 | I would like to see extended summer hours or a re-route of the current road to exclude the market place.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 51 | I would prefer the existing 10-11pm hours to remain.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 52 | much better closed until 11pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 53 | It's been great to be able to walk through the town centre in the evenings without having to dodge cars, vans and lorries. I've been able to enjoy sitting outside restaurants on summer evenings, now I'll be breathing in exhaust fumes. I regularly drive round Newbury at rush hour and haven't noticed any measurable delays on the A339 - it's always busy after work. Changing the hours to 5pm has several drawbacks and no benefits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 54 | I object to the current proposal. Traffic eases in summer around Newbury so I see a solution being a seasonal closure but in order for that to work shops should be encouraged to open later than 5;30pm or there is no pull to attend town. Fewer people in this economic climate can afford to eat out all the time and you will see more people heading to Victoria park than in town itself. There is no need for the town to be shut to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|    | cars in the winter, traffic is horrendous enough and no one will be dining outside. An alternative solution would be to shut the road to cars Thursday to Sunday but an all year round ban is ludicrous and damaging businesses in the high street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 55 | The pedestrianisation makes the town centre considerably safer in the evenings, especially as these are some of the busiest times with pedestrians visiting restaurants, pubs and the cinema and corn exchange. It also helps to promote the feeling of an open and welcoming community space, as there are no cars dividing the main thoroughfares                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 56 | i see no reason for traffic to be removed from the high-street after normal trading hours, specially as you are trying to house more people in that area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 57 | A pedestrian center transforms a city into a much safer, more vibrant space for families and young people. By removing cars, children gain a massive, secure environment to play, walk, and explore without the constant danger of traffic or the stress of air pollution. For teenagers and young adults, these zones serve as natural "third places"—accessible public spaces outside of home and school where they can meet up, skate, bike, or just sit and socialize without needing to spend money. The lack of engine noise creates a relaxed, inviting atmosphere where street performers, outdoor cafes, and community events can thrive, turning a simple walk into a shared social experience. This lively environment acts as a major magnet for tourism and local commerce. Tourists are naturally drawn to areas where they can comfortably stroll, take photos, and absorb the local culture at their own pace. Because foot traffic moves much slower than driving traffic, people notice things they would otherwise zoom past. Pedestrians can easily window-shop, pop into a local boutique, or grab a bite at an outdoor table. |
| 58 | The benefits of a vehicle free environment are to be valued.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 59 | Completely support pedestrian zones. It was for me one of the draws to the town. I think common sense can be applied here as agree it is of benefit to allows cars to drive through at peak times My suggestion would be variable and align with the peak footfall time windows. During GMT time: Weekdays - 10-17 pedestrian time Weekends and BH - 10-18:30 pedestrian time During BST time Weekdays 10-19 Weekends 10-21 Or something to that affect. We want to enjoy outside seating and risk free walking when the weather/year allows us too. Going back to a rigid 10:17 whilst works for winter. Does not reflect the additional enjoyment had by all during the summer months and weekends too.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 60 | I prefer the existing 10am to 11pm restrictions. Knowing Northbrook St is closed to traffic in the evening makes for a far safer and healthier environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 61 | Air pollution from traffic - alternative routes are available away from shops/businesses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 62 | To keep traffic away and keep pedestrians safer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 63 | The extension of pedestrianisation made the town centre much more accommodating and safe for people in the evenings, when groups and families want to shop and use restaurants. It improved cycle safety and reduces pollution in the centre. I have not seen the financial review but I cannot understand how there would be cause and effect in reducing footfall and revenue. I believe other options could be considered to encourage footfall, around parking charges, and increase use of outside spaces e.g. the market square could have a shared covered space. This seems like a backward step in the quality of the town centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 64 | Town center need to be for pedestrians This route is dangerous when car drive on it there is no safe space for pedestrians                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 65 | Historically the town centre has become a dangerous to pedestrians when it becomes a rat run at 5pm with people using it to avoid the major roads. I would support a change that opened the road once most of the shops and cafes have closed at 6pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| 66 | Pedestrianised zones create a safe, low-emission zone where families, children, and the elderly can move freely without the threat of cars, plus a car-free environment provides a continuous, safe surface for wheelchair users and those with visual impairments. The shops and restaurants don't close at 5pm, and evening users should be able to enjoy the town centre without fumes and congestion that cars bring. Plus, many schemes have shown that decreasing the hours that encourage walking and linger in order to allow cars in sends the message that the town centre is simply a thoroughfare, rather than a destination, and can decrease footfall and local spend. Plus the charm of Newbury town centre is, especially in the summer, the "cafe culture"; allowing car in will restrict outdoor seating, street markets, and community events and make it another road that people will avoid as pathways become crowded trying to avoid cars. Not to mention the air quality and emissions that come with allowing more cars through the town centre. I vehemently oppose this idea. |
| 67 | The longer hours in the evening as pedestrian area will make town centre safe for people going out and walking around the town centre. Deliveries can be done in the morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 68 | The pedestrianisation has just made getting around Newbury extremely difficult, especially if you want to drive from south Newbury to north Newbury, do you not realise that if you ban the car you ban the people. Also if you walk into and around Newbury later on in the evening the town feels and looks dead, we are not the Mediterranean and most of the cafes and pubs with seating outside are not busy, so what is the point of pedestrianisation. I do not even support the road being closed off at 10:00 am, Newbury has been ruined by this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 69 | 10am - 11pm best                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 70 | The Town centre should remain pedestrianised from 10am -11pm. It is important for the well being and safety of Newbury citizens.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 71 | I think the town should be pedestrianised 24 hours a day like most town / city centres. I went for an evening meal in the town centre last week and it was so much nicer having no cars on the street in the evening. There was lots of people out on the high street and it felt a lot more safer and peaceful. It's also nice to have less pollution from traffic in the town center.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 72 | I enjoy sitting outside in one of the restaurants during the summer months without cars going by                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 73 | The opportunity to walk along Northbrook Street safely with young children and without car fumes impacting my asthma has encouraged me to visit the town centre more often and actually enjoy the experience . Being able to sit outside to drink a coffee or eat a meal and listen to the buskers or shop without dodging vehicles makes Newbury town centre worth a visit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 74 | I believe longer pedestrianised hours are better for the town in that it encourages a culture of meeting and sitting outside, and improving air quality and general safety on our high street.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 75 | Rather than a full closure until 11pm, I would support a balanced approach where vehicle restrictions begin once the majority of retail shops have closed, perhaps around 8pm. This would allow shoppers to continue accessing the high street during trading hours while creating a safer, more pleasant environment for evening diners and pedestrians. The reduction in vehicle movements would improve air quality, reduce traffic noise and enhance the overall attractiveness of the town centre without unduly affecting daytime access.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 76 | I really enjoy walking/cycling through town in the early evening without the constant traffic. Sitting eating outside the Corn Exchange or Cobrizo Lounge or Lusso etc is idyllic with no traffic noise/smells/pollution. Please don't revert back to 10-5! Maybe shop opening times could start later so that more shops could stay open later?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| 77 | Its awful to go to town when the cars are driving through in the evening. Loud, smelly and idling near places like zizzi.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 78 | I object to reinstating the 10:00 am–5:00 pm vehicle access hours because I believe the current arrangement has made the town centre much safer and more pleasant for pedestrians. Without cars driving through during the busiest hours, people can walk around more safely without worrying about vehicles travelling at excessive speeds. This has made the town centre feel more welcoming for families, children, older people, and other pedestrians. During the autumn and winter, when it is raining, many drivers do not slow down and often drive through puddles, splashing pedestrians. Restricting vehicle access during the day helps prevent this and improves the overall experience for everyone using the town centre. For these reasons, I believe the current restrictions should remain in place rather than reinstating the 10:00 am–5:00 pm access hours |
| 79 | Reduces noise, pollution, difficulty crossing the road. Stops cars parking all along and blocking paths.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 80 | I think it is dangerous to allow traffic back through the pedestrianised area at 5pm as at this time there are many shoppers going in and out of the shops and I have previously witnessed near misses on multiple occasions when people have exited a shop and walked into the middle of the road unaware traffic was now allowed. Is the pedestrian hours are to be reduced, they should finish no earlier than 6pm when most of the shops have closed for the day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 81 | As someone who regularly walks the high street after 5pm, having cars driving up and down, especially during the darkness of winter is dangerous and an accident waiting to happen. The pedestrian walkway is poorly marked and often blocked by benches, signs, and restaurant seating. It is extremely dangerous squeezing past and staying out of the way of oncoming traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 82 | The extension of the pedestrian time is creating a better environment not just in terms of less traffic but also with local businesses now using the space outside their premises for outdoor seating. This was never going to happen overnight, and with the relocation of businesses from the Kennet centre they are some that are taking advantage of the space. Reintroducing traffic will make these initiatives less attractive to customers if vehicles are too close. Keep the extension of hours in place please                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 83 | Traffic is unsafe during the hours from 5-11pm. Traffic is too fast. Number of vehicles that park on the paths down the highstreet before 10am. As a pedestrian it is not safe. To get across to the other side of the high street before 10am it's not safe. Volume of traffic and speed of traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 84 | The Pedestrianisation should stand, ideally long term I would like to see no cars using that road so we can free up that space for outdoor space, i.e. seating areas, trees to bring in wildlife, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 85 | I use the town centre everyday. Since traffic has gone the town is much nicer and safer. What needs to happen now is banning electric bike use through this area. Making the junction by KFC two way again would make the traffic more efficient                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 86 | The town centre being pedestrianised for large parts of the day makes enjoyment of the town centre much better than when vehicles are passing through. The noise, danger to pedestrians and pollution are negative factors. The town centre has been a much more pleasant environment since pedestrianisation hours were extended. There is no need for the times to be fixed as a constant throughout the year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 87 | I don't know why you don't allow traffic after 8pm. 11pm is strange! It's nice to finish work and not have cars rushing past. I feel that the town is safer with traffic not racing through. There are plenty of rites for traffic and parking options. People are just Brats. There needed more development of the street with flower beds and outdoor seating to make the project work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 88 | Clean air, safe for using high street, cafe vibes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 89 | No need to shut street after 5 as nobody has done anything new to improve the streets usage after 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 90 | Newbury is full of pedestrians diversity from young to elderly, able body to wheelchair users, families to single independent people. All of these pedestrians move at their own pace. The Newbury high street is a place where all these people can roam safely and freely to support local businesses by purchasing their goods or necessities and/or meet family, friends or support networks. By allowing cars on the high street from 5pm you limit the pedestrians ability to do the above safely. There are many roads and ways around Newbury high street which allows cars multiple access to get from one side to the other.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 91 | The pedestrianisation creates a much nicer, welcoming feel to the town centre. It feels safer and community feels stronger. The idea that people drive through the town centre and decide to shop is ludicrous as they would have to move out of that area in order to park up anyway. There are multiple areas where people can be dropped off near to it. If there needs to be allowances made for people with disabilities then make allowances, ultimately it gives everyone more space to move through it. I love seeing families walking together without having to worry about a car bombing it down the road. There may be issues with delivery bikers going too fast but I don't think the answer to that is to bring back cars to the town centre. Please reconsider this. People are who are happy with the way things are, are always less likely to respond to these things so the viewpoint is likely to be biased. |
| 92 | I would like the pedestrianised hours to remain from 10am to 11pm. The town feels so much safer and less polluted with the high street closed to cars during this longer period. The characterful, community feel it provides was one of the reasons that attracted me to move to Newbury in the first place. I genuinely cannot think of a single benefit in cutting the pedestrianised hours back.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 93 | I think the pedestrianised high street is integral to Newbury's community and character. It creates a town centre focused on people, not vehicles, and provides a safer environment for everyone. Increased pedestrianisation encourages people to walk and healthier habits. It reduces pollution and dangers to others.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 94 | I want to continue to use the many new cafes and restaurants in Bartholomew Street in the evening without the noise and smell and fumes of passing traffic. Keep the town car free in the evening. Children from the flats can now play in the street. It's lovely. There was an orchestrated campaign on FB to remove pedestrianisation. The real people of Newbury want to be car free.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 95 | The town feels a lot safer with the longer pedestrian hours, and the town centre actually acts as a town centre, bringing a much needed sense of community back to the town. It has been a phenomenal success, and bringing back the hours to 5pm would only realistically satisfy people who don't live or work in the town centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 96 | Much prefer the 11pm without traffic. Freedom to walk around without traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 97 | I don't want the cars back but even if you do bring back the cars please do not allow it until later in the evening, the shops are still open until 6 so if you really have to reopen to traffic do it when the shops are shut. I always go into town later to do my shopping and leave when the shops shut I don't want to suddenly have cars driving towards me while still shopping. We have some lovely cafes since pedestrianisation and this will be ruined by boy racers repeatedly going through town when you want to sit outside for a meal choking on car exhausts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 98 | The rest of Europe is finding ways to improve the areas that we live and work. We have the A339 and the A35. Let's have a clean town centre                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 99  | After the last review this was heavily voted against by business and customers alike. Bringing this back to vote is just proving that you ignore results and will keep going until you get your way.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 100 | It worked well before the change - the traffic congestion has increased, the town centre is sterile, and it's been a contrived idea that was significantly rebuked in the original 'consultation'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 101 | Keep the area pedestrianised and safe for people                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 102 | I love having a traffic free area at night, enabling us to eat outside without traffic fumes. I would happily accept reduced hours in the winter, but please save our traffic free spring and summer evenings. I live one side of Newbury and work the other side, yes it is a pain to drive around, but it is fine and now I am used to it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 103 | I strongly support retaining the extended pedestrianisation hours from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM and formally object to any proposal to reinstate reduced hours. The longer pedestrianisation window provides measurable benefits to Newbury's town center, its residents, and the local economy. Beyond ensuring significantly cleaner air and creating safer streets free from the dangers of through-traffic, the extended hours actively support our evening economy by making outdoor dining and nighttime foot traffic viable and welcoming. Furthermore, it fosters a vibrant community space, encourages sustainable active travel, and protects our historic town center from vehicular wear and tear during its busiest operating hours                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 104 | The system to ban traffic was a far better experience within the town centre. No noise or fumes and being able to cross the road in relative safety,. However with cyclists and scooters this had not always been possible. As a disabled person I find walking on the pavement dangerous due to the uneven surface and will use the roadway instead. I have in the past fallen after catching my shoe on a raised brick .i find it appalling that motorists can dictate what should happen because they are not prepared to wait for 5 to 10 minutes longer. I used to drive to Reading to work and either left early or later to avoid the rush hour. If as some are stating about the A34 being closed then Northbrook Street would not be able to cope with the volume. What I do not understand is why it has to be open to traffic from 5pm until the following morning . It is not being used because of volume of traffic after 7pm. |
| 105 | We do not need cars in the main street of Newbury. I have lived here 32 years and have never even thought of driving down the pedestrian street. Plenty of other routes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 106 | It has not been a success for local businesses for the few days a year that people can have some food outside. We do not live in Spain. The culture here does not match whatever they're trying to emulate on their holidays. It causes more traffic problems and delays people getting to and from work. The Newbury traffic cannot cope as it is and closing off a main way through town during rush hour is not worth it. Besides the restaurants that do have outside seating still do not encroach on the road so it's utterly pointless.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 107 | I would like to see a vibrant town centre offering easy access by car with parking back in the market place and Northbrook street. I would then be encouraged to pop in and out bringing business back to the local shops. At the moment the town centre is dead and I prefer to park at the retail park where parking is very close to the shops.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 108 | I object to the proposal to reduce the pedestrianisation hours from 10am–11pm to 10am–5pm and strongly support retaining the current arrangements. The extended pedestrianisation hours create a safer, more attractive and more welcoming town centre for residents, visitors and businesses. Newbury has developed a vibrant evening economy, with restaurants, cafés, pubs, cultural venues and events that rely on people being able to enjoy the town centre without conflicts with vehicle traffic. Reintroducing vehicles from 5pm onwards would reduce the quality of the public space at precisely the time many people are arriving to socialise, dine or attend events.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|     | Keeping the town centre pedestrianised until 11pm encourages walking and cycling, improves safety for families and vulnerable road users, reduces noise and vehicle emissions in the heart of the town, and helps maintain a pleasant environment that benefits both residents and local businesses. It also aligns with wider objectives to create thriving, people-focused town centres rather than prioritising vehicle access. The existing 10am–11pm arrangement has been in place long enough to demonstrate that the town centre can successfully operate as a pedestrian-focused space throughout the day and evening. Reverting to a 5pm end time would be a backward step that would undermine the character and attractiveness of Newbury town centre and diminish the experience for those who use it during the evening. For these reasons, I believe the current 10am to 11pm pedestrianisation hours should be retained. |
| 109 | It is wonderful being able to walk safely through the town freely without concern of cars and vehicles, especially with young children. There's a distinct lack of noise and air pollution when there is no traffic running through the town centre. Sitting outside in the restaurants and bars feels like you're relaxed and calm without vehicles queue at the traffic lights. I have found the traffic along the A339 during the 10-11 trial adequate and concluded there is no need for a rat run through the town to alleviate traffic on a dual carriageway that can clearly handle the volume of traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 110 | Prefer to keep the existing hours (until 11pm). I use the pedestrianised street - it is fundamental to the appeal of the town centre. A vocal and mobilised group has loudly objected without much material substance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 111 | Keep the extended hours PLEASE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 112 | The town is so much more welcoming and enjoyable to pedestrians/cyclists without the cars. I've really enjoyed Newbury town centre this last while due to the absence of traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 113 | Traffic is horrendous in Newbury as it is as you already have pedestrianised the bridge over the canal by the library. All people do in Newbury is sit in traffic. It's awful.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 114 | I think the extended pedestrian hours have made the centre of Newbury a much nicer place to be in the evening even when balanced against the perceived impact on traffic on other roads. Drivers and cars dominate the majority of Newbury, it's been great to have one small area that has felt safe from the dangers and pollution that cars bring to an area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 115 | I live in town centre 10 years and never liked young lads with loud exhaust. If you like open road from 5pm alright but noise should be regulated rapidly. Specially in summer time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 116 | The centre won't grow to a modern pedestrianised centre without giving it the correct amount of time. There are plenty of roads about for cars                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 117 | Its dead, pedestrianisation of the town centre is killing it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 118 | Current hours improve the life of people who actually live and work in the town centre - Newbury is safer, cleaner and more pleasant than it has ever been. High street is also doing the best I've seen since I've lived in Newbury with plenty of thriving local businesses. I visit the high street almost every day, often after 5pm, and this proposal would make me reconsider visiting as frequently.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 119 | The town centre has been a joy without all the traffic and fumes running through, people just use it as a cut through but since it's been pedestrianised, the centre has been wonderful in the evenings to go out for drinks and eat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 120 | PLEASE don't rescue the pedestrianisation. It pollutes a lovely peaceful street with noisy cars and creates a rat run for boy racers creating an unpleasant anti social environment. It doesn't help traffic, it just creates another traffic jam. People can still very easily access all the town centre amenities. There is no need for it at all. People just like to moan on social media with false claims.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 121 | The long term future of Newbury is home building at Kennet centre and a cafe culture. The area should be pedestrianised full time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 122 | Pedestrianisation of the town centre is safer for pedestrians and it ultimately makes town a nicer place to be. Allowing businesses to have outdoor seating without fear of cars disturbing the peace is great, especially during summer months. There are ample routes for cars to take to avoid town and I am not convinced it adds that much time to journeys. We want the town centre to be a peaceful and welcoming place, not one where you're dodging cars constantly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 123 | Traffic is horrendous on A339 5-6pm when Northbrook street is closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 124 | Newbury Town Centre has been far more accessible and enjoyable ever since the extension of the pedestrian hours. The ability for hospitality businesses to put seating on the street in the afternoon/evening helps drive footfall, creates a more lively town centre, and makes the street far more enjoyable. Previously walking or cycling at night down the town centre has been worrying, with some drivers not adhering to speed limits or driving at speed close to pedestrians. Especially with the road cutting through the square where there are several pubs/clubs that operate late in the night. I believe giving up a small fraction of the road during the day has not inhibited my ability to drive around Newbury, and the cleaner air whilst shopping, eating, or enjoying a drink in the town centre has been a welcome addition to living in Newbury. This proposed change undoes the excellent work of bringing in the extended pedestrian hours. Please reconsider your proposal. |
| 125 | Clean air quality for residents and users of the area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 126 | I actually dont think this matters The issue is price for drinks nights out and taxis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 127 | Means places can let people eat alfresco.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 128 | Because it clearly does not support our businesses, plus the delusional Lib Dems have done nothing to solve the traffic issues with everyone having to use the bypass                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 129 | I think that the current trial of keeping the evening traffic free until 11pm has made the centre of town more pleasant. Places to sit outside cafes/pubs without traffic fumes. There are still plenty of parking close to town and everywhere is easily accessible. We should discouraging car use in our town centres. Do we really want to go back to the five o clock traffic at the northbrook and market square lights idling and pumping out fumes. I find it hard to believe that the evening time businesses have been negatively impacted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 130 | Stop with the pointless consultations, such a waste of money, time and energy. Leave it behind, it's working and it's 0.3 miles of road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 131 | I understand that some people would like a quicker route through town, but cutting through the centre is only likely to save a few minutes. As more vehicles use the route, it could easily lead to queues and congestion in the very heart of town. The bypass is usually quiet after 5 or 6pm, so there is already a practical alternative. Our town centre should be a place where people feel comfortable walking, shopping, meeting friends and enjoying the growing number of cafés and restaurants. A pedestrian-friendly high street is a real asset, particularly for older people, children and families who should not have to worry about traffic passing through. Keeping cars out helps preserve the calm, welcoming character of a market town. We have parking available, and protecting the town centre as a space for people rather than through-traffic feels like the right long-term choice.                                                                                        |
| 132 | As a parent of two young children, I find the current pedestrianisation hours make Newbury town centre much safer and, in turn, more enjoyable to use. As both a parent with ADHD and the parent of a child with ADHD, I particularly value being able to move around the town centre without the constant concern of traffic. Personally, I find busy, high-traffic environments extremely overstimulating and stressful. Navigating traffic while supervising young children requires a significant amount of concentration,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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|     | <p>particularly when one child has additional needs and I am often also managing a pushchair. The pedestrianised area removes many of these pressures, allowing me to focus on my children's needs and enjoy spending time in the town centre rather than feeling anxious about their safety. The current arrangements make Newbury feel more accessible and welcoming for families like mine. Reintroducing vehicles after 5pm would make the town centre feel less safe and less enjoyable to use, particularly for families with young children, disabled people, and those who may find busy traffic environments overwhelming. The traffic-free environment encourages families to visit, supports local businesses, and creates a welcoming town centre. Reintroducing vehicles after 5pm would reduce safety and make the area less pleasant for residents and visitors, particularly families with children. Pedestrianisation also creates a more pleasant atmosphere for both residents and visitors. It allows families, older people, and those with mobility difficulties to move around more comfortably and confidently without the worry of traffic. The town centre feels more accessible, inclusive, and attractive when people can walk freely and enjoy the area safely. In addition, Newbury's evening economy benefits from the current arrangements. Restaurants, cafés, pubs, events, and community activities all benefit from a pedestrian-friendly environment that encourages people to stay in the town centre for longer. Keeping pedestrianisation in place later into the evening helps maintain Newbury's character as a destination to visit and enjoy, rather than simply a route for vehicles to pass through. For these reasons, I believe the current pedestrianisation hours should remain in place and I object to the proposal to reduce them.</p> |
| 133 | <p>1. Businesses in Newbury town centre, especially in the summer months, expand their customer seating area to outside the shops. And although it doesn't cross over onto the path where drivers would drive, mostly, it would be negatively impacted by cars whizzing by and the pollution. 2. As a disabled person it is impossible to navigate Newbury town centre without moving onto the path cars would drive on because of the numbers of people there. If the cars were driving I couldn't get from a to b. 3. Newbury town centre has worked hard to bring in family oriented businesses, a place for people to shop and eat as a family after work, the pedestrian nature ensuring it is deemed safe and welcoming. Opening up the road at 5pm would ruin this for my friends and family and all families and no doubt cost those businesses huge amounts in lost revenues. 4. There is a huge dual carriageway, and plenty of alternative routes around Newbury town centre, there is no need other than laziness of car drivers, no need at all for them to cut through the shopping area of town between 5pm and 11pm. There is no real upside to removing the pedestrianisation, no real value to allowing cars to drive through the town centre as early as 5pm, there are only downsides, all of which will ruin the town centre and the revenues of the businesses there. Don't change the pedestrian times, realise the intrinsic value to residents, visitors and businesses and protect it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 134 | <p>There is very little benefit to being able to drive through the town centre in the evening. I'm afraid the anti active travel people have been too vocal in this case. How are we going to change travel habits and attitudes by making it harder to walk or cycle?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 135 | <p>I like being able to walk through town in the evening without traffic.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 136 | <p>Congestion!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 137 | <p>It's a sure waste of time as you have probably seen no one goes there. People could park in town and have a walk and go to the pubs without paying high car park payments it has been very dead every evening</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 138 | <p>It's a sure waste of time as you have probably seen no one goes there. People could park in town and have a walk and go to the pubs without paying high car park payments it has been very dead every evening</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| 139 | The current hours of 10am to 11pm should remain. As we come into summer there will be more use of the area by cafes, pubs and restaurants after 5pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 140 | Walking through town is almost impossible when cars are also tearing through there due to the amount of outside signage and other obstacles. Never mind all the cars that then just pull up and park in the pedestrian area. I walk everywhere with a blind dog in tow and its one hazard after another. Additionally as a single woman I actually feel safer walking when there are no cars. I can walk in the middle rather than be squashed against all the hidden side streets. Finally the vibe is just so much nicer and friendlier without the idiot drivers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 141 | I prefer it being closed to traffic in the evenings and do not support returning to the previous hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 142 | I prefer the pedestrian where the traffic isn't allowed until 11pm. It's much nicer going into town on an evening without any traffic. I live in Speen and used to regularly drive through the town as a cut through. However I still prefer the traffic to not be allowed until 11pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 143 | We have already had survey after survey regarding putting the hours back to what they were 10 am to 5 pm. Have you not read the last damning report, which was critical of the new hours and how it's impacted trade and traffic, and people feeling unsafe, as well as impacting people with disabilities? I suggest you read it, as clearly you haven't or don't want to. This has pushed all the traffic onto the A34, causing congestion and a significant increase in greenhouse gas emissions. Trade and footfall are down, and over 78.8% of residents voted against it if you bothered to look, which is pretty conclusive. You were voted in by the people of Newbury to represent them, but, unfortunately, the Liberal Democrats are anti-democratic, as we've seen with this pedestrianisation. The definition of stupidity is doing the same thing over and over again, expecting a different result, as is the case here. For God's sake, just put it back to what it was, as the Newbury residents clearly voted for. |
| 144 | Northbrook st and the surrounding area works better without pedestrianisation it killed the shopping area when it was done and for what ? You hide behind pollution effects but there is no evidence especially now fuel and vehicles have been all sorted these days are you just going to keep waisting my tax money until you get the answer you want it seems the council knows best                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 145 | Having only just ended the experimental period because it was so unpopular I find it very odd the Council now wants to make the scheme permanent. Feels like the Council is determined to do something mere citizens do not want so keep asking for approval until they get the 'right' answer. This smacks of dogma ahead of proper prioritisation of service delivery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 146 | I think the town has been enhanced by the extended pedestrianisation hours. I have seen no downside                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 147 | I would open the town up to traffic at 7pm instead of 5pm. Many of the shops are still open at 5pm and it has become comfortable and pleasant to walk down Northbrook Street without a constant flow of traffic. 7pm opening also gives the bars and restaurants a time where they could encourage folk to sit outside their premises too.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 148 | I have really enjoyed the safety of the longer pedestrianised hours and feel going back is retrograde progress. I am disabled (blind) and the difficulties in crossing Northbrook Street when cars are going through it is significant. Without any textured paving and vans parked up, it is extremely hazardous. As for those complaining about disabled access - there is a lot of disabled parking around town VERY near Northbrook Street and I don't think it's an issue. Perhaps shops should be opening later and closing later as that would keep footfall higher? I LOVE the pedestrian hours and wish it would be pedestrianised earlier in the morning too (which is a massive hazard).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 149 | I have young children and we regularly visit Newbury Town centre. We have really enjoyed being able to use the town centre freely without having to worry about traffic when spending the evening in town. I do not support stopping the pedestrianisation before 8pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 150 | It seems retrogressive to be de-pedestrianising the town centre. Thousands of towns in Europe have succeeded in pedestrianising larger town centres to their great benefit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 151 | I want to be able to actually be dropped off in the town in the evening. I don't feel safe walking up the street in the evening with no cars.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 152 | It is safer for shoppers and participants in the night-time economy if they do not have to contend with vehicular traffic, a significant proportion of which is using the town centre as a short cut / 'rat run'. If the Council is minded to go ahead with this proposal, I suggest that it actively considers how the one-way arrangements might be reconfigured to limit the use of the town centre as a short cut - e.g. by making Bridge Street one-way southbound.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 153 | It was lovely to be able to walk through town at any time of day without fear of traffic or petrol fumes. Pedestrianisation encourages people to patronise restaurants and other businesses that are open into the evening, potentially creating a vibrant street culture akin to that on the Continent. Otherwise, the town centre can feel unwelcoming at night, with cars speeding through. It is easy for drivers to choose other routes that avoid the town centre, and the shortcut will still be available overnight. Please start the pedestrianisation from 9 a.m. for people walking to work and other commitments (such as my volunteering).                                                                        |
| 154 | Full pedestrianisation cuts off vital trade to the town centre                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 155 | I like the extended hours to 23:00hrs as it makes me feel safer when out and about in town for a meal or just having a drink. Perversely, I have almost been knocked over by young daft lads using it as an ease track to show off. Not something you want on an evening out. If it goes back to 17:00hrs I will avoid town at night.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 156 | Traffic in the mornings and evenings discourages pedestrians and increases safety risks. It also limits outside dining options and the enjoyment thereof due to exhaust and noise. There are ways to allow for deliveries and commercial traffic without Northbrook becoming a freeway in the morning and late afternoon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 157 | I object on the grounds that the start time of the pedestrianisation is too late for the public passing through Northbrook Street, on their way to work, and parents taking children to school. The pedestrian hours should start from 0800hrs, giving time for deliveries to be made before pedestrians are moving. The companies who require deliveries can instruct their suppliers to deliver before 0800hrs. I had occasion to be in Newbury, a couple of weeks ago, and found it very difficult to cross from one side of the road to the other because of the amount of traffic. Pedestrianisation should be, no vehicles allowed.                                                                                      |
| 158 | I like the longer pedestrian times. I think it has not been given a fair chance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 159 | I have enjoyed being able to walk freely, as a pedestrian, through Newbury Town Centre in the evenings. This freedom encouraged me into the town centre on a daily basis since the 10am-11pm pedestrianisation was introduced. To allow traffic to return to the main street is a step backwards. The pollution caused by traffic must have a negative impact on the environment. I was so disappointed when I learned that there would be a reinstatement of pedestrianisation hours from 10am-11pm to 10am-5pm. In order to prepare well in advance for the upcoming reinstatement, I have already purposely changed my behaviour in the evenings and have stopped using Newbury Town Centre as a pedestrian - such a shame. |
| 160 | There were a lot of people who were against the original proposal. I believe that the trial for the extended hours has worked. There is plenty of parking in West Street, including the public car park and the Northcroft area. On the other side, the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|     | underground Parkway carpark and the wharf provide a great deal of evening parking space. Deliveries to some of the retail premises might be a bit restrictive but early morning deliveries seem to have been made without problems but I would consider that the Bid might confirm that or otherwise.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 161 | The current hours, 10am to 11pm, make the town centre MUCH SAFER and more PLEASANT in the evenings - there are shops, bars, restaurants etc all open. I'm far more likely to go into town in the evenings. When the pedestrianisation continued only until 5pm, there was a sudden rush of vehicles, the great majority seemingly simply using the town centre as a thoroughfare. And many were clearly there, with their deliberately noisy cars and motorcycles simply to show off. Local businesses have access to the street side of their premises until 10am every morning, quite sufficient. Anyone else who has a legitimate access during these hours can surely be given it by some simple process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 162 | I believe the pedestrianisation scheme has been a huge benefit to the town, there are more shops than have been for a long time. It is pleasant to sit outside pubs and restaurants in the evenings without being subjected to exhaust fumes, loud vehicles etc. My only point would be perhaps it should start earlier, perhaps 8am, as market days can be challenging early on trying to dodge traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 163 | I want much more pedestrianisation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 164 | As someone who visits the town centre regularly and often needs to travel from one side of town to the other, I find it very convenient to be able to drive through the centre. The town centre is also a lovely tourist attraction, and driving through it allows me to appreciate its character and appearance. It also helps me keep up to date with which shops are open and whether any new businesses have arrived, as these are things I can easily miss if I do not pass through the town regularly. On another note, when I am on foot, I feel that the town centre lacks atmosphere. Seeing cars, people, and the general hustle and bustle contributes to the sense of a vibrant and thriving town. Since the pedestrianisation, traffic on the surrounding roads has become much heavier, and it now takes considerably longer to travel from one side of town to the other. This has made journeys less convenient and has increased congestion on roads that were already busy. |
| 165 | I guess the 5pm opening, allows for a rabbit run between the various parts of the town. Saving some people some time, and reducing some of the traffic off the main roads. However it confuses people, and also does it save that much time? Surely someone has done a traffic survey? For me, keep it closed, I am not sure it makes that much of a difference to the drivers but it is much safer for the pedestrians.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 166 | Pedestrianisation makes Newbury high street a nicer environment to visit + shop in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 167 | Fantastic change for people who walk into town. Increased opportunities for independent and chain bars and restaurants to utilise external space. Feels safer walking around in the evenings. Less noise around the town in the evenings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 168 | The longer hours of pedestrianisation make the town centre a much more pleasant and safe place than when the road is lined with traffic from 5pm. There are undoubtedly health (air quality) benefits. The road is used by high numbers of pedestrians and cyclists after 5pm who are subject to all the negative impacts of passing vehicles and queuing traffic if the road is open to vehicles. To increase vehicle capacity will also encourage greater car use, contrary to policy (and all the other efforts to manage climate change).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 169 | It has been much nicer to walk around the pedestrianised part of the town centre in the evening without having to worry about traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 170 | I object to the proposal because the flow of traffic after 5pm will be a nuisance for pedestrians using the town centre and will also be dangerous and increase pollution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|     | As a result there will be less evening footfall making the town centre feel less welcoming and vibrant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 171 | I think the pedestrianisation of the high street is a good idea but needs to be taken further, allowing restaurants to spill out further across the high street and investing in more greenery to make it seem less like a vehicle thoroughfare and much more of a community space.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 172 | Keep the street clean from cars and businesses their customers can enjoy a terrace stay with no cars running fast motorbike make huge noises I would suggest to keep it like it is we feel more safe and create nice environment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 173 | There is a much better ambience in the area when traffic is not allowed. More people come and it is much more pleasant to sit in the cafes/ restaurants on their outside tables. There is also less pedestrian mental confusion when they do not have to worry about crossing busy roads especially during evening times. Allowing vehicles before 10am is sufficient time for shops to organise their deliveries etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 174 | I live in Northcroft, the centre of Newbury - and it has been lovely to walk to the Corn Exchange in the evening along the pedestrian area with no cars! I think there is a compromise - I know there was a lot of objection regarding deliveries to the shops etc. - can this not be managed in a different way - i.e. allowing deliveries at other times? I have an 89 year Dad and he has a walker and the traffic shoots along there in the evening and backs up and there's pollution. If the cars are reinstated THERE MUST BE AN ABSOLUTE 20 MILES AN HOUR LIMIT ON THAT ROAD WITH CAMERAS SO ENSURE EVERYONE CRAWLS ALONG AND PEDESTRIANS ARE KEPT SAFE. 20 MILES AN HOUR IS THE MAXIMUM SPEED AND CAMERAS MUST BE INSTALLED. I think this will deter people from using it a little. It will be noisy for the people sitting out in the restaurants on the tables and the pubs - noise, traffic, pollution - Wales has gone down the route of 20 miles per hour for traffic calming etc. I now agree with this. Thank you for listening - I do believe it will be reinstated unfortunately, however, can measures to ensure traffic calming be put in place. |
| 175 | I understand the impact on business as part of the extended pedestrian hours, wider felt traffic flow issues, as well as the positives as a pedestrian (especially in the summer months). However, I feel like this is choosing between two extremes. There is a degree of chaos/uncertainty created when updating the hours so this should not be taken lightly. I'd be more in favour of revising the hours as somewhere later than 5pm without resorting to 11pm, and then perform a singular change to the hours just the once in the future.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 176 | Safety of people using Newbury town centre during the evening. A compromise would be to have extended hours at the weekend all year round and/or extended hours 7 days per week in the summer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 177 | We are regular visitors to Newbury and especially to the evening events at the Corn Exchange and St Nicholas Church. We usually park at the Railway station or use the train and walk into the Centre. We really appreciate the lack of traffic in the town centre that makes walking enjoyable and safe. It also is good for our health as we will be sitting still for a number of hours so a safe walk before and after is much appreciated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 178 | Evenings without the traffic are so much more pleasant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 179 | Maintaining pedestrianisation in Newbury town centre will continue to create a safer, cleaner, and more attractive environment. Fewer cars mean reduced emissions of pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter. It will continue to encourage community interaction, and promote sustainable travel. Outdoor seating, street markets, and events will become more viable which will eventually attract more visitors and support local businesses. Pedestrianisation supports walking and cycling, contributing to healthier lifestyles. Vehicular access does not impact on footfall to retailers/service providers as there is no parking within the pedestrianised area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|     | Opening Northbrook Street to traffic at 5pm only encourages "rat-running" traffic at the detriment of a safer, cleaner environment. The argument that it damages businesses because of delivery/access issues is spurious. This was brought home to me after a recent trip to York, which has embraced pedestrianisation of the Town Centre yet still has a thriving retail environment. Looking further afield, continental cities have a high level of pedestrianisation and you only have to look at the success of the pedestrianisation of Strøget in Copenhagen which was massively objected to in the very beginning. The objections of restricting deliveries and lack of disabled access can be met with work around solutions similar to those in place in other highly pedestrianised Cities. The support for a reinstatement of pedestrianisation comes from a lobby group that sees "autonormativity" as the norm and has no rational argument to support it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 180 | To keep pedestrians safe. I should also like to ensure that the ban on motorised transport should extend to illegal e-bikes, which often pose a much greater risk to the public and should be urgently addressed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 181 | SAFETY: From a safety perspective, 5pm is far too early to allow vehicle access. Families and children will be suddenly faced with dangers that they were not prepared for. If Newbury Town centre had wanted to become a 'destination' for an evening out then cars must be excluded. Incentives for increased places to eat (as in Reading) would have been needed for it to succeed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 182 | The current 10am to 11pm pedestrianisation should remain to provide a safe environment to all users of Newbury town centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 183 | I have really enjoyed the extended pedestrianisation time of the high street, it brings different feel to the area. It makes the town center more of an inclusive place, able to be enjoyed by people who work and children. Walking into the center for dinner with my children of an evening and sitting out on the street makes me feel like I'm on holiday, it's a great feeling. It would be such a shame to deny this feeling to the people of Newbury just to open it up to be a rat run for people driving home from work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 184 | I know this is a subject with many views. Personally, our household would suggest that it's not the pedestrianisation that is the issue. It's more what the vehicles do if they are allowed to use the town centre. Primarily, try walking on the supposed walking zone before 10am. You are constantly being forced into doorways and single file obstacles, because cars / vans continually translate vehicles being allowed to it being park on every bit of footpath available. There have been countless times you are forced to walk into the road / vehicle zone because someone has dumped a vehicle fully outside of Greggs (or wherever) to "pop in". Some feel the area outside of Boots is car parking because they are overweight and have a blue badge, McDonalds - well that's reserved for dozens of Deliveroo bikes isn't it. Try navigating the town centre before 10am on a market day, it's twice as bad. The trader by Mansion House, he blocks the footpath one side completely, as it's full of his stall / shelves /etc. The opposite side (outside Gails) is again blocked by his truck, which is there for quite some time, it's not just to unload...you have no choice but to walk in the road with cars heading towards you. So, the real question is; How can you make the streets safe for pedestrians 24/7? Because currently they are not, at some point there will be an accident. The pavement is NOT free parking for the lazy (BUT it currently is, there is no enforcement whatsoever). So we objecting on the grounds that vehicle owners cannot conduct themselves in a "safe for all" manor. Although what's the point typing this? The question is clearly inferring you'll change it back to 17h00 regardless Do those wishing to support this have to outline their grounds for response?. |
| 185 | Pedestrianisation should be permanent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 186 | Keep 10am to 11pm - perhasps allowing deliveries between 5pm and 11pm Try and encourage more people to stay/visit the town centre in the evenings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| 187 | Increased footfall is a direct requirement to support town centre business. The Newbury roads are congested. Disabled people require better access to town centres. Closing vehicle access to Northbrook St does not support any of the above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 188 | I object on the grounds that pedestrians are pushed to the edges and vehicles dominate the larger part of the space through Northbrook Street, I think it is safer that vehicles don't use the space until after 11pm. With the increase in the 'cafe culture' from various cafes and restaurants along Northbrook Street it seems less appropriate to reinstate the traffic driving past from 5pm, it is much more enjoyable and safer to have a traffic-free town environment in the evenings, and this of course encourages people into the town to eat and drink and this in turn supports the town economy. My main objection is to the safety and health aspect of the vehicles passing by i.e. the increased traffic and chance of someone being hit by a vehicle, the increase in noise and traffic fumes, and the deterioration in the enjoyment of the place because of the traffic volume. |
| 189 | I believe the centre of Newbury should be a traffic free zone at all times, for many reasons; to reduce pollution, reduce noise disturbance and anti social behaviour and for safety. I hate when cars drive through the centre, it is not necessary. I say ban cars entirely!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 190 | As someone who visits Newbury town centre I find it much safer and nicer not having traffic on Northbrook street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 191 | The removal of evening pedestrianisation makes people visiting the local restaurants and shops in the evening less safe and adds no benefit to the local traffic, as for the majority of the time, access to vehicles is granted outside peak traffic time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 192 | The air quality and safety of pedestrians in the town centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 193 | I think it is extremely dangerous to be pedestrianised one minute and then have vehicles down it the next especially in winter when it gets dark early. This is especially problematic for visitors to Newbury. There are also no road markings; pavement and roadway are virtually impossible to tell apart. I would feel safer walking if it was all pedestrian.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 194 | Its a much nicer in the evenings without traffic, all the cafes and restaurants that have now opened down the bottom of the street will benefit from the longer hours staying                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 195 | The hours should be kept between 10am to 11pm to allow for extended shopping and eating out on Fridays and Saturdays. On all other days the hours can be changed back to 10am to 5pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 196 | I think it has made Northbrook Street, Bartholomew Street and the Market Place a much nicer and safer environment in the evening. It's been so nice to sit outside of a restaurant or pub and to enjoy the evening without the noise and pollution of traffic. Even to be able to walk through those areas without the traffic is so much nicer (although bloody deliveroo bike, e-bike and e-scooter riders AND some inconsiderate cyclists should not be allowed to speed their way through!!!!). I think at the very least, keeping the area pedestrianised until 11pm should be implemented, particularly during the summer months/April to October.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 197 | It's working! Look at the number of cafes opening with street seating. The other issue safety. Children and older people are particularly vulnerable to the switch at 5pm when the road suddenly opens. This is, at best, a short termist solution to traffic in Newbury when better solutions may be more expensive but should be considered as long term investments these include: a) instituting a Coventry-style VLR from the Kennet Centre car park, along Northbrook Street as a hop-on/hop-off service to counter accessibility claims. This could eventually extend to the train station and even beyond up to the college/retail park where a new council-run multi-storey park and ride solution could be instituted. Likewise extension the other way to Vodafone and even Chieveley services could allow a similar park and ride solution. b) work with National Highways                |

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|     | to develop a new junction (as has been developed at Lodge Hill) for the A34 along Enborne Road. This would allow traffic flows out of South Newbury at this point and rejoining the other side of town at Speen or connecting to the M4 at Chieveley. c) work with the Department for Transport and GB Rail to develop proposals for expanding rail in Newbury. This could include a new line to Didcot via Harwell and East Isley mirroring the A34 route and vice versa connecting to Winchester and Southampton. A new turn instituted near Theale station would allow services to run directly from Newbury onto Reading Green Park and indeed onto Basingstoke. Existing lines could deliver improved services through timetabling changes which would allow a new service running from Newbury to Reading and onto Wokingham to Guildford and Gatwick and/or Newbury to Reading to Bracknell without having to change at Reading. Either or all options are clearly preferable and should be part of any long term transport planning. |
| 198 | The reduced hours of the Pedestrianisation will make Newbury Town Centre less enjoyable for people who use the Town Centre and reduce ability to host events for the Community. The objections to extended Pedestrianisation were because of the failure of the Council to consult residents & businesses prior to introduction and poor implementation. Instead of cancelling the trial early, the Council should work with businesses and those who actually use the Town Centre to come up with proposals that work. Northbrook Street should not be a rat run.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 199 | I think that the pedestrianisation should start at 10am and go on until 10pm this allows cafes to have outside areas during the summer, people and events to happen traffic free during the day but allow for morning traffic to pass through the town to avoid blockages on the other roads when school traffic is at its peak.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 200 | I think we should prioritise people in the town centre at all times. Traffic is unnecessary in a town centre that is relatively small. We are starting to see a more active evening vibe in Newbury and re-introducing evening traffic is likely to affect this negatively.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 201 | Queues of polluting cars queuing up for a rat run through the town centre from 4.45 every day. Turning the town centre back into a road instead of a pleasant place to walk Reverting backwards rather than continuing to improve the town centre environment, due to the noisy views of people with no vision None of these are the actions of a thoughtful forward looking administration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 202 | It is causing shops to close as not enough footfall it is causing traffic jams and the entire idea is idiotic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 203 | I object to the reintroduction of vehicle use through Newbury town centre. Businesses are now starting to invest in the high street with outdoor seating & bars, restaurants and cafes have been packed for the last few weeks/months. It would be a devastating move to reverse this & all the money/time that has been invested for these establishments to now lose space. I would not want to be sat outside with cars, vans, lorry's and bikes trundling up and down the road, Or sat idling in traffic. The traffic along the a339 has barely been affected on my experience. It would be an absolute shame to introduce cars back into the town centre but I do agree there needs to be some allowances. Perhaps not as late. 10pm reopen or that delivery Lorries are permitted to enter the zone. Maybe even rerouting a bus service along Northbrook st would allow more people to access the town                                                                                                                                 |
| 204 | I love having the town centre prioritised for pedestrians. It creates a wonderful atmosphere in the evenings down the high street. I would also say that it feels like progress. The way the town looks now, open instead of pavements, looks so much better and will draw people to the town. Keeping cars out matches this progress. It feels so much safer for children too, as it's difficult to suddenly warn them to stay away from the road section, which isn't that easy for them to identify. The reports of additional traffic levels outside of the town seem very overblown to me, and reports                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



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|     | that footfall in town has dropped are completely the opposite to my experience. Please do not go backwards on this. There seem to be lots of people complaining on social media, but if you read comments on local social media post about other topics, it's incredibly depressing what other backwards views get expressed - About Pride for example.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 205 | As a disabled person I feel less safe when cars are down the high street. When the pedestrianisation is 10am - 5pm I feel pressured to make sure I have finished shopping and left town before 5pm. I would not go to town in the evening. Currently I stay out later than 5pm spending more time and money in coffee shops that open late enjoying the high street. Children's safety. Most children have become used to no cars and they tun and play across the high street. it feels more dangerous for them to suddenly have cars down the high street - i fear they may run out. In general it looks nicer, feels nicer, smells better and sounds better with no cars. I would I'd like some more trees and benches tho please. I do not mind the slight inconvenience of driving around to avoid the high street and don't believe it has made traffic significantly worse. I believe it is mostly lazy people objecting to the extended hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 206 | The town is much nicer without cars. Some grumpy old men wanting to use it as a rat run shouldnt ruin it for the rest of us. People who want to complain will voice complaint. The silent non commenters are happy with it just not passionate enough to comment usually. Maybe servey those walking through there in the evenings or at the cafes. For a useful feedback.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 207 | I believe WBC is making a grave mistake in reverting to the old pedestrianised hours. The retail analysis was performed over the first 13 weeks of the trial. Even then it showed that pedestrianisation could not be linked to any footfall changes. WBC should assess retail trends over the entire period before coming to a conclusion on wether to end it. WBC own consultation shows a clear motorist bias on the consultation responses, yet no adverse traffic effects were noted (Roads within capacity). Retail is evolving post-covid, and I fear that revoking the extended pedestrianisation will harm business appeal in the future. Several establishments have introduced seating outside along the street, which you are now essentially throwing under the bus by allowing traffic back through. Who is going to want to eat/drink at these places with the noise/fumes from traffic. I suspect many businesses will be begging to bring it back before too long, as I can see a large drop in evening footfall next summer. The town centre has been far more appealing in an evening, especially for younger people, who have come to expect that town and city centres should be from traffic. The removal of traffic has provided a safe cycling route through the town in the evening. Reverting back to the old scheme will essentially remove a safe cycling route, which goes against WBC own commitments to active travel in the district. The whole purpose of revoking the extended pedestrianisation is clearly a ploy to appease a vocal minority of local residents and has not taken into account the best interests of Newbury residents as a whole. The council has made no effort to actually help residents access the town of an evening without a car either. There have been no active travel improvements, and there are still no evening bus services for a large part of the town. There has been zero committment from the council in actually trying to make this a success, and have ditched it as soon as they have received the slightest bit of push back. The town centre will eventually be pedestrianised fully, as that is the way the world is trending. But through council incompetence, this has probably been set back about a decade. |
| 208 | I much prefer the extended pedestrian hours and would like to continue to see pedestrians prioritised over drivers. I believe it is better for people and business with the town centre being more usable and having a more pleasant atmosphere; better for health through reduction of pollution and better for safety by not mixing pedestrians                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|     | and vehicles. If the pedestrianised hours do return to the reduced hours (10-5), I believe there should be a much more obvious separation between road and pavement, and pedestrian crossings MUST be installed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 209 | <p>Objection Reference: Reinstatement of pedestrianisation hours for Newbury Town Centre / Future Masterplan Consultations (Ref: 2526PEDETRO) Location: Newbury Town Centre (Bartholomew Street, Bridge Street, Mansion House Street, Market Place, Northbrook Street, and Wharf Street) Matter: Objection to Expanded/Permanent Pedestrianisation Restrictions and a Formal Request to Model the Town Centre Strategy on Successful Arterial High Streets Formal Notice of Objection I am writing to formally lodge my objection regarding the ongoing planning, master planning, and traffic regulation strategies that seek to limit vehicular access to Newbury Town Centre. While I welcome West Berkshire Council's (WBC) decision to curtail the 10am–11pm Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) ahead of schedule, this objection is directed at any future attempts to permanently expand pedestrianisation. Any further restrictions will significantly damage the economic vitality, commercial viability, and overall community safety of Newbury. Decision makers must learn from failed local precedents and look instead to thriving models that balance traffic flow with vibrant independent commerce.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Key Grounds for Objection 1.</p> <p>Severe Adverse Impact on Vitality and Viability: The "Desolate Space" Reality Proponents of extended pedestrianisation frequently cite an idealized, European-style "café culture". In practice, removing vehicular traffic outside core shopping hours strips the town centre of natural energy and movement. Instead of creating a bustling hub, it produces a stark, desolate, and uninviting space. The absence of low-speed car movements reduces spontaneous passing trade, severely penalises evening hospitality, and dampens overall retail footfall. Furthermore, a deserted town centre creates a vacuum that fosters anti-social behaviour and safety concerns after dark, deterring families and visitors. 2. Precedent of Economic Failure: The Andover High Street Case Study WBC decision makers must actively review the clear historical warnings from neighbouring Hampshire. The aggressive pedestrianisation of Andover High Street stands as a stark lesson in local authority self-harm. In that instance, the local authority leadership overrode local sentiment and aggressively fought to overturn the Planning Inspector's initial refusal to grant a highways order banning traffic. The resulting total vehicular ban did not save the high street; instead, it hollowed out its economic core, creating a sterile environment that stifled independent businesses and alienated shoppers. Newbury cannot afford to repeat this administrative hubris. 3. Proved Commercial Success: The Stockbridge Model In sharp contrast to the stagnation of fully pedestrianised spaces, WBC should look to Stockbridge on the A30. Because it is located on a vital transport artery, Stockbridge cannot close its High Street to traffic. Rather than suffering from this vehicular movement, Stockbridge thrives because of it. It remains an exceptionally bustling, dynamic location, continuously inundated with tourists, regional visitors, and passing trade. This accessibility directly sustains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A highly diverse multitude of successful independent retailers.</li> <li>• Several high-performing gastro pubs and eateries.</li> <li>• A resilient micro-economy driven by convenient parking, visibility, and unhindered access.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Actionable Advice to West</p> <p>Berkshire Council Decision Makers I urge WBC to permanently abandon the flawed doctrine that a town centre must be entirely car-free to be attractive. Instead of attempting to artificially engineer a continental plaza model that is unsuited to our climate and geography, WBC should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halt Future Restrictions: Maintain the return to the standard 10am–5pm hours as the absolute maximum boundary for restrictions, ensuring evening businesses are never again choked by 11pm closures.</li> <li>• Model</li> </ul> |

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|     | Strategy on Stockbridge: Actively design the refreshed Newbury Town Centre Masterplan around the lessons of Stockbridge. This means embracing managed, low-speed vehicular flow to maximize consumer convenience, ensure blue-badge drop-offs, and maintain a visible, active streetscape. • Avoid Past Executive Blind spots: Reject the historical approach seen in Andover, where leadership actively combated sensible planning refusals to push through ideological transport agendas. Newbury's recovery requires a pragmatic framework that supports independent retail through accessibility, convenience, and continuous vitality.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 210 | I loved having the extended pedestrian hours as I felt it made the town centre more pleasant to use all day. I feel that vehicles driving through the market square is extremely dangerous as the area does not look like a road and it is easy for pedestrians to be put in harm's way.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 211 | Rather than increase traffic in our town the council should adopt policies that aim to do decrease it. Bluntly, people need to be coaxed out of their cars. So what is really needed is an upgrade to our public transport to support the pedestrianisation: a much improved and cheaper bus service, better cycle lanes, even, perhaps a park and ride. You may think this is blue sky thinking but look at our carbon emissions, look at the weather patterns and look at the Lib Dem policies. Access for vans and the disabled needs sorting alongside this To fund anything: increase car park charges. Don't tell me businesses wilt suffer, they won't is there are alternative transports in place and there will be no businesses left when global warming kicks in, the kennet floods etc etc |
| 213 | We love walking through the town and do so most days! When the road is open for cars, it is noisy and dangerous for dogs, children and the elderly. We have noticed that cars and bikes fly down the road and have discussed many times how worried we are that someone might get run over. The noise from the cars is so unpleasant when trying to enjoy the restaurants on the road. We sit at coffee shops and restaurants very regularly and do not wish to be bothered by noisy cars driving past. Please do not open up the hours! We are loving the peace and quiet! As well as the freedom to walk late into the evening                                                                                                                                                                        |
|     | 35x Object to the measures proposed. <b>(Note: Objections with no supporting reasons for objection can be discounted)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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## PEDESTRIAN ZONE return to 10am – 5pm operational hours

### Consultation responses (full extract from WBC Consultation & Engagement Hub)

|   | I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 1 | Easier and more fuel efficient and better for the environment for me to get to and from the Northcroft leisure centre especially of an evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2 | Banning traffic immeasurably improves the environment in which shoppers are wanting to walk through. Having traffic constantly going past not only ruins the shopping experience but is also highly dangerous, especially when the pedestrian areas are busy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3 | For business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 4 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 5 | On the rare occasions I have ventured out for a meal in the evenings the lack of people and traffic has left me feeling extremely vulnerable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6 | Since the 10am to 11pm restriction has been enforced, the town, in the evening is very quiet and certainly if I, with my friends, have to walk through the town to the carpark in evening after eating at one of the restaurants, we feel very unsafe. Also, my elderly mother who visits at Christmas as is not mobile, used to like being driven through town to see the Christmas lights, again not possible with the current restriction. Also, we used to take a bus into Newbury to visit a restaurant and would get a taxi back home. The quickest route to get us home for the taxi (and cheaper for us) would be to go through the town, now they have to take a roundabout route, which makes us think twice about eating out in the evening in the town. I would also like to point out that cyclists should be made to dismount in a pedestrianised area. It is very dangerous for them to be weaving in and out of people, often at a very fast pace.. |
| 7 | Seemed crazy to me to go from one extreme to the other. I've long since marvelled at the opening to vehicular traffic, at 5pm when there are still shoppers milling about, and on several occasions I've been amazed at cars speeding when there are vulnerable pedestrians about, intent on their shopping and by-and-large not expecting traffic to be flowing when it wasn't earlier. Cars should NOT be allowed to flow in Northbrook St until the main part of the shops have closed - probably 6pm then. This seems to me to so obvious....and yet has not occurred to NDC! Come on, let's have some LOGIC applied for once.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8 | Banning traffic was a completely idiotic thing. The centre needs life, safety and more people allowed to drive at certain times. I couldn't see the Christmas lights in Northbrook Street from safety of vehicle due to mobility issues. Why have them. Let the people decide and not have ridiculous councillors who are not local make decisions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9 | This is great news and it seems like common sense has prevailed! What would be even better (and in the interests of fairness) would be to have a further trial to allow traffic at all times!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 10 | Restaurants have said there has not been an increase to business and it is very inconvenient to use the A339 to get to Northcroft etc. The closure led to increased traffic on the A339.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 11 | Previous restrictions were poorly thought through and enforced without any public opinion being taken into consideration. The town is a ghost town as it is and this was giving more reasons for people not to visit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 12 | At present it is difficult for me to go into the town centre after 5pm. It did not feel safe to walk through the area at night. The number of people using the centre at night did not justify the closure. It is clear that it was difficult of shops to restock and several shops have closed since the temporary introduction. The closure after 5pm had a detrimental impact on the traffic flow though Newbury resulting in more pollution!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 13 | As a disabled person, I was immensely affected by the pedestrianisation and restriction of accessing services and shops. This also invalidated access to restaurants, as I couldn't be dropped off. The reopening of the town centre from 5 pm will also help me make the 5-minute car journey home from work, instead of having to go a long way and spend more than 25 minutes in traffic every day, using much more fuel and polluting more. Whenever I need a taxi from work to home, instead of paying around £6 as I did before the closure, I now pay £ 15- £ 18 because the longer route takes longer and has much more traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 14 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 15 | It reinstates the option to drop off and pick up people visiting the evening facilities in the town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 16 | It is hard to see what has been achieved by the pedestrianisation outside of the approved hours, during the day. Having been in town in the early evenings, there doesn't seem to be any increased use of the town for outside drinking and eating. The traffic on the A339 has increased significantly as people are not allowed to travel through town after 5pm. I have heard numerous times how difficult it is to travel from one side of town to the other, on local business or school pick up/drop off without the use of Northbrook Street and the Market Place. I am still however concerned about the bicycles which are allowed to travel through town during the pedestrian hours. Using Northbrook Street every day, I have witnessed so many 'near misses' for pedestrians with bikes going too fast and too close to those walking. This is particularly an issue for children and the elderly. I believe cyclists should not be able to cycle through town between the West Street junction and Mansion House Street junction with Bartholomew Street. This includes electric bikes and delivery riders. |
| 17 | I am on crutches at the moment and cannot go far so I find it difficult to come into town as I cannot be dropped off outside the shops or coffee shops. It is so difficult for handicapped people. Lots of people are now going to retail parks and coffee shops in garden centres where you can park outside.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 18 | In the evening Northbrook Street often feels deserted after the shops have closed and after dark it can feel unsafe. It can be more difficult to get into the town centre to attend evening events. The traffic on the A339 is much heavier in the evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 19 | So people can be easily picked up and dropped off, by private car or taxi, from venues they wish to attend in the evenings, especially more elderly or disabled. It could be a long walk for some otherwise and not appealing in bad weather. There are not enough people to require a pedestrian zone in the evening. The pavements are wide enough.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| 20 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 21 | Ease traffic congestion in wider area Access for people to drop of and pick up at businesses Lower pollution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 22 | To assist with movement of traffic around Newbury. To allow easy access to the town centre shops for those less mobile. To increase visibility late at night.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 23 | It will reduce traffic congestion on A339. It will enable me to resume taking my disabled relatives into Newbury Town Centre in the evenings again easily, I have currently ceased doing this as it has been so difficult to take them to restaurants or theatre with the access restrictions. I think it will increase trade opportunities for the restaurants and leisure facilities in the town centre.                                                               |
| 24 | I would rather Northbrook remains pedestrianised 1000-2300 as a parent of three children who cycle to school along Northbrook and two wheel chair bound geriatric parents. If longer traffic hours are reinstated please add a zebra crossing or reduce speed to 20 mph with enforcement regularly in place. I am not against disabled drivers using Northbrook but am totally against professionals looking for a shortcut and not looking out for none car road users. |
| 25 | The current pedestrian times has kept me out of Newbury.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 26 | The 11pm reopening is too late and, although 5pm is more useful for general activity why not make it 7pm so that rush hour traffic is deterred but it still allows leisure traffic for accessing and parking nearer to theatre and restaurants in the evening, particularly for disabled users.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 27 | It makes sense to allow Traffic through outside of these hours which helps congestion easing elsewhere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 28 | Because it should have never changed in first time. It is criminal what has happened. The voice of the people was not heard. Reinstate it immediately on behalf of the people.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 29 | I support the reinstatement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 30 | Too long to drive round. Backed up traffic. Please give the results that it worked                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 31 | Many generations of my family and extended family have been living in Newbury. The current hours of pedestrianisation has affected many Town centre businesses terribly, It will help ease deliveries to these businesses. It's sad as I have spoken to many people and also have family members that have said that the Town centre feels unsafe to walk through in the evening. It Keeps the familiar flow of Newbury that worked for years before this.               |
| 32 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 33 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 34 | This proposal corrects a foolish and ill-considered scheme which was originally rejected by the majority of respondents in a consultation. There may well be a case for revising the rules, but this was never a good solution and should be discontinued as soon as possible.                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 35 | By closing the road you just pushed all cars onto the A339 which delayed journey time due to congestion and increased pollution. I did not feel safe as a lone female in the evening walking back to my car as there was nobody around and have chosen not to go into town in the evening whilst the road is closed to traffic. It also impacted businesses getting deliveries etc. A ill thought out plan that the majority of local people didn't want but you didn't listen.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 36 | The "Trial" of extended hours has been an abject failure. It was changed for the sake of change and has not improved footfall outside of 10 - 5pm. It stopped lots of drive through visits at night especially when Christmas lights were on and I believe the pedestrian only approach after 5pm has contributed to the vandalism issues experienced over the past 12 months, due to less people using the street. Cars being ever present would deter this. The old system/hours worked and need to be re-instated.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 37 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 38 | I'm in support of 10am-5pm pedestrianisation. This gives pedestrians protection to enjoy the town centre and space for events during the busiest times of the day. And provides a key route for traffic outside of these hours, especially during the evening. I had stopped going into town so much in the evening as it was taking so long to travel from where I live in the NE side of Newbury. If I wanted to take my elderly Dad to a restaurant we had stopped using the ones in town apart from those in a short walking distance from his flat. In poor weather it was easier to pick him up and go out of town.                                                 |
| 39 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 40 | Pedestrianisation in the day is sensible, but in the evening, absolutely not. A town centre needs activity and people coming and going...stopping cars led to an empty town centre at night.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 41 | I believe the town centre at night will be safer for women walking by themselves down Northbrook Street if the road is open to cars. It will also help with traffic flow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 42 | It hasn't worked                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 43 | I can get dropped town again                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 44 | Good idea - worked before                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 45 | I wish it to revert to 10 to 5, it worked fine before and will also assist the traffic on the 339                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 46 | Seems punitive to penalise people after working hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 47 | The town centre is now a ghost town at night and it feels quite intimidating to walk through. Having a few dropping off, picking up, and passing through vehicles makes it feel safer. The new opening times is a pain for businesses who now have a desperate scramble to have deliveries everyday. Disabled and those with restricted mobility now have no easy access to shops unless it's before 10. Increased congestion on the A339 has made it a miserable road to use.... And the pollution levels must be higher with all, the extra stationary traffic. The expected use of outside space has not happened. The whole thing has been a waste of time and money. |



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| 48 | Makes the town centre safer for pedestrians during peak shopping times. Encourages people to spend more time in the town centre. Residents can access properties more easily in the evening. Businesses that rely on vehicle access or deliveries have greater flexibility. Evening visitors can park or be dropped off closer to venues. Taxi and disabled access can be simpler outside pedestrianisation hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 49 | I support the reinstatement of pedestrianisation hours to 10am- 5pm. It is essential that access to cars is given in this area in order to make restaurants and other places in town easier to access for everyone. The town centre was very quiet with the longer pedestrianisation hours, making town centre feel unsafe at times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 50 | So that I can arrive home from work at a sensible hour. The main roads have been an absolute nightmare at rush hour times and will get even worse when the thousand and thousands new 'units' are built.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 51 | To help with traffic flow in Newbury during rush hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 52 | THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN REVIEWED AND MAJORITY WANTED TO CHANGE BACK TO 5PM OPENING TIMES, WHY SHOULD WE HAVE TO AGAIN, BECAUSE WEST BERKSHIRE HAS ALREADY SPOKEN. HOPING THAT PEOPLE CANT BE BOTHERED AGAIN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 53 | To help the flow of traffic going into or through the town in the evening .To relieve congestion on the duel carriageway.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 54 | the road network isn't good enough to function if traffic is not allowed to travel down north brook street at peak hours it causes greater congestion elsewhere and greater time on journeys. I am wheelchair user and it is very difficult to get picked up or dropped off if north brook street can't be used. whilst al fresco eating etc is good too many places doing this cause difficulties for manoeuvring with buggy wheelchairs scooters etc. perhaps more patrols to stop the dangerous use of bikes and electric scooters would be beneficial if you can't access north brook street going north to south and vice versa you are only left with the a339 or a34 this becomes very congested and more dangerous.it puts local traffic with long distance traffic which is unnecessary of course if the American were utilised this could be remedied. |
| 55 | I don't see a need for the road to be closed to vehicles outside of 10-5. We get very few evenings that it would be warm enough to sit outside a restaurant. It's totally pointless in the autumn and winter. Opening the road in rush hour reduces congestion around town and therefore pollution from exhaust fumes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 56 | The majority voted against the current change. You they're council are speed to action and support what the voters want if that is better.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 57 | 10 am to 5 pm just works better Most of the shop are closed at that time anyway. It helps the traffic in Newbury. It is absolutely shocking how badly the traffic is run in Newbury. All other roads are shut and when small accidents happen go via Newbury takes hours That's not normal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 58 | The town needs to be more vibrant, and cars allow more access out of hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| 59 | I agree that pedestrianisation hours should revert to 10am to 5pm. I believe this will mean more security for people walking alone at night through the town since it is likely to be busier with cars travelling along Northbrook street. (Especially during darker winter months.) Makes it easier for evening drop offs from vehicles for those with limited mobility. It will mean less congestion during commuting hours since Northbrook Street offers another route for vehicles from 5pm onwards. Most of the year the weather in the UK is not suitable for cafe culture so doesn't make sense to give this priority.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 60 | Was always a ridiculous idea to be closed till 11pm, restricting traffic to just the A339, causing even more congestion than usual. Most shops are shut by 5.30 which just leaves th few drinking and eating establishments which still have inside seating. It doesn't need to sprawl out into the street at the cost of closing road to vehicles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 61 | Easy access around the town to get to car parks and shops plus evening venues                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 62 | I believe the 2025 new rules were of no benefit to visitors of the town, nor local businesses. The previous system worked just fine.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 63 | I have seen no benefit to closing the town centre till 11pm. Allowing traffic back through would considerably reduce the traffic in surrounding roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 64 | The 10-5 period is the best balance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 65 | Traffic at all times is a nightmare on the roads so having the road open again would make a big difference so to easy the traffic flow. We dont need to have road closed all day and night for people to drink coffee and tea all day.Traders have lost alot of trade because road has been closed in the town. Opening the town again would give life back to the town again.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 66 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 67 | I work at the Corn Exchange and our customers with disability/access needs coming for an evening show are finding it very difficult to access the building as they cannot be dropped off at the front of the venue due to the imposed restrictions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 68 | Provides an alternative traffic route. Closure in the evenings does not appear to have provided any benefits ie increased business?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 69 | When I moved here from Oxford, I was flabbergasted that the main pedestrian thoroughfare allowed cars in the morning and after 5pm. As a lecturer in public health, I strongly support active travel and no/low traffic neighbourhoods. As a driver, I strongly support not mixing people and vehicles. As a cyclist, I'd love for Newbury folk to get more bike aware, and if people wander into my path as I'm cycling, it seems unreasonable to expect them to switch from free range pedestrians to switched on car avoids at 5pm. My advice is to close the thoroughfare to vehicles, ex deliveries and market traders 24/7. I understand the needs of people who experience challenged with mobility as I have acute osteoarthritis, but going slowly along the A339 instead of driving cautiously through the high street is not a disadvantage. Please feel free to contact me on shennelly@brookes.ac.uk |
| 70 | As a resident of the Westfields area of Newbury, the extended pedestrianisation caused considerable inconvenience when travelling to and from home to the otherside of town. It also caused more traffic and air pollution due to all traffic having to use the A339. It also did not deliver on what it promised re: increase in business in the town centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 71 | Being unable to drive through the town until 11 pm is inconvenient for me which is why I would support the proposal to revert to the 5pm time. I would actually like a 9pm cut-off time better.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 72 | The town is a ghost town by 5.30 There is not a cafe culture on Northbrook St extending the pedestrianisation hours have effectively divided the town in two as the Parkway Bridge is not two-way as it should've been... I do not feel safe walking through town in the evenings anymore without the traffic and have had some very unpleasant experiences as a female walking on her own without traffic, it is quite intimidating at times As a driver, I resent the fact that I cannot drive through town to my house without driving a route far from my house to access it                                                                        |
| 73 | There has been no positive improvement to the scheme and I feel it has made it more difficult for people who struggle to walk any distance to visit the town centre in an evening for a meal or drink out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 74 | The 11pm restrictions have stopped people from visiting the town. Disabled people can't get in town as they can't be dropped off at places as they can with an earlier opening                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 75 | Because, in my opinion, it would seem to be going backwards, the bypass was built to help traffic flow and to shut the town centre of traffic, you are going back to one road again, to be fair, I don't think there's that much traffic in town, but it nice to have the choice and not have to go all the way around. Just saying.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 76 | The route through the high street is more convenient post 5pm when the town centre has less pedestrians so less risk.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 77 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 78 | Being able to drive through Northbrook Street after 5pm helps to alleviate traffic congestion on surrounding roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 79 | To allow traffic to flow and business to return to the street. The shops and restaurants have not benefited from the longer hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 80 | Traffic issues on 339 got worse and footfall hasn't significantly increased                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 81 | Closing the main streets has made Newbury's town centre dull and unexciting. It is like Sleepy Hollow with no hustle and bustle. Circumnavigating the centre and car park charges discourage short visits. Public transport is condemned to a bus station on the fringe and there are no cross town routes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 82 | The closure of St Bartholomew Street and Northbrook Street after 5.00pm has not produced any significant improvements of any type especially eg with regard to a cafe culture. Conversely, those of us who wish to leave our cars at home and take a taxi are forced to alight away from the town centre. Businesses have been adversely impacted by the post 5.00pm closure for no obvious benefit other than for those seeking to destroy the vitality of the town. For the most part of the year (summer heatwaves aside) the climate is not conducive to a cafe culture. At the very least if cars were banned post 5.00pm, taxis should be exempt! |
| 83 | Traffic easing during rush hour Ability to drop/pick up disabled or young adults off nearer to their destination                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| 84 | I support this proposal (although think 5.30pm would be better) as there are less pedestrians about town in the evenings (as far as I can tell) so vehicular access through town in the evenings will not be such a risk to pedestrians.                                                                                             |
| 85 | It causes congestion elsewhere when trying to get from one side of town to the other.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 86 | The traffic is always busy on the A34 and this closure has exacerbated the situation. It worked well before and I don't see any reason why it was changed in the first place.                                                                                                                                                        |
| 87 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 88 | To reduce traffic build up on other roads. To help disabled people to visit the town centre. To allow deliveries to Northbrook street shops and businesses.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 89 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 90 | The previous pedestrianisation worked well. The experimental one was unnecessary and inconvenient.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 91 | Negative impact on flow of traffic in the evenings - traffic in Newbury is heavy enough as it is, and a poorly thought through notion such as this doesn't help. The aspirational cafe-culture informing the idea of evening pedestrianisation isn't a reality of life in England, aside from a few weeks of warm weather each year. |
| 92 | I live in westfields and this will help with the commute to and from my home. I opposed the original change in time for pedestrianisation so am pleased it will return to original timings.                                                                                                                                          |
| 93 | Long walk from car parks to Market Place and Northbrook Street restaurants, cafes. Dropping off in Market Place and Northbrook Street not possible after 10 am.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 94 | The pedestrianisation has excluded me because I need to be driven into town for various appointments. I would go further and reduce the pedestrianised hours from 10am to 3pm.                                                                                                                                                       |
| 95 | The roads around the town are congested at peak times. Being able to drive through the town in the evening alleviates the traffic problem, and brings back a vibrancy that is sadly lacking.                                                                                                                                         |
| 96 | Live just outside the area on the map. To get across town to friends/work/supermarkets/ has become increasingly difficult due to congestion on the only road now available.                                                                                                                                                          |
| 97 | Northbrook Street feels abandoned in the evening and less safe when traffic is banned. It is more convenient for shop owners to have the roads open from 5pm and we need to support them as much as we can.                                                                                                                          |
| 98 | The closure of this road after 5pm only contributes to the over flow of traffic. I see absolutely no need for this road to be closed until 11pm as the amount of foot traffic does not warrant this. The street is empty at night and there is more than enough pedestrian space.                                                    |
| 99 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 100 | It was just very pleasant to have the high street so walkable. The town always felt like it needed it, and there's so much foot traffic it must be good for the local shops. There's no real need for traffic to pass through town as its just not that large a place, so going around isn't any great hassle.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 101 | To access food pick up and to get to relatives in speen without having to ring road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 102 | It was voted against by several thousand people still went ahead how much has all this cost the council tax payer!.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 103 | Original times worked well and should be reinstated without delay. It would have saved a lot of problems and unnecessary expenditure if WBC had taken note of the result of the original vote                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 104 | .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 105 | Its safer for young women to be collected after nights out in the marketplace where there are people and it is well lit. Can drop elderly relatives outside the corn exchange again before going to park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 106 | 1.I need to park near my intended destination. Be it eating out or shopping. We haven't done either in the town since the 11pm curfew came in. 2.Financially it is helping to kill the town. 3.Safety risk. My daughter age 24 feels very vulnerable and avoids the at night. She said with cars going past she knows that there are people about. 4. It only has to go wrong once ie rape, murder, stabbing. CCTV IF monitored is NOT crime prevention.                                                                         |
| 107 | Being able to have someone drop me off in town for dinner used to be great - can't do that now I know the staff in the shops moan about having to come back to work after 11:00 for deliveries I'm sure those that want to turn it into a large beer garden won't be pleased though but it will still be ok for families to eat outside until 5 I heard that someone was nearly run over by a bike because the cyclist didn't understand the term pedestrianisation so if you keep the current system you will need to ban bikes |
| 108 | There needs to be a balanced approach for access. I am not sure who uses the padestrian areas after 5pm as the majority of buisnesses are closed. Buinsesses also need access in order for delieveries to be made. 10pm is too late and arguably disrupts residents more at this hour then earlier in the evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 109 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 110 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 111 | I registered strong objection to the proposal in 2025 to trial the current hours. I have been saddened by the detrimental effect the trial has had on high street and other businesses during this trial and I welcome the Council's decision that the trial should be terminated as soon as possible and the pedestrianisation hours reverted to those in place before said trial.                                                                                                                                              |
| 112 | I really don't think that pedestrian footfall and an expected increase trade has come to be. I also think that it has caused inconvenience to Newbury ratepayers as they have to add more mileage so reinstating the old times would be common sense                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| 113 | <p>I rarely visit the town centre so I was shocked when recently I ate at Cote Brasserie and when I left at 9.30pm I found the area completely deserted (photo taken). I thought the idea was for a bustling night time eating venue? I have really missed driving home through the town centre, seeing what new shops and restaurants were filling up the vacant premises. also it meant that we couldn't take grandchildren to enjoy the Christmas lights last year. The reasons I go into town are to have photos developed at SnappySnaps, visit the EE shop or the repairers opposite to sort out my phone and to collect display boards from the Town Hall. They store the displays and other archives for the Friends of Newtown Road Cemetery. I was refused a Blue Badge because I can, if I ignore the pain, walk into the town centre. But I would never do that, so I shop at the Retail Park instead., or at supermarkets with free parking. Why does it have to be all or nothing/ Maybe a some days a week it could be pedestrianised 10.00 to 5.00pm as before. Saturday nights pedestrianised all night? And maybe Mondays traffic and parking allowed all day. So you can stop outside one shop, park and pop in for what you need, . Newbury centre with the canal, the Parish Church and the market place is beautiful, but looks better with people in it. So Iam pleased that the late night plan is being revoked but hope that something more flexible can be put in its place.</p> |
| 114 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 115 | <p>Having traffic passing through the town in the early evening gives more security to those walking through town. Walking back from the station through a very quiet town centre it can make you feel unsafe and vulnerable. The steady flow of vehicular traffic is also a deterrent to those seeking to be disorderly</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 116 | <p>There are too few bars or restaurants in Northbrook Street to warrant closing the town centre in the evenings and those in the Market Square can still quite satisfactorily serve customers who wish to sit outside even when cars are allowed through. Northbrook Street at present is practically dead during weekday evenings. A far better proposal would be to allow cars to park on Northbrook Street after 6pm. This would bring more customers into the town centre.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 117 | <p>I believe it's important to allow traffic after 5pm, to help overall traffic flow. Also it's important for trade after 5pm and would interfere with with the seating areas already in place.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 118 | <p>From where I live on the speen side of town and need to get to St Barts in the morning to get family to school the only way to get across town is the A339 which backs up as it is the only route across the canal at this time. The congestion on the A339 is time consuming, noisy and polluting the environment. When I walk through town the businesses have not expanded the outdoor seating onto the old road and there is enough space on either side for the pedestrians to move comfortably not that there is many at this time in the day when cars would be allowed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 119 | <p>Living outside of the pedestrianisation area I can see the impact the traffic has on the surrounding roads, while the 10am to 11pm was in place.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 120 | <p>I have found the restriction to be a nightmare and unable to take my disabled Father to Cote on the bridge and Bills. Whoever thought up this stupid approach against public opinion!!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 121 | <p>Voiced my objections so many times - I wish to have pedestrianisation from 10am - 5pm for CARS. electric scooters, delivery cyclists have been using the high street regardless of the ban. It will make my life easier if I could drive through Newbury instead of having to driver around the very crowded roads at 5.30pm. I do find it very strange that you are now requesting another survey when the majority of people were all for opening the road from 5pm - 10am daily.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 122 | The extended hours have made it difficult for people of reduced mobility to attend events / concerts in the town centre such as in St Nicholas church. We could no longer drop people off near the venue then go outside the pedestrian zone to park. Also a huge safety issue for people working in the restaurant trade, especially young adults when they finish work, frequently between 9pm and 10.30pm having to walk through a dark town centre to meet their lift home. Extra congestion on the A339. Overall the extended hours to 11pm was a very poorly thought out experiment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 123 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 124 | The temporary restriction 10am to 11pm were excessively restrictive and make accessing premises in the town center difficult with no obvious benefit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 125 | I believe it is better for the town centre for traffic to be allowed through from 5pm onwards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 126 | It has been harmful for the businesses and for the amount of traffic that is going through the high street. Whilst there has been a dramatic reduce in the amount of vehicles going through the high street at any time there's also been a large decrease in the amount of foot traffic that every single shop has seen. It's not good for the local community and it means that there is less of a local community, as these stores are not getting the customers that they need and so many are closing. It is not a good practise to cut off the producers from their largest markets, this is exactly why the bypass was created, to avoid this problem. It was a solved solution and you have messed it up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 127 | Removing the pedestrianisation will enable the traffic flow around the town centre during the busy evening period. It will enable disabled or elderly people to get dropped off closer to the corn exchange, restaurants and other venues                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 128 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 129 | I feel that it makes it easier to get around the town centre, and improves people's ability to spend time in town in the evenings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 130 | The impact on traffic around Newbury after 5pm has significantly increased my journey time when returning home from work whilst the uplift in business is not evident                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 131 | It feels much safer to have traffic in the street. There been so much crime recently that feels unsafe to walk/run in the dark when nobody is about.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 132 | For the 4th time of submitting my opinion, it is of no real benefit to have the extended hours and it makes the journey home from work far longer for the staff who work in our offices West Street (one way part) to get home of an evening if they live in the South of Newbury. My company/colleagues had also made our objections to the initial change known to West Berks and via the Newbury BID, so both myself personally and my colleagues want it reinstated to 10.00am to 5.00pm permanently. Also, to say it is pedestrianised at any time is not quite true as there are way too many delivery drivers on e-bikes flying up and down all day long and when they see pedestrians on the road the just fly up onto the pavement. I have had several near misses whilst on the pavement both in Northbrook Street and in West Street where they regularly come up on to the pavement so they can go the wrong way up the road, so it is not true to say it is totally pedestrianised at any point during the day anyway. The fact these riders are flying up and down road the wrong way and on the pavement all day long is a real hazard to pedestrians. |



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| 133 | I do not believe the pedestrianisation extension into the evening has any tangible benefits for pedestrians, town centre businesses or any other users. I contrast, I believe it has been detrimental to many of them and has made accessing the town centre for evening activities (such as collecting takeaway food, or short visits to pubs/restaurants/venues more challenging and has certainly led to me visiting those businesses less. In addition I, and my family members have felt a little more vulnerable in the area after dark due to it having become a ghost town now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 134 | I feel 10-5 is plenty for pedestrianisation and opening the street to cars in the evening allows drop offs to restaurants and activities in town. I think it will help the high street feel safer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 135 | The current hours restrict my travel plans. I have to travel back and forward between my house near St Barts School and the other side of town and the closure of the road to vehicles adds more time onto my journey and more miles onto my car!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 136 | It will ease congestion on the other roads. It will make getting to shops & restaurants easier. It will allow evening deliveries to be made.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 137 | It was far better before. 10am to 5pm makes sense to me                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 138 | I always felt 11pm was too late. In fact it would be better 10-6 or 7pm. But we have to defend some pedestrianised hours otherwise we will lose our town centre to traffic and pollution non stop. I want to protect the centre of town from becoming a cheapened rat run high street.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 139 | To support more passing trade for the town centre                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 140 | The traffic around Newbury is always busy. Opening the town centre to traffic at 5pm would help with the volume of traffic going north to south or south to north.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 141 | Nationally, (my husband does a driving job) traffic in and around Newbury is renowned for being a bottleneck and pedestrianisation from 10am to 11pm made it worse. Without being able to go through the town centre which took some pressure off the A339 both morning and afternoon during the morning and evening rush hours. Each day you had to try and find a different route to avoid Newbury completely. Closing it also made it impossible for older and disabled people to pop into Newbury to do a quick shop in the afternoon. It must have been a nightmare for businesses who needed deliveries. I do like the pedestrianisation from 10.00 to 5pm. I also think West Berkshire Council were very shortsighted in reducing parking spaces for more coaches being able to stop in Newbury - very detrimental to local businesses, when many more used to stop in Newbury and their occupants would spend money in the cafes and shops. |
| 142 | It will make going to and from the North of the town easier than having to go through the dual carriageway.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 143 | We want to be able to drive though town to avoid the congestion on by pass which has been worse since the town was closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 144 | Pedestrianisation from 10:00 to 17:00 is the best option, as it balances the needs of pedestrians and drivers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 145 | As per my previous vote I do not support the pedestrianisation until 11pm. Issues are: Traffic and time it takes me to drive home - at least 10-15 mins extra. Feel unsafe walking in Winter Feel unsafe cycling due to delivery drivers not obeying rules of the road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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| 146 | Feel very UNSAFE walking in the evening especially in the darker period. Would not visit places on my own.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 147 | Living in Wash Common, being able to drive through Northbrook Street after 5pm is a great benefit . Since the closure, my drive home from work has taken much longer and become more strssful due to having to queue around the Robin Hood Roundabout and all the way up to St John's Road most days. I have avoided going to Aldi due to traffic on the A339 on the way home. I can't understand the benefit of the evening closure and have not met anyone who does. |
| 148 | Reverting back to the original pedestrianised hours of 10am-5pm allows better flow of traffic in and around Newbury. Better access for Taxis and businesses in the town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 149 | Should never have changed in the first place                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 150 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 151 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 152 | The extended hours meant I could not get into Newbury in the evening. No taxis or drop offs were allowed. The empty streets were inviting and rather frightening.so I support returning to the status quo. How about closing Market Place only.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 153 | It has been challenging to be able to access town in the evening as a disabled person.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 154 | Current scheme has not benefitted anyone and hindered many No boost to business More traffic congestion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 155 | The road closure actually puts me off going from south Newbury across into town as the traffic is so bad with the road closed. The traffic build up now around the sainsburys roundabout and queues is awfu. I choose not to go to northcroft leisure for example because it's not worth it for traffic and I think seriously about going that end of town at all in evenings                                                                                          |
| 156 | I support the return to pedestrianisation between 10am and 5pm because I never wanted it changed in the first place. Lengthening the pedestrianisation has been killing the town and the business it supports.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 157 | My wife used to go on a regular basis to the corn exchange and I used to be able to drop her outside the front door as she doesn't walk without help. This has stopped her from using it with these silly restrictions that we see as no benefit to Newbury                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 158 | As a car driver the A339 is horrendous at 5 pm since the change to not allowing me to travel through the town at 5 pm. I am also prevented from dropping off friends in the town or market place who have mobility problems. Except for the café s all other shops shut at either 5 -30 or 6 pm.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 159 | The loss of motor vehicles through the town during those hours created a town centre that felt less safe. It encouraged groups to convene which felt intimidating. This prevented me from exploring this part of the town centre on foot and thus from supporting business that relies on trade during those times.                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 160 | For a lot of businesses this time is essential for getting extra stock, for helping with general repairs and maintenance. It also feels a lot safer when there is traffic, safety in numbers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 161 | It's a ghost town, businesses are closed in the evening, there's extra traffic when crossing Newbury. This will be beneficial for people to drive from one side of Newbury to the other as the street is mostly empty after 5pm and also much easier for suppliers.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 162 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 163 | To ease off the traffic flow and not to congest just the A339 during the evening peak hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 164 | It's just easier for me to access the opposite end of town after 5pm, by driving through the centre. Be it for dropping off my children in town or for picking up a takeaway. Or any other reason.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 165 | The traffic has become terrible around the dual carriageway up to the Robin Hood as all of the traffic that would have gone through town is now forced this way. It's not safe walking home after work due to the lack of people around which seems to encourage antisocial behaviour in the high street                                                                                                                                              |
| 166 | 1. Being unable to drive to see the Christmas limit accessibility for people with mobility problems and children whom parents don't wish to walk in the town centre after dark.<br>2. Traffic flow makes for a more vibrant atmosphere in town. 3. Taxis and private transport have easier access to drop off and collect people with special needs from the various restaurants, and The Corn Exchange.                                              |
| 167 | Between 10am and 5pm is a better idea                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 168 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 169 | I think it would be safer for people if there were cars allowed in the evening hours. My husband cannot go out in Northbrook Street as he can hardly walk and needs a car to pick him up                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 170 | I don't think the extended pedestrianisation hours served any real purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 171 | We need some of the traffic to go through Town Centre to ease off the congestion on other roads. Also some working people may need to stop near a shop for some last minute shopping. Parking in Newbury is very expensive.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 172 | Most shops close at 5/6pm so it's completely unnecessary to close the road until 11pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 173 | I see no reason to close off the town from 10am to 11pm; opening the pedestrian area at 5pm will help traffic flow by providing an alternative route to the A339 northbound and hopefully reduce the queues to the Sainsbury's roundabout from around the Market Place area. Unless the public have a specific venue to go in Northbrook St what is the point of providing a massive pedestrian area for browsers etc when the pavement will suffice. |
| 174 | I work in Newbury and have found that the traffic and congestion has been awful under the new pedestrianisation scheme of 10am - 11pm, I was surprised that it happened when it didn't seem to get a majority vote to go ahead. I so hope and look forward to it reverting back to 10am - 5pm.                                                                                                                                                        |
| 175 | Relieve evening traffic on A339                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 176 | Throwing all traffic on to A339 for most of the normal waking day is madness. It just adds to A339 congestion just when we relieved it with the bypass. Also, having short journeys from SW to NW Newbury in the early evenings just adds more roundabouts and traffic lights. However, going back to 17.00 end time is the other extreme. The pre-2007 limit of 18.00 or 19.00 seems a better compromise.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 177 | Better for the environment- don't need to drive all the way around after 5pm. Safer when in town in evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 178 | Easier crossing town after 5 pm at peak traffic therefore I support 10.00 - 17.00 .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 179 | Access for disabled people. Drop off in the market place as before.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 180 | Having been threatened by a youth on a bike one evening I don't think that would have happened if cars were using the road. Also the town is dead in the evening so pedestrianisation is unnecessary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 181 | Walking in the town centre is now deserted which makes it not pleasant to walk alone as a woman. Electric bikes are going too quickly, perhaps if other road users are there, it might modify their cycling. More petrol is used going around the town. It means that I support local restaurants such as lusso and sunshi maki and collect take aways myself.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 182 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 183 | We live over near Waitrose and our son is at s hook in St Bart's. It makes our lives so much easier to be shoe to drive through the town before 9 and after 5pm, currently it take a long time to drive the long way round whilst we are both racing to work .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 184 | To reduce the traffic chaos around the outskirts of newbury, giving drivers another option of a route through newbury at commuter times . No brainer !                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 185 | I don't think it brings any benefits to the town centre at all. There are minimal outdoor seating areas on Northbrook St to take advantage, and even then, there is plenty of room on the existing pavement. The Market Place already has perfectly adequate outdoor seating areas. As a family who live in South Newbury (Wash Common) we have now stopped using any businesses that involve us having to drive via either London Rd or the A34 when previously we could've just driven down the high street for a meal or pickup a takeaway. I fail to see any benefits, only hindrances. |
| 186 | As a disabled person it's now impossible to be dropped outside restaurants and pubs in the closed area by taxi . Also my daily taxi trip from westfields to north Newbury costs me £500 a year more!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 187 | Because it allows me to access the town center in the evening. I am disabled and need close access                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 188 | It would make nipping to shops outside the 10am-5pm hours as well as collecting people from the centre of Newbury when required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 189 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| 190 | It is unfair on disabled people who require access to restaurants or the corn exchange to not allow them to drive into the town. It must be reinstated back to opening at 5pm!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 191 | Inconvenient picking my daughter from work. Counter productive Damaging to the local economy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 192 | To not allow motorists access to roads, which they should be perfectly entitled to travel along, in favour of pedestrians, is discriminatory. I would, in fact, like things reverted to a position where the access was fair and reasonable - pedestrians have the pavement, vehicles have the road. It worked fine for many years. Oh, and if you could stop taxing / charging (or whatever you would like to call it) people for parking on PUBLIC streets and PUBLIC land, that'd be awesome too!                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 193 | Traffic easing / not necessary to have it so late                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 194 | The original situation has proved to be unacceptable to the majority and I agree with that.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 195 | Opening Northbrook St to traffic outside 10am to 5pm reduces traffic jams on A339. As an older woman, I feel safer in the evenings walking down Northbrook St if there are cars passing. Without the traffic, it felt too empty and scary, especially after dark - so much so, I stopped going out. With traffic, a taxi can get closer to my pickup/set down point. Also in the last year I have become too disabled to walk across town, so stopped taking donations to charity shops in town.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 196 | I support the proposal to restore access to aid businesses and improve traffic capacity for the evening peak. As someone frequently travelling North to South through the town the waste of having to leave the town centre via London road and re enter by looping down at the Burger King roundabout and left to get back to Market Street is hugely wasteful                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 197 | I support this for several reasons Keep the Town centre alive. Access for businesses in Town centre - making it more inviting for them and more likely to rent premises. Reducing pollution caused by heavier traffic causing standing vehicles and more jams on the A339 and St. John's Road and providing another shorter route through to West and South Newbury for those travelling from West and North. Creates opportunity for a hybrid arrangement adapted to longer days in summer and recognising higher use of this route in poor weather months. This would help pavement dining/ cafés and create a social hub for times when they are most used.         |
| 198 | I support it because im fed up Of walking through town and it being completely dead. I used to drop my older children in town to meet friends at all sort of places. I don't now. I used to be able to pick my older child up from work right outside but done now. It has affected many businesses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 199 | It is very difficult for people with poor mobility to access town centre restaurants and venues when cars are not allowed to drop them off nearby. Very few people sit outside restaurants in the evening as these areas are spoiled by people smoking, not by traffic. Late night traffic restrictions would possibly work during June, July and August when the weather can be warm enough and the evenings are light enough for people to feel comfortable walking around, but in winter when it is dark it is eerie and feels unsafe with no traffic passing through. The evening pedestrianisation also cause traffic problems for people driving home from work. |
| 200 | From a personal viewpoint, when going to Newbury Town centre, usually for visiting shops or restaurants, I like the atmosphere that is created from the pedestrian zone. It creates a great atmosphere.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| 201 | Pedestrianisation to 11pm has killed the town centre while causing traffic Jams and unnecessary delays                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 202 | I see no real benefit to the extended hours beyond 5pm on regular days, except maybe the few weeks with good weather in the summer. Businesses still close before 5pm so it doesnt encourage more activities after 5pm and the only places that perhaps benefited from extending hours to 11pm were the few restaurants and bars with outdoor seating. From my POV that created and encouraged more loud drunken and irritable behaviours and is a disturbance to the people who live on and in the main areas. There are a few nursing homes close by near the area and they dont benefit much from any of these. |
| 203 | It is very important that during rush hours that the town centre is open. However in the middle of the day it's fine for the pedestrianisation of the town centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 204 | Current system does not work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 205 | Traffic issues are a lot worse since closing until 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 206 | We need a thriving town centre that is safe in the evenings. By returning to the 10am to 5pm restriction it means that activity and the presence of more people through the town in the evening makes it safer than it has been with the 11pm curfew.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 207 | The benefits expected in good faith by the original amendment to these changes have not been realised and there is now sufficient evidence from the councils own report that the changes have in fact had a negative affect. One way traffic from the Clocktower in the evening would, in my view, allow pedestrianisation of the area from the Kennet Car park to the church and would perhaps have been a good trial but I fear that the public reception of anything but the return to 10-5 closure would not be positive.                                                                                      |
| 208 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 209 | We enjoy No cars enjoy walking in the town centre without cars tooting etc Should also ban ebikes and bicycles during those times most of them are dangerous and a menace                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 210 | I believe it eases congestion on A339 during these times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 211 | Ludicrous scheme to close Northbrook Street to all traffic up until 11pm. Causes gridlock on the A339 at busier times and as a disabled person with very limited mobility I simply can not get into the town centre during the evening. Consequently, we've spent our money in neighbouring towns such as Basingstoke                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 212 | It is absolutely crucial to me and my family dynamics hours 10am to 5pm specially if working on the other side of town can car cross Northbrook on the afternoon to collect children from childcare.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| 213 | The traffic has already been bad since the introduction of the new entrance to the train station and closing of the entrance from the Sainsbury's roundabout to the wharf. But the latest pedestrianisation of the town has made it the worst it has been in the 25 years that I have lived here. I have travelled to and from Basingstoke to my Home in Newbury every day for the last 25 years and the traffic has never been as bad as it is at the moment and it is like this from every entrance and exit into the town and all of the surrounding areas. I have travelled into Newbury from the Thatcham side, M4 side and basingstoke and each of these journeys now have miles of tailbacks that weren't there before. I wholeheartedly believe that putting it back to how it was before would improve the situation. I also think that reopening the entrance from the roundabout next to KFC to the wharf would help the congestion that the entrance to the train station now causes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 214 | Freedom of movement through the town in the evening making it easier to pick up or drop off people close to venues such as Corn Exchange or cafes or restaurants in Northbrook st or Market Place                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 215 | Aside from occasions during the summer, there are insufficient numbers of people wishing to sit outside on Northbrook St to dine. The impact on traffic on the surrounding roads is also a factor in the extension of pedestrianisation being unnecessary. The air is not cleaner as there are many more cars sitting in queues as they can't use Northbrook St during peak hours. I may be wrong, but I believe air moves fumes from the point of emission. The clean air argument is nonsense. I would not walk along Northbrook at night with no cars moving along it, so safety is also a factor. People with mobility issues also had difficulties with being able to use facilities in town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 216 | It would mean that I could come into the town in the evening, at the moment I never enter Newbury at any time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 217 | Accessibility in the evenings is needed and especially with dropping/picking up children and also for disabled access. Plus Newbury is gridlocked on the A339 as no other route. 10 min journeys turn into half an hour                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 218 | I personally feel the area is a lot safer without the traffic some of which travel far to fast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 219 | I live close by to the town centre and I also work within the pedestrian zone. Naturally roads are busier before and after work hours with everybody trying to go home. for myself and a lot of people I know parents can't just go home from work they have to pick up their children from their perspective childcare providers beforehand. In my situation, my childminder firm is located in Speen which means rather than cutting through I have to go the long way round which takes double the time increasing pollution and using far more fuel than it should. Not to mention already making a Busy evening even busier. That town centre is currently extremely busy before 10 am even with cars driving through. I do feel that limiting the amount of cars that come through by reducing the timeframe we are able to do so by will also limit peoples knowledge on what shops are available and open. If you don't live in a very close proximity too or work within the town centre then it is unlikely that you will hear or see of any of the shops that have opened or closed. most of the shops in the town centre are closed after 5/6 pm which makes little to no difference if cars are driving through at that time as well. |
| 220 | I have seen no benefit to the hours being expected to 11. I have 2 daughters and dropping them off and picking up to go socialise and generate revenue for the business in the town centre of an evening has been more difficult than it needs to be.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 221 | I really cannot understand why it was changed have not really seen any more people sitting outside café/restaurants plus the ridiculous route we have to take to get to parking having to literally drive around the outskirts to get anywhere when it was easier to just drive through town. Maybe if the American bridge was made 2 way traffic flow it would ease the situation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| 222 | Traffic after work is awful due to the closure and takes an additional 30 minutes due to poor traffic light signalling the alternative routes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 223 | Traffic flow and removing traffic has not had the hoped positive impact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 224 | The recent pedestrianisation trial was an abject failure. Newbury does not have a Mediterranean culture or climate which leans itself to dining out on a regular basis. Northbrook Street was largely desolate whilst surrounding roads choked under the increased traffic. Nothing against the 10am > 5pm when people actually wander up and down but footfall after 5pm doesn't warrant it. Nothing wrong with trying but accept the failure and move on.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 225 | Hello, I can state that I have experienced no significant benefits with the extended hours previously. On the contrary, it has added to the inconvenience due to traffic jams in and around the town centre. The effect of the same has been witnessed to impact the entire town, with streets around the industrial estate being choked up. I think it makes sense in this regard to revert the experimental order.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 226 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 227 | To alleviate the traffic from the A339 through the town during rush hour times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 228 | The hours shouldn't have been changed in the first place. No decent shops in the town centre. the last thing I want to do when coming home from work is go to the shop.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 229 | I cannot walk far without help and am a blue badge holder. I am 90 years old. I cannot go to any of the restaurants in town in the evening because I need to be dropped off as close to a restaurant as possible. My family can then take the car to a car park (they wouldn't need a disabled space either) and return to me. We would like to support the local places in the town rather than having to go elsewhere.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 230 | I've seen my business fail due to the extended hours of the pedestrian ionisation of Newbury town Centre. It's awful and also being a blue badge holder. I can't go out in the evenings and access to shops. I need to all the corn exchange. I can't park close enough because there's not enough places to park being disabled and having the shops in walking distances even when I use my wheelchair if I'm alone It's just too far. I haven't been into the High Street for about seven months due to this. I suffer and the High Street suffers turn the High Street back to what it was and at least saved some of our business businesses from going under. |
| 231 | It will ease congestion at 5pm when people want to get home, at the moment there is only one route out of the town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 232 | Personal safety... at night it is a very desolate road to walk along. Females feel vulnerable. Ease of movement for workers at the beginning and end of the day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 233 | There was nothing wrong with the way it was, causes more traffic in surrounding area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 234 | It will reduce the traffic on A339 during peak times and also support the local restaurants for takeaways.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 235 | Because it is what people want                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 236 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



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| 237 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 238 | Stops the a399 becoming a bottle neck as there is only one point of travelling north/south at the moment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 239 | The closure of the high street in the evening has caused absolute chaos during rush hour and later into the evening . The lack of vehicles and people in the high street has made walking the high street in the evening considerably more dangerous due to the increase in antisocial behaviour                                                                                                  |
| 240 | Better for the town Better for traffic flow Improve late night safety Help businesses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 241 | Current system does not work as it is very difficult to access central Newbury with a vehicle.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 242 | By bringing able to cross through the centre of town at rush hour helps traffic move outside the town centre and would reduce grid lock.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 243 | It's an important relief road for the A339 5-6:30pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 244 | Pedestrian access during the day is good as it allows families and individuals to explore the town centre. However having cars access after 5pm again helps with traffic issues which has making travelling around town much harder after 5.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 245 | I think it's good for shops and people to be cars free during the day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 246 | I don't think we need to have the area pedestrianised until so late in the evening as most shops/ cafés located in the area close at 6pm anyway thers the pavement for pedestrians.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 247 | I think it better that the town be open after 5pm. Hardly any of the restaurants or bars took advantage of the streets being closed in the evening. The closure meant that people were not able to be dropped off easily and there is the safety issue of there not being any traffic around and people being vulnerable to crime. The town was much more vibrant with traffic flowing through it |
| 248 | - Opening traffic at 5pm helps relieve traffic at rush hour for office workers - in my opinion, there was little benefit to closing after 5pm as there is little pedestrian traffic after that time<br>- when i out for dinner in Nby and walk back to the car late (9-10pm) I feel safer if there is traffic passing, as there is normally very few pedestrians around                           |
| 249 | Changing the hours did not enhance businesses and it also caused additional traffic congestion whereas when the hours were 10.00am to 5pm, helped relieve the traffic congestion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 250 | From the moment the shops closes, there is no pedestrian in the street at all. It doesn't make sense to keep it close to the trafic too, especially when the street is the only second path to cross the canal.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 251 | The extended closure has caused me inconvenience with commuting and accessing the town in the evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



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| 252 | To allow older residents and blue badge holders access to shops and reduce congestion on ring road caused by short sighted decisions in the past.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 253 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 254 | Eases traffic through North to South Newbury                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 255 | Traffic flow; ease of access.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 256 | The utter madness that you have trialled needs to stop immediately                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 257 | Am ok with the extended hours in summer, however it makes no sense keeping the extended hours in summer. If it is a binary choice, would like the extended hours revoked.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 258 | So disabled people can get to shops and restaurants by their car.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 259 | Traffic in horrendous on link. This will give an alternative route.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 260 | I live in Hungerford and coming back home has been a nightmare since they closed the town centre after 5pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 261 | Will prevent build up of traffic bypassing the town centre especially during rush hour periods. Making Newbury a safer place to walk during evening and dark winter nights. Noone wishes to sit outside in a town with shops closed at 5.00 particularly during bad weather. We are not like those European countries where the weather allows outdoor living!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 262 | Reduce the traffic nightmare morning and evening                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 263 | Crime increased in town centre people being attacked. Shops missing out on money to keep businesses afloat. Also if there is an accident everything is gridlocked at least when town was opened up from 5 the traffic flows a little better. Also better for disabled people with blue badge. I am from Newbury lived here most of my life a lovely market town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 264 | The towns ancient thoroughfare was established a 1000 years ago. Commerce was built around that arterial route. To close off a route is to close off a blood supply with providing any other way for people to access the centre in a simple unhindered way. The nature of the town is such that there is no economy of scale to support evening pedestrianisation. People enjoy the ability to drive through the town in the evening this is particularly so during the festive period when parents drive through at night to see the Christmas lights and Christmas tree.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 265 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 266 | My reasons: 1: I was unable to take my elderly mother through town to see Christmas Lights. May seem a small thing, but it is something we do as she is unable to see them any other way. 2: When I go out to get to the other side of town, ie: Craven Road to Western Avenue, I have to go on A339. This adds so much more traffic that I don't believe is needed. 3: I worry for my teenage Granddaughters who may need collecting urgently for whatever reason. So if they were to call their parents/Grandparents because something was happening which they felt uncomfortable with, this could be an autocation between complete strangers to them, but they are scared. Or strangers trying to talk with them , they are scared. How can I get to them quickly? It makes me feel physically sick that they could be in that situation. 4: No more Corn Exchange shows for my immobile sister as she cannot walk from the car parks, she used to be able to get dropped off at the front door and collecting there later. |

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| 267 | Traffic congestion through Newbury                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 268 | The full pedestrianisation was anti-disabled. I want to be able to go to the corn exchange and be dropped off/collected outside                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 269 | Living in town it's been a nightmare in the evening to get any practicalities done - go back to the way it was please                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 270 | The trial failed - it did not consider that women getting home from restaurants or the elderly or disabled Need to be able to be picked up in town. There are few safe places for collection that don't involve walking down an alleyway. Instead why don't you just permit more temporary closures for events? Best of both worlds |
| 271 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 272 | It would make life easier, if drive through the town is allowed from 5:00 PM as earlier.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 273 | Since this all started the traffic around Newbury has become unbearable. I also used to like going into town in the evenings but have avoided it due to the traffic                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 274 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 275 | Easing of traffic flow around Northbrook street and access to shops via car.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 276 | Improves the open feel of the town centre                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 277 | Better flow of traffic particularly evening rush hour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 278 | I live in in side of town and work on the opposite side. Be able to drive through town centre reduced my travel times substantially. Also it offers an alternative route for traffic to flow better, rather than just the A339 one.                                                                                                 |
| 279 | Allowing access without the long route round town and easing the flow of traffic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 280 | Helps shops and keeps the traffic moving                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 281 | Current restrictions put burdon of traffic on all other roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 282 | I think having the road closed after five pm is absolutely ridiculous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 283 | It was a stupid decision to change it in the first place. Maybe this time you might listen to what the people of Newbury actually want instead of ignoring them again.                                                                                                                                                              |
| 284 | Having through traffic at night makes things easier for residents and visitors. People are not really using the option to walk on the road at night                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 285 | Sometimes need a taxi to get to or leave from restaurants, bar, theatre or cinema. Don't live too far away but unable to walk easily. Stopped going out in the evenings since the change.                                                                                                                                           |
| 286 | It is safer to have some traffic through town even if there are pedestrians. It helps businesses too as there are loads of people who have the opportunity to quickly pop into the shops. Helps with avoiding long route for cars too. Brings back the hustle bustle in the town centre. Thanks                                     |
| 287 | Detrimental to the town and traffic on other routes with the extended pedestrianised hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 288 | Since the introduction of the limitation in hours the traffic around the main roundabouts, Robin Hood and Sainsbury's has gone worse as more traffic had to go through them rather than crossing the town center. Also I believe the impact on pedestrians from reinstating the extended hours is very limited.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 289 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 290 | There is only one through road in Newbury unless the road is open creating unnecessary diversion of traffic in the evenings. Town is no longer accessible to blue badge holders or disabled people in the evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 291 | Newbury has become more congested early morning and evenings due to not being able to drive through town, especially as it makes no difference to the shops/pedestrians. As a blue badge holder it is very difficult to be dropped off closer to required destination (crucial in my case)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 292 | It frees up the traffic on the A339 in the evening                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 293 | I approve of this change because I strongly oppose the original extension of the pedestrianisation - the current extended pedestrianisation has actively caused me problems as a disabled resident, rendering as it does dropping off near my residence impossible other than at the most unsocial hours. Additionally I have seen no improvement in shopping or cafe usage as a result of the extension (taking place after all such businesses are already closed) and it has promoted anti-social behaviour late at night associated with pubs in the area. I also believe that reverting the pedestrianisation hours will help improve rush hour traffic jams by reopening the main thoroughfare through town rather than forcing that traffic onto surrounding roads, and result in less pollution as a result of the shorter journeys.                      |
| 294 | It makes the town centre a more enjoyable place to go to, it feels like it serves the community, rather than the cars. Resisting change is part of human nature, but we need to persevere.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 295 | The trial has not shown any significant benefits to businesses in the main street. Traffic has worsened in the surrounding areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 296 | I am a local resident and want to be able to easily access and support local services by driving in this location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 297 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 298 | Absolutely no benefit to stopping traffic after 5pm. No increase in outdoor eating at outdoor eating venues. Just adds to traffic on a339 in early evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 299 | No one dares to use their bikes any more in Newbury - I hardly know anyone whose bicycle hasn't yet been stolen from train station or town centre or work place in Newbury - including mine. You are NOT tackling the antisocial behaviour either, and having 'a plan' is not enough. Not being able to cross the town centre any more has put enormous pressure on families with children in particular and their parents who have been stuck in endless traffic jams. The town centre shops and restaurants (and the owners agree!!!) have not benefitted either - we go out to the town centre much-much less, if at all, due to the road closure (dropping young people off, wife husband - they simply go elsewhere!) I imagine it's been bad for business. Revert back this stupid rule and listen to locals next time before you do something like this!!! |
| 300 | Traffic measures, ease of getting to shops/foodoutlets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 301 | I am supporting the proposal to reinstate the hours to 10-5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 302 | Traffic volumes on the A339 have been catastrophic at rush hour as indeed the vehicle emissions have too. This proposal frees up an alternative route to ease rush hour congestion and adds to a much needed safer environment for people to walk in the evenings. A deserted town and lack of through traffic does not.                                                                                                                       |
| 303 | I use the road to commute by car to school and home. I can now easily go back to shopping at Waitrose on the way home from Chieveley after work. My daughter and I can go back to feeling safer getting home to Bartholomew Street / Black Boys Bridge from Waitrose later in the evening when walking (she is 10). We can feel safer getting out for runs at night.                                                                           |
| 304 | Didn't make an impact on anything, made life an inconvenience not being able to drive through                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 305 | It would create a better flow of traffic around the Newbury area and towards the town centre. I am all for this to change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 306 | It's wholly unacceptable that the town is closed to traffic for the period recently introduced and the 10am toll 5pm is Acceptable the town has traffic issues without the council messing with the above return to old hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 307 | There has been no visible benefits to business or others with the new restrictions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 308 | Having only one way through the town in busy periods is ridiculous. Before 10am , after 5pm and at night, access should be through the town centre. Businesses need supplies. In the evening, also many disabled people found it very difficult to access venues with Northbrook St shut.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 309 | The traffic chaos is causes having the road closed until 11pm isn't worth the few days of good weather we have, people don't want to be sat outside in the cold and rain. My son also attends waterside youth club and having the road closed until 11pm means I have to drive him all the way around the ringroad to drop him off and pick him up, if the road was open I wouldn't need to drive half as far                                  |
| 310 | The town has no vibe and it is extremely inconvenient living on the west of town and having to get to the north. Access to restaurants is limited for those less mobile.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 311 | It was an inefficient decision. I am really glad it is being revoked. There was no reason to be in an empty -ghost town after 18:00. If there were stores or cafes open, then it might have been nice. Let's face it, the mentality isnt like south europe to stay till late.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 312 | The closure of the town in the evenings has killed the town. People have no longer been able to pop into town to pick up take aways from Northbrook St. The closure has not brought about evening 'cafe culture' it had hoped. Traffic has increased on to other roads particularly at rush hour. By reopening the road in the evenings it can only alieviate the traffic issues and allow customers to support local businesses again.        |
| 313 | I work for an organisation with adults with learning disabilities and having access through the town at 5pm would be easier to transport clients home. It would save the distress having to wait in long traffic times with the road not being open until 11pm. On a personal level having the road re open again would be more beneficial to people passing through to be able to see what shops/restaurants are available before parking up. |

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| 314 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 315 | The roads are horrendous at 5pm I have been put off going into Newbury because of this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 316 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 317 | I think it will be better for the town centre to thrive                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 318 | A339 is too congested at 8-9am and 5-7pm and needs an alternative route. Newbury does not need the closure of its main shopping street until 10pm - this is not European city and is a very busy town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 319 | I support this plan because it makes the town centre less polluted, less congested and safer for me. As a disabled person, I feel much safer and able to go out in pedestrianised areas. I understand that needs for delivery, etc. must be balanced against my and others' needs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 320 | I feel since the change to 11pm the traffic across Newbury has been hugely affected. I have noticed the lack of people going to Newbury town centre in the evenings to socialise has dipped. I don't go there anymore as I find it restricting for me. However I feel the road should be opened from 6. As the shops are still open and people are walking back to their homes of cars.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 321 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 322 | Convenient for residents                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 323 | It helps to free up a backlog of traffic around the area, allowing traffic to flow through the high street from 5pm. It encourages more people to use the high street and encourage use of shops/restaurants and since the closure foot traffic has fallen and affected businesses, causing some to close                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 324 | To bring back life to the town centre                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 325 | For context, i both live and work in Newbury. 1. Traffic around sainsbury's is a lot heavier during rush hour as cars cannot travel through town. 2. As a pedestrian walking from town to sainsbury's, with more cars around, is a common occurrence for cars to speed/run red lights making it more dangerous to cross the main roads. 3. As a woman, walking through town, i feel less safe with no cars around and less witnesses. 4. I am less aware of business opening in town due to not driving through, so i rarely see which businesses to visit and always end up going to other areas that I can reach by car. |
| 326 | My vote to reinstate the 10-5 is predominantly traffic reasons. It helps so much more with rush hour traffic. Also, this is how I catch up on what's new within the high street. My slow drive through allows me to look at all the new shops, restaurants, cafes and then gives me reasons to venture into the high street. People eating outside will rarely be doing so at 5pm and by the time they do, the traffic will be very light anyway.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 327 | The pedestrianisation until late was absolutely pointless. The only time it should have been extended to is earlier before 10am when there are kids walking to school and people walking to work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 328 | I believe that there is no point extending the pedestrianisation. Who exactly is it benefiting? It wouldn't be the shoppers because the pedestrianisation would be active almost the whole duration of the shopping period. The pavement is large enough now for pedestrians. There aren't a constant flow of buses stopping and starting through town as they use park way. It would ease up traffic around town as well. |
| 329 | It makes far more sense rather than having it shut until 11PM which is frankly absurd.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 330 | Seriously it's very difficult to park and walk if car means it will be very easy to my children's thanks for support                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 331 | Safer, cleaner, promotes business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 332 | I live near burger king roundabout and the traffic on the roundabout has increased significantly in the evenings due the northbrook street being shut.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 333 | Extending the hours made it worse as the town became so quiet. What was the advantage of extending it. I could see nothing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 334 | I support the proposal as the original pedestrianisation should never have happened as the consultation was overwhelmingly against it, however it was done anyway. The leaked report demonstrates that it has in fact been a complete failure rather than a success. Therefore I consider that the pedestrianisation should be reverted back to its original hours.                                                        |
| 335 | As far as I know the outcome of the research following the extended hours wasn't showing a benefit. The old way worked much better. Having it blocked during the day and open at night is best of both worlds I think. I however do see a benefit of extended hours but if the facts don't support that then my view must change.                                                                                          |
| 336 | I absolutely agree that the area should revert back to its original times as congested roads and access has been incredibly difficult! The high street is suffering and our town doesn't need closure until 11pm!                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 337 | The town is not busy enough to block all traffic for that amount of time. With only 1 road available to get you from one side to the other if there is an incident it's an absolute nightmare. Having access to two options will relieve pressure for motorists. Besides this, the public have already voted against it, the council should listen.                                                                        |
| 338 | There is no point of not allowing the vehicles after 5pm as the town is dead anyway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 339 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 340 | Better traffic flow during rush hour and easy access to family member who live within the pedestrianised area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 341 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 342 | I think the disruption to high street businesses was not predicted. There is no reason why deliveries or maintenance vans should not be allowed to use the high street to park outside the premises they are servicing. There will still be ample space for bars and cafes to have tables outside of their premises in the summer, especially in market square.                                                            |

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| 343 | Nightlife in Newbury Town Centre is not a flourishing trade. After shops close at 5pm, there is no safety reason why the road isn't be open to traffic. This could in fact boost passing trade for venues such as cafes and restaurants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 344 | Improve safety as a solo female walking through town in the evening. As a commuter it will vastly improve traffic flow at peak commute times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 345 | After finishing work (5:30pm), it is useful to be able to go through the town centre rather than going via the Robin Hood roundabout. By reverting back to this, it also helps to mitigate traffic on other roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 346 | Road traffic management in Newbury has been atrocious, road access, parking and connection between services. There is one artery for traffic going north south through Newbury and zero thought has been given on how best to maintain flow of traffic quickly and efficiently both through town and to car parks etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 347 | Returning early evening onwards access for traffic will help ease congestion on the A339 through town (i.e. Robin Hood - Burger King roundabouts route). It will also provide much easier access to shops, restaurants and entertainment venues, which is especially helpful for those with mobility issues and make walking through town a safer experience as there will be many more people around (both traffic and pedestrians)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 348 | I prefer to walk down Northbrook Street at all hours, especially in the coming Summer months. The air quality and planting areas will be so much better.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 349 | I used to drive through town on way home from work three times a week and saw the window displays and offers and sales advertised and then visit on next day off. Since it has been closed I have not been to the town centre more than a handful of times. I now bypass the town on the A339 over the canal and apart from occasionally stopping at Waitrose or Sainsbury never use the town anymore. The occasional time I did go into town to the Corn Exchange on a week day evening there seemed only to be a mainly youth demographic and they were often up to no good, shouting, or riding e-bikes all over the place with no regard to pedestrians never looking before shooting out of alleys and side roads or mounting. The town was taken over by instant delivery drivers again on e-bikes parking all over the pavement. My elderly mother who lives near the canal hardly ever goes onto the main shopping areas now for fear of being bowled over. The cars at 5 pm were fine and also allowed us to pop into banks and use the letterboxes. The town should be for everyone. Open Bartholomew Street to two way and close the market place but cars do need access. Newbury has only one place to cross the canal and it has all become a huge pinch point. My journey to Stockcross takes less than 10 mins in the morning yet sometimes 45 mins on way home!! More pollution sitting in jams and more fuel burnt. |
| 350 | Because the closure made no sense appearing to be another vanity project by our inept council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 351 | The extension of pedestrianised town centre has affected traffic in and around Newbury, it has affected businesses in the area, and it is just stupid and ignorant. A rule made by morons that probably don't even live in the town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 352 | Previous proposal did not work. Town centre is dead and people are not using the outdoor eating / seating. Yet another inconceived idea by a council who is completely out of touch with what the community wants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 353 | I believe it will be safer to allow cars to drive through the town centre to pick up children and teens etc after they have been in town, in bars, in restaurants, etc., particularly female.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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| 354 | The original scheme was understood as things stood. The revision to 11pm made no sense to people out for the night: it was a nice idea but Newbury has the wrong infrastructure for it to work effectively.                                                                                                                                                            |
| 355 | From the research that has been carried out - residents didn't want this to happen anyway!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 356 | To support local businesses. They have it hard enough, we are losing lots of small, independent businesses and if we can encourage greater footfall, we absolutely should.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 357 | Increased traffic congestion at rush hour and gridlock when 339 has issues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 358 | Traffic calming at rush hour, accessibility, increase of town centre business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 359 | To ease the traffic congestion on the A339 and sounding roads. To allow drop off and pick up in the town and market place. To make the town feel safer at night.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 360 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 361 | It's ridiculous at the moment with the traffic is crazy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 362 | Opening the pedestrianised area will help traffic flow far better at rush hour, I currently use the station 3 times a week to travel to Reading by train and traffic is really not great when I return and then have to go collect my children from school.                                                                                                            |
| 363 | Traffic control                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 364 | My mum is disabled and it means we can't drop her off at opticians, chemists and restaurants as she is unable to walk far. I also believe it feels safer in the evenings to walk through town knowing there is constant traffic. Also saw a ambulance service struggle if someone is injured.                                                                          |
| 365 | I support the return to the previous day time pedestrianisation hours as it has become clear to residents and business owners of Newbury that apart from the odd day in the year very few people if any are benefiting from the extended hours. When there are traffic issues on the A339 early evening it would be much more beneficial to have another route to use. |
| 366 | Having the centre of Newbury closed to traffic makes it very difficult to get from one end of town to the other. Businesses in the centre suffer as people find it difficult to get into town.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 367 | Traffic is horrendous with just 1 route to get from one end of Newbury to the other.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 368 | To make the traffic flow better through Newbury giving two routes across town. To provide access to businesses and food outlets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 369 | It's not needed too be shut passed 5 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 370 | Newbury town centre is dying a slow and painful death. The council needs to listen to the public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 371 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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| 372 | Pedestrianisation as it was before the current trial worked absolutely fine. It allowed traffic through the town at peak hours which eased the traffic on other routes. The current trial has proven unsuccessful.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 373 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 374 | My husband is disabled and restricted access to the town centre in the evening gs seems discriminatory and unnecessary. The town seems less safe when deserted if people and traffic. Additional pollution and delays on the ring road at rush hour seem utterly unnecessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 375 | I missed my train because there was so much traffic going up the road to the train station from the Robin hood roundabout if the town was open to drive through i wouldn't have missed it                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 376 | It is quite clear that the extended hours of pedestrianisation were unpopular, and potentially counterproductive. The local authority needs to find a solution that works for businesses and residents, and it seems that the previous system of pedestrianisation worked fine. What I do not want is a total end to pedestrianisation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 377 | The town needs additional routes to travel north and south at busy drive time periods. 10am to 5pm allows this to happen. Also the town centre needs movement of people and traffic to stimulate the local economy. You don't get this by banning traffic. People are lazy and drive, it's human nature.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 378 | Town centre is safer for kids and dogs and older people, less polluted, more inviting and appealing. What is there between Mcdonalds and the butchers that people must absolutely need to be able to park outside?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 379 | It was an undemocratic imposition after the original consultation gave a negative response and therefore should never have been implemented at all.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 380 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 381 | It will make getting into town for meals, cinema, theatre a lot easier for those who cannot walk far.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 382 | Firstly, traffic becomes a big problem at rush hour and as Northbrook is pedestrianised then this has a big impact on traffic along the main roads by Robin Hood Rounabout. Secondly, I have to waste petrol to go all the way around to get to my daughters house which is down Northcroft when I can go straight through town to get to hers in an emergency. This is my example, however, Im sure there are many customers who struggle to get to Northcroft Centre as they have to go the long way around from the other end of town. Thirdly, there is less pedestrians than was expected at night. Not many restaurants have dining outside and if they do, mostly are rarely used. The street is like a ghost town, most nights. Being able to go through town means you can get picked up after a night out, instead of having to meet the person further down in Newbury. My husband used to drop me off at the market place which he cant do anymore. |
| 383 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 384 | Extending the pedestrianisation hours has not worked. Businesses have suffered, the 'cafe culture' that was promised has not materialised and traffic is grid locked on the adjoining local roads with cars crawling along polluting our local atmosphere. Local disabled residents have also been unfairly disadvantaged by the extended hours as they are unable to access local businesses. The previous 10am - 5pm hours was a perfect compromise and local residents voted resoundingly not to extend it, however their views were ignored by West Berkshire Council. I hope they will now do the right thing and return to 10pm - 5pm hours.                                                                                                                                                              |
| 385 | Traffic needs to flow through Newbury better without all the traffic jams and heavy flow through the surrounding roads. Building more and more houses without doing basic improvements to the infrastructure is thoughtless and ill planned. Look at the road systems you have in place to deal with the weight of more and more traffic. Closing the town centre to traffic was an ill conceived idea. I support the road being opened again from 5pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 386 | I have heard from friends that they have felt isolated during the closing of the route through the town centre until 11 pm as due to their lack of mobility, they couldn't be dropped close to the restaurants and the Corn Exchange and have therefore stopped going to town altogether. Also, the traffic on the bypass has been absolutely horrendous whilst the previous order was in place.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 387 | Newbury roads are busy and crowded the ability to cut through town after 5pm takes the pressure of outer roads and enables you to pop into shops in the centre too.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 388 | Being able to drive through town after 5pm will help with all the traffic that builds up on the Robinhood round about. Will also make town a safer place at night. The shops will also see more revenue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 389 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 390 | It is difficult to have to always drive around the town centre until very late at night                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 391 | As a pedestrian, it feels safer to have cars driving through the centre after 5pm as otherwise I wouldn't feel okay walking through there. In terms of being a driver, it's much more convenient to be able to drive through the centre rather than going round to get to the other side and it will help with the traffic, especially when people out of work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 392 | There is absolutely no reason to keep the town centre closed to traffic past 5pm. There are a handful of restaurants and cafes in Northbrook street with the vast majority are closed no later than 6pm. Having the road open gives traffic an alternative flow and makes the A339 easier. This cafe culture that everyone talks about does not exist. Also having just holidayed in Antibes south of France the paths are full of cafes and restaurants and the roads fully open. No one minds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 393 | I have yet to find a fully pedestrianised area in any town that works, unless it is surrounded by integrated parking and assisted transport facilities. Parking, for cars. Reasons? Getting the bus trebles or quadruples the amount of time you're out. Shopping has to be in small amounts as you can't get large items to your car without a hernia and lugging it onto the bus is a complete no-go most of the time. Disabled people need to be dropped off close to whatever facility they want to use. Shops are severely restricted in deliveries. Why do you think so many of the shops we had have cleared off? Lack of use. People go to the retail park so they can park next to the shop. Add to that I have yet to see a pedestrianised street that isn't a ghost town for large parts of the day. |

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| 394 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 395 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 396 | Traffic adds life to a dead street in the evenings, I feel less safe walking in the town centre in recent evenings The benefit to traffic during rush hour is also to be welcomed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 397 | I would like to revert pedestrianisation hours in Newbury town centre to how it was before the Council put a temporary order to restrict car access to Newbury town centre between 5pm and 11pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 398 | Reduce the traffic congestion when in the evening especially in the after office hours. Besides that, driver can have more options route when the busy road had an accident occur. We can go through the town will be easy for us go to the shops and restaurants in the evening. Now Newbury town is lack of convenience park space, open the road will be mor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 399 | The extension of the pedestrian hours to 11pm has not achieved the councils aim to increase footfall in the town centre, and has only caused frustration for newbury inhabitants and mounting traffic implications.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 400 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 401 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 402 | It will help with traffic through the rest of the town and it will hugely help local businesses being able to drive through town again. All local business owners I have spoke with never wanted total pedestrianisation in the first place so please revert to the original hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 403 | Don't see a need for the road to be closed any later than 5pm. Opening it after 5 enables for less connection on other roads and cuts travel time for many                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 404 | Traffic at peak time is horrendous at times with all traffic pushed to the A339, walking through town of an evening feels a lot safer with cars/traffic going through the town, we also missed driving through with the children to see the towns christmas lights as couldn't drive through so went elsewhere instead of supporting local! Cannot get picked hp/dropped off in town so dont feel safe so have stopped going into town of an evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 405 | Disabled people who can't walk far can be droped and picked back up at the corn exchange and restaurants in the hight street. I know a few people that are missing out now. Would also relive some traffic from the A339 which can be grid lock at times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 406 | I support the proposal to reduce the pedestrianisation hours from 10am–11pm to 10am–5pm. As a local business owner, I believe the current restrictions create unnecessary difficulties for customers, suppliers, and businesses operating in the town centre. Allowing vehicle access after 5pm would improve accessibility, make deliveries and collections easier, and provide greater convenience for customers, particularly families, elderly visitors, and those with mobility issues. The proposed hours would continue to protect pedestrians during the busiest part of the day while creating a more practical and balanced arrangement for businesses and residents. For these reasons, I fully support the proposal. |

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| 407 | The added pressure on the traffic since the town centre has been closed makes it near impossible to travel through Newbury in a reasonable amount of time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 408 | I believe that the council are doing their utmost to force through pedestrianisation and not listening to their council tax paying resident                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 409 | Lower footfall in the town since pedestrianisation. Increased traffic and pollution as cars drive faster on the ring road to get around the pedestrianisation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 410 | Supports shops and hospitality venues Reduces congestion in rush hour Allows taxi pickups safely outside restaurants rather than walking to back of market place where it doesn't feel safe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 411 | This will improve the traffic around the town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 412 | I beleive that it will ease the traffic flow through Newbury during peak times. The town center has been absolutely dead since the pedestrianisation which is not great for businesses and shops in town, but also makes walking in town centre as a woman on her own at night feel quite unsafe as there arent many people around.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 413 | West berkshire should of never changed it and it will help reduce traffic in the morning rush hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 414 | I love in Kintbury however my children attend Newbury schools and my husband and I both work in Newbury. Road closures in and out of the village mean we have to take a much longer route to destination. From a safety perspective I do not feel safe as a lone female walking through town after shops have closed on darker evenings there is no way people could help or prevent an incident occuring. Getting from one end of town to the other coats alot more in fuel and taxi if using a taxi service. Access to cash point with in the town is limited Overall I think it works better opening it at 5 |
| 415 | I leave close to high street and after 5pm traffic on london road is massive. Im not able to pick up my kids from sports activities, buy grocery etc. Most of the time its take me 10 minutes to get out on main road from my house. Pedestraion doesn't make sense if bikes still driving like crazy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 416 | It makes the town centre more accessible to a wider section of our community who cannot visit the town for the evening currently. It will also relieve traffic on the A339 enabling residents to move about more easily if using a car, bus or taxi.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 417 | To reduce traffic on the other roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 418 | Traffic allowed after 5 reducing congestion and pollution on the a339.. as the only alternative to travel north to south ..increasing access for disabled and pensioners who cannot walk and require transport into north brook street to use the facilities and restaurants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 419 | To help ease traffic and allow access for disabled visitors to restaurants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 420 | To make the town more accessible in the evenings for traffic and to help improve footfall in our pubs and restaurants. It is impossible to get a taxi near to any of the town centre restaurants. It will greatly improve the ability to have an evening in the town supporting local hospitality and be able to get picked up and dropped off in the town centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 421 | Car fumes and traffic along the road by aldi and backing up past flat all day are awful. It's causing more traffic than help not allowing town to be open for 5pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| 422 | The traffic in the evenings is ridiculous. There has also been an increase in anti social behaviour in and just off the high street later at night.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 423 | I like the lack of traffic in the town during the day, but feel keeping it closed to traffic after 5pm causes hold ups and congestion on the A339.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 424 | Should have never been changed in the first place. It has killed Newbury town centre and asking us if we want it reinstated is just a load of box ticking nonsense!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 425 | peak traffic hours are pre 10 and post 5pm, having this route open assists in spreading local car traffic. peak pedestrian hours are covered by the proposal, and evenings are open for meals and pubs but easy access for taxis busses and those less mobile.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 426 | Would rather shop and socialise elsewhere as inconvenient with no access to half of the town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 427 | A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 428 | I'm in support of this proposal, I feel the restaurants and public houses that are in this area will benefit. The 10am to 5pm had always worked well. I do feel that parking should be reduced or free after 5 o'clock to encourage people to come into the town centre. Common sense has prevailed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 429 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 430 | Shouldn't have been changed in the first place. The town is dead at night time, not safe to walk through. Too much traffic on the a339. Absolute waste of time and money changing this in the first place. Didn't accomplish anything apart from making us drivers sit in traffic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 431 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 432 | Restricting vehicular access until 11:00 PM heavily disrupts the evening economy. It penalizes independent hospitality venues by blocking essential delivery couriers, takeaway drivers, and suppliers during peak trading hours, directly threatening the survival of our high street businesses. The late-night restrictions strip away vital Blue Badge parking and safe, central taxi drop-off points. This effectively locks out elderly, disabled, and mobility-impaired residents from attending evening venues like the Corn Exchange, making our town center exclusionary rather than inclusive. Rather than reducing emissions, the extended hours simply displace gridlock to the surrounding road network. The resulting severe congestion on perimeter routes like the A339 causes idling traffic, worsening air quality and transit times for surrounding residential areas. |
| 533 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 434 | I live Shaw end of Newbury I also do Stewarding at the Corn exchange I have to leave home earlier and earlier just to get there in time for the briefing before a show , we have all notice more late comers since you closed Northbrook st because of the traffics , I have a friend who needs to be dropped off in the market place but can no longer do this the whole episode has been a disaster , just think of a youngster starting work in a shop no one about after 5-30 she has to walk alone along NB street .... Just leave it as it was before you interfered                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 435 | Less impact to town centre businesses. Help reduce traffic and dangerous driving                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 436 | evening closure hasn't brought any benefits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 437 | The high street is not busy with people as originally proposed after 5pm, however the A339 is blocked with cars. It appears to have had a severe impact restaurants and other business with the lack of passing trade                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 438 | The 10am - 2300 ban was imposed against the wishes of the majority of Newbury residents and the majority vote to not impose it was ignored. The sooner it reverts back to 10am to 17.00 the better for everyone, road users and businesses. The council need to listen to their residents and abide by their views instead of pursuing their own national party political agenda.                                                                                     |
| 439 | I have friends who have access problems. They like to eat in Newbury but haven't been able to since it has been shut. I therefore support the 10 to 5pm only shutting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 440 | The town became a ghost town when it was pedestrianised until 11pm. I don't feel safe walking through the town centre to meet friends, it felt far safer when vehicles were permitted through Northbrook St after 5pm. Plus if there's congestion or roadworks in the A339 Newbury became an absolute bottle neck - sometimes taking 45 mins to one hour to travel from Shaw to Wash Common which is completely unacceptable when there's a viable alternative route. |
| 441 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 442 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 443 | The high level of traffic which has been caused by the current closures. The businesses which have suffered due to the closure, ie, takeaway collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 444 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 445 | Better for the people of Newbury                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 446 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 447 | 5pm traffic is a nightmare                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 448 | My town. Lived here 54 years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 449 | Safer for pedestrians after visiting Corn Exchange and/restaurants in the evening with people in cars driving through Northbrook Street. As an elderly person I felt very vulnerable walking through Northbrook Street with no-one around - scary. Northbrook Street open assists traffic travelling through Newbury after 5 pm - unnecessary to force traffic to queue on A339 when perfectly acceptable alternative to relieve congestion                           |
| 450 | It will open the town up more to visitors, ease traffic congestion at peak times, make getting from one side of town to the other easier in the evening, be safer walking through town in the evening as more people about                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 451 | Traffic on other routes around the town centre have become ridiculously busy at peak times. I work in Market Place and we often have missed deliveries and clients arriving late due to not being able to drive through the town centre. Getting from one side of town to the other in the evening has become a real chore                                                                                                                                            |

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| 452 | Traffic around the town centre has become far worse since at rush hour since the option to go through the town centre was removed with little to no noticeable improvement in footfall in the town centre, instead it feels less safe to walk around the town centre in the evening which means I no longer attend monthly game nights at a game cafe in the town centre following a negative experience while walking through the town centre after.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 453 | To ease traffic at rush hour                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 454 | Its frustrating not to be able to get in to and drive trough town centre and after 5pm shops are closing so driving is not affecting restaurants or pubs or any evening business and not that many pedestrians                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 455 | I feel very vulnerable in town now without the traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 456 | To cut congestion Improved access to stores for less abled and bring around more safety! After all Paddington was stolen when Northbrook street was closed!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 457 | It will help with the the flow of traffic through Newbury. I know people that live in the town centre & they haven't felt as safe walking through since the pedestrianisation in the evenings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 458 | Any additional traffic movement will help with congestion often experienced on the other routes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 459 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 460 | Returning to the previous pedestrianisation hours would benefit town centre businesses, improve rush-hour traffic flow and provide a safer environment for pedestrians after dark.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 461 | I support the reinstatement of the 10am–5pm pedestrianisation hours because it provides a better balance between creating a safe and attractive town centre during the day while still allowing vehicle access in the evening. Many residents, visitors, and businesses rely on convenient access to the town centre after 5pm, particularly for dining, collecting purchases and supporting the evening economy. Restricting vehicle access until 11pm can make the town centre less accessible for elderly people, those with mobility issues, families with young children, and customers travelling from surrounding villages. Earlier vehicle access also makes it easier for people to be dropped off or picked up, particularly at locations such as Wetherspoons, where collection from the rear of the premises can be difficult when access is restricted. The 10am–5pm arrangement maintains the benefits of pedestrianisation during the day while improving accessibility and supporting local businesses in the evening. |
| 462 | It would relieve traffic, delivery chaos for suppliers and evening delivery services for takeaway orders that keep restaurants in business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 463 | It clearly hasnt worked affecting local businesses and traffic. Listen to the public as you should have done in the first place.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 464 | I support changing it back as I have sat in the traffic along the A339 and A34 whilst trying to get home from a long day at work. All the while the town centre was shut down when I have gone though town before it was busy people could park and run into Tesco etc for bits and then be on their way. Very few people were in town as all the shops had closed. I also think the American bridge should be opened up again especially if there is an accident. But I guess you all would like us sat in our cars polluting the skies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



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| 465 | Traffic is really bad in the evening as there is just one route. I would like to drop off my mum and dad for eating out in the town centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 466 | The 10am-5pm hours work best providing core hours traffic free in the town, whilst enabling free flowing traffic at peak times around Newbury.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 467 | It helps ease traffic at busy times. I don't feel it will effect businesses in the town centre as it didn't seem to add any extra whilst shut till 11pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 468 | The traffic at rush hour has increased dramatically since the hours were changed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 469 | Multiple reasons, There is no benefit to the road being closed that late pedestrian access significantly lowers once the shops close so it makes no sense. It may be nostalgic but I have always adored driving through town at the end of the day at Christmas time with all of the lights                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 470 | During rush hour the roads around Newbury are a nightmare if town was open to allow for traffic to flow more easy I believe it would make it easier for shoppers .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 471 | The hours returning 10-5 will help pollution, safety and people seeing what shops and restaurants have to offer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 472 | Already explained this in previous survey. It stops disabled access to corn exchange and restaurants in the centre. Creates lots of stationery traffic on the dual carriageway, causing more pollution. I SUPPORT the return to 5pm opening of Northbrook St.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 473 | Too much of traffic in Newbury on main roads Rush hour a nightmare If there's an accident on a34 Newbury is gridlocked when town in shut                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 474 | Better access to town for the less able bodied. Town feels safer to walk through in the evening with passing traffic. Better access to shops for their deliveries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 475 | It's was, and has been a crazy idea to make everyone travelling north-south from the western sides of Newbury, to have to go via the A339, both doubling the distance from A to B (like Speen to Westfields for example) when there is a much easier and shorter route through the town centre. The Town is relatively dead from 5pm (earlier in the winter). The additional route causes greater congestion on the A339, particularly during the evening rush hour, causing MORE pollution, MORE wasted journey time and mileage. Newbury is fairly unique as there are only two north - south routes in or near the town - so you shut one!!! Madness!!! Open it as soon as possible, and why wait until September?? You already know most of Newbury's views, and yet you just delay further. The initial trial was for 6 months, that's long gone, so WHY is it STILL SHUT until 11:00pm? |
| 476 | It will bring more footflow to Northbrook Street, with buses able to drop off people that rely on public transport                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 477 | Helps reduce standstill traffic through Newbury in rush hour traffic Closing Monks lane for that long period was a nightmare!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 478 | To improve the flow of traffic especially at peak times, the town centre has been like a ghost town, it hasn't improved the area or made any positive changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



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| 479 | It would be a disaster for Newbury if cars were allowed through town at those times. The road is so busy pedestrians could not safely use the pavement. Also the traffic on the A339 during this period does not justify opening these roads.                                                                                    |
| 480 | If cars are driving through Newbury after 5pm, I believe it will be a safer place to be. Many eyes help, and it may also stop groups of young men hanging around town in the evening. I would more comfortable to visit restaurants in the evening.                                                                              |
| 481 | The traffic traversing through the local roads gets heavier all the time and there is no alternative route in the event of accidents. Local businesses are suffering due to the lack of access for certain groups of people and deliveries. It is a lovely town but it needs to be opened up again for that extra 5 hours a day. |
| 482 | The old system worked. The town is deserted in the evenings, especially in the winter months. The traffic around a Newbury is horrendous and get from north to south Newbury at rush hour times can take up to 40 minutes. I'm 60 years old and was born and bred here. I love Newbury but the traffic is a real issue.          |
| 483 | I support the proposal as I feel much happier when it's busier in the evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 484 | It helped with the flow of traffic and my mum is a blue badge holder with limited mobility. Access to town is difficult from the designated car parks.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 485 | I live on the edge of the pedestrianised area to get to my work I need to travel through town center. This makes going around more costly in time consuming. Traffic around my address is heavier because closure forces the cars through.                                                                                       |
| 486 | I feel it should go back to how it was before. Let cars drive through town to save congestion everywhere else. Newbury town is not even busy after 5pm anyway so I see no need for it to be closed to traffic. It also saves having to go longer ways round when it's easier to go up through town in the evening                |
| 487 | Town is less comfortable without cars travelling through and feels more dangerous. Also traffic is awful on A339 since extended hours came in                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 488 | Our son lives in town centre and it's very difficult to collect our grandson when we can't get into town                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 489 | I live in the south of Newbury and visit in the north and it's a pain not to be able to drive home in the evening                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 490 | Why change what worked well..                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 491 | By stopping the traffic until 11pm Newbury is at a standstill and if you need to get from one side of Newbury to the other it takes so long. If there is a broken down car or accident you will be sitting for hours 🙄                                                                                                           |
| 492 | The town is best served by having traffic flowing through the town centre in the evenings to ensure the safety of those walking through on dark nights. It prevents people hiding in shadows and shop fronts having the opportunity to strike.                                                                                   |

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| 493 | This would reduce traffic during peak times and would allow traffic to flow more freely through Newbury when there are lane closures, road closures etc as this has been a constant problem lately. This also makes it much safer for women and girls allowing them to be picked up from the market place again, which is well lit and full of people rather than arranging to be collected from deserted, dimly lit meeting points. |
| 494 | As a female walking to get a taxi home, I now have to walk on my own across town instead of being able to be picked up outside of the place I am at, I think reopening the town at 5pm would make it more safer for women.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 495 | The traffic is horrendous during rush hour (am & pm) if you need to get to the other side of town. To have some relief with traffic flowing through the centre of town will please residents. It's very rare that we have nice enough weather for people to eat outside in Northbrook street.                                                                                                                                        |
| 496 | Closing the town centre to cars greatly increased the traffic issues, it had zero impact on the amount of pedestrians in town. Therefore going back to opening at 5pm will help ease rush hour traffic                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 497 | Keep the town centre alive by opening it up at 5pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 498 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 499 | Feels so much safer walking alone when there are cars driving by, will stop the bottleneck of traffic and better for businesses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 500 | It's ridiculous having only 1 route through town. When the a339 has a problem it's gridlocked. It's gridlocked anyway all the time because of this but even worse when a339 has problems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 501 | I live on the outskirts of the town centre. The traffic increase over the rush hour periods has been detrimental to commuters, often putting the A339 back to levels pre bypass. Adjoining roads like St Johns Road have been a nightmare during the whole of this unnecessary trial. Put it back and listen to the constituents, the people who live here, those who are most affected.                                             |
| 502 | Much better for businesses people driving through will stop at shops. Also help with traffic congestion as cutting through town will reduce some traffic on Robin hood roundabout and roads in that area                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 503 | It should never have been done in the first place, just sitting in traffic on the A339, wasting fuel takes an hour ginger from St John's to Parkway to visit my family and vice versa. I have restricted mobility so therefore don't have any other options but to drive                                                                                                                                                             |
| 504 | It is unnecessary to stop traffic after shop closing times. It aids locals to get from one side of town at night time rather than use the ring road which at the moment, the traffic on it is horrendous                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 505 | Just hearing comments from shop keepers in town and comments on facebook it appears most would like it back to how it was. Personally doesn't affect me, so I'm happy to support business folk. I do like it free from traffic in the evenings though.. I'm not keen on sitting outside a restaurant next to car fumes...                                                                                                            |

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| 506 | I already gave my reasons. Now you're just re-asking because of being against the original results. Main reason of many.... Businesses aren't open after 5pm so it's dead anyway. Having it closed after 5pm creates insane traffic on a339 as the only road that goes through Newbury. A compromise would be to have town shut 10am-5pm Sunday to Thursday then 10am-11pm Friday and Saturday when people are actually out                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 507 | Because the congestion that having this route closed until 11pm that has been caused. It takes so long to drive from 1 side of Newbury town the other due to this and it puts me off quite frankly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 508 | It's really inconvenient not being able to drive through town until 11pm We regularly go to the corn exchange and it really frustrating having to drive all the way around We use the train station but currently we can't drive through the high street in the evening There is no sense having it closed to so very late                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 509 | No more late night / early deliveries keeping people away decrease in feral kids running amok in the high street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 510 | There are very few people walking or in the street after early evening to require no traffic restrictions upto 11pm. In fact traffic would bring more life to the town in the evening. This route also takes traffic off the bypass in the evening and allows drivers a choice of how they travel from north to south. The restriction was a poor decision and should never have been put in place. In some ways the town would benefit from no traffic restrictions whatsoever.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 511 | Better for shop deliveries, and disabled people wishing to go to pubs, corn exchange etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 512 | I support the proposal to reinstate the pedestrianisation of the Newbury town Centre from 10am to 11pm to 10am to 5pm. I felt right from the start that extending the pedestrianisation hours to 10.00am to 23.00pm would serve no real purpose other than to increase the traffic on the A339 which is already under considerable pressure. Would do nothing to enhance the retail experience as around 95% of the retail outlets close at 5.30pm, leaving just Tesco which closes at 20.00pm and Marks and Spencers which closes at 19.00pm. There is no easily accessible parking for either store with the multi story car park on Pembroke Road closing at 19.00pm, the parkway shopping car park only giving access to Parkway shopping where all stores apart from M&S closing between 17.30pm and 18.00pm. The expected enhanced hospitality opportunities have not materialised, the incidence of unruly behaviour have increased and there is a general feeling of unease when walking through Northbrook Street. I would also like to suggest that the Local Authority consider a pedestrianisation order 10am to 19pm and consider removing the no parking order in the Newbury Town Centre between the hours of 19.00pm and 07.00am |
| 513 | An extra entry/exit road is needed from Newbury Town Centre during rush hour. It can take up to 20 mins to get from Vodafone roundabout to Enborne Road due to severe congestion. There is no advantage stopping vehicles using the town centre during the evening. It has not generated any evening business for the restaurants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 514 | Returning to the position before the council ignored the populations' opinion and forced evening traffic onto the already busy A339 whilst delivering no benefits except to allow various catering establishments to obstruct the pavement with extra external seating                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 515 | Need to enable traffic to use the town centre after 5pm to ease congestion on the ring road                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 516 | Newbury traffic needs more Kennet crossing points. We live in the st Bart's area. 5pm is a good time to enable going to better gym and Waitrose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| 517 | It is difficult for people with limited mobility to access the facilities in Northbrook street, Bartholomew street and the market place in the evening and having a 11pm traffic curfew restricts their opportunity partake in normal socialisation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 518 | Town centre will feel safer, less of a ghost town at night. Easier access to corn exchange and other amenities for taxis and lifts Eases traffic flow on the a339 and means there is an alternative if there are problems there and/or on the a34.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 519 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 520 | Because it should have never been extended to the stupidly long hours. What an own goal elected councillors, sadly it's this sort of nonsense that could see far right candidates do well at future elections!!! I do hope that such poor public service weighs heavy on the idiots who started this pantomime. Ideally it would be completely unpedestrianised and let people get to the shops like they did for years!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 521 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 522 | Newbury is a market town and identifies as such. Making the town centre accessible for patrons is a must. Having the town centre as another route for travel is also beneficial to the road network. The current scheme is not pedestrianised, as electric bikes and scooters along with normal bicycles use the pedestrianised area. These bikes, scooters and bicycles go much faster than the limit for mobility scooters (they too, can be a menace). The area is still not safe for pedestrians as we have to keep an eye out for our safety.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 523 | Being able use the access through town after 5pm to go from South to North and back again will bring great relief to the bypass traffic. To be able to nip into town quickly after 5pm to grab a few bits from some of the shops before they close at 5pm while hubby waits in the car or drop one of the children in the town high street or picking them up early evening is valuable. To be able to drive round into the market place after 5pm to pick up older children up from an evening out or even our elderly parents dropping them off right outside the corner exchange or Bill's so they don't have any distance to walk (1 has hip mobility issues from a hip replacement 6yrs ago and another has severe COPD respiratory restrictions. |
| 524 | It's a failure. There are no positive outcomes from this other than safety so what was the safety record prior to the test? This is not the Mediterranean, the climate maybe changing but not significantly enough to warrant the idea. A compromise has to be the solution 10-6 for 6 months of the year 10-8 for the other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 525 | The extension of pedestrianisation was an ill thought out plan overwhelmingly not supported by Newbury. Quite why you feel the need to carry out yet another consultation beggars belief.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 526 | Ease of access                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 527 | Its hard enough to get north/south from West Fields without the rain route being shut in rush hour. When there's trouble on the A34, the 339 gets gridlocked and we can't get in or out of West Fields. There is no other route for us to go.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 528 | To save the town from dying                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| 529 | I regularly walk in to town to meet friends for a meal (or drive occasionally) and as an older woman have felt uneasy walking down a deserted Northbrook Street to the car park. I also volunteer at the Corn Exchange and often hear the same worries from our visitors. Our disabled visitors cannot be dropped off/picked up outside the theatre anymore. I could imagine a hybrid version of the Council's plans with large attractive planters dividing the road part off from the pedestrian bit - surely someone at the Council has a creative streak!                                                                                                  |
| 530 | As someone with limited mobility(not eligible for blue badge) pedestrianisation has impacted on being able to access restaurants & Corn Exchange on evening. It has made no positive difference to 'cafe culture' even when evenings are pleasant & light. Can not understand why 11pm was thought to be acceptable, who sits outside closed restaurants on evenings? Weatherspoons is only place with people outside & they are the smokers, not pleasant for non smokers. Collection for people from shows at Corn Exchange is nightmare.                                                                                                                    |
| 531 | The extended pedestrianisation has been a complete disaster. Residents voted against it in the first place, but the council pressed ahead. The council had another consultation, the residents said that they didn't want the extended pedestrianisation, the council tried to suppress that result, and the results of their own independent report which echoed the views of local businesses who have seen trade plummet in the evenings. Please stop wasting time and money and just put the pedestrianisation back to 10-5. It's what residents want, it's what the businesses want, and the council's own report shows that it will be better for trade. |
| 532 | I live just outside the closed area and find traffic north to south and south to north is worse at rush hour. I also walk into town often but avoid it after 5pm now as I don't feel safe without the vehicles there. You are more exposed as a single woman walking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 533 | The closure has cost shops money....the simple explanation! Also though Newbury's high street unfortunately is a major route from one side of town to the other. When it's closed all local traffic at rush hours is forced to use the A339 which is bad enough but when the A34 is shut for any reason the traffic is gridlocked very quickly!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 534 | Prefer the town center to remain open as In years past- all day. But this is better than being closed all day - business and limited mobility individuals can have access after 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 535 | I support the pedestrianisation being returned to 10:00 - 5:00 to help with traffic flow for people leaving work to travel home. Also it means that people with mobility problems can be dropped off in town in the evening at eateries directly outside.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 536 | The extension of pedestrianised times was ill thought out and ignored previous consultation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 537 | The traffic build up this has caused on the A339 is ridiculous. This is used by local people just use a low speed as you do through the rest of town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 538 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 539 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 540 | It has to help local businesses, especially those offering take away. It reduces traffic on alternative routes. It aid delivery drivers, pick up and drop off into the town centre and overall makes it more vibrant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 541 | Is there a way to keep Bartholomew Street pedestrianised? I don't think Northbrook Street has benefitted from being closed until 11pm but Bartholomew Street certainly has.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 542 | Having the streets closed longer than 5pm has increased travel times for those needing to get from one side of town to another and increases the congestion on the Robin hood roundabout during rush hour 5-6 pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 543 | I support the reinstatement on grounds of reduced traffic on the other routes through town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 544 | Stupid idea in the first place                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 545 | Poor management by council of the ped.area, and traffic flows. The high st is shaded in evenings so better access and to allow the traffic to flow makes sense. Councillors driving their personal ideologies and agendas must stop. We live in a democracy. Stopping cyclists when ped. only is a must.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 546 | I support the proposal as it will ease the considerable congestion on the A339 during the evening rush hour which will in turn reduce the time needed to travel and fuel consumption. Journeys taken considerably longer due to congestion but also distance travelled without using the cut through town. It is also feels unsafe to walk around the town in the evenings especially in winter without potential witnesses travelling in passing cars. This issue is particularly important for women and older children who might be walking alone. I avoid the town centre in the evenings for this very reason. |
| 547 | I live in town and walk mostly unless working. I don't feel safe walking home in the evening with no passing traffic, especially in the the darker nights. Opening up Northbrook Street from 5pm will make me feel much safer walking where there is more people around. It will also help alleviate that traffic on the outskirts of town as it is very clear most of the traffic is all local! The Kennet Centre building work will cause havoc when it starts.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 548 | There was no need to change something that worked perfectly well, minimising traffic queues on the A339 morning and evening, and no reason at all why the town can't be accessed by traffic between 5pm and 10am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 549 | I feel the town has suffered since the change - also in the evenings it is unsafe to walk through there with youths gathering and anti social behaviour                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 550 | Because it was wrong to close it off in the evening                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 551 | Ease of access negotiating the town's ever increasing traffic together with the ability to again drop off / collect individuals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 552 | It was ridiculous having it pedestrianised up to 11pm. 5pm was much better. Having it for longer discriminated against disabled people.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 553 | I fully support the return to 10am - 5pm pedestrianisation as in my opinion this adequately fulfills the needs of customers, retailers and the community, providing an environment for the majority.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 554 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 555 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 556 | Please open town back up at 5pm for cars!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 557 | The closure causes traffic at rush hour which causes higher pollution in around town areas. If you spend enough time in Newbury you'll notice that the town is emptying around 6pm. Not many pedestrians after that. During winter months it feels less safe for those few people walking through without cars.                                                                                               |
| 558 | Have mobility problems and so useful to have option to be left in town centre at certain times for opticians, shopping etc. Do not think the difficulties of the less able of the population are considered enough.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 559 | I have blue badge. I need access to all areas. Corn exchange is difficult to be dropped at. Going out for meals is difficult at present.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 560 | This proposal will bring the main street 'alive' again. My only thought is that the time should be altered to 10am - 6pm giving Pedestrians an extra hour with no traffic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 561 | It was a stupid idea in the first place to change the times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 562 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 563 | Because it's the most sensible option to create a nice shopping environment yet keeping those who need transport to access the centre of town safe, especially in hours of darkness. It will also ease traffic across the town. It will also enable businesses to have the deliveries they need. It will have minimal impact on diners. But maximum impact on those with disabilities and mobility challenges |
| 564 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 565 | The 11:00 to 17:00 worked well. Shop keepers could access their shops by vehicle for commercial reasons. Early evening customers can access shops using a vehicle. Peak hour traffic on the A34 I feel will be less as previously. I understand the initial survey by the public and shop keepers rejected the trial period but their wishes were overruled.                                                  |
| 566 | It was a bad move to start with. Restricted movement in the evening. Bad for traders. Mobility problems were made worse as no access to pubs, restaurants and late night shopping. Traffic chaos every day                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 567 | need to have people in the town - very difficult for businesses at the moment - have to encourage people to come downtown at the end of the day it was a very bad decision and hopefully will be changed back to what it was - wbc are very insensitive to needs/wants/wishes of the people of the town                                                                                                       |
| 568 | To reinstate the evening 's access for those with mobility problems. Thank you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 569 | I feel that pedestrianisation has had a detrimental effect on the town centre and local traffic. Getting from one end of Newbury to the other is restrictive at the best of times. High street businesses have suffered economically.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 570 | Less disruptive for deliveries etc. I am not a blue badge holder but cannot walk very far so being able to be dropped off at/near restaurants/theatre during the evening enables me and many others to have a more social life.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 571 | 10am to 11pm offers no advantage for businesses and pedestrians in the town centre. Vehicle access and pedestrian access offers better flexibility post business hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 572 | Limiting the pedestrianisation seems to make sense for traffic flow Yet protects most retailers and customers from traffic during main shopping times. As long as Council limits bicycles, scooters and other wheeled transport, too. Can be dangerous as they appear so quickly and unexpectedly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 573 | It was a bad idea in the first place, it should be possible for those shop owners with no realistic rear access to be able to bring in supplies both at the start and end of the working day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 574 | It's much safer if you're out at night to have traffic flowing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 575 | to ease traffic congestion through out Newbury and impacting Thatcham                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 576 | I don't think that it will make a difference to cafes/restaurants in town, but it will be more convenient for several groups of people.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 577 | Alleviate some traffic problems, helping to support local businesses and more disability friendly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 578 | Clearly the experiment has failed. It has turned Newbury main street in to a ghost town with businesses suffering                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 579 | I support the proposal as the traffic surrounding the town centre has increased considerably since this order has been brought in. Hence the traffic in these areas is travelling much slower due to traffic jamming, this in turn is causing even more pollution than there was before and I believe is having a worse effect on the environment, around the town centre now. The traffic which would normally use the town centre, has to travel much longer than they did before to get up to the Andover Road and beyond. I agree it was a good idea initially to try out but only during the summer months, to promote using the outdoor space for restaurants and cafe's as this keeps it much quieter and less car pollution but there is very limited use of outdoor space at the moment. If the 'Cafe/Restaurant Culture' picks up in the future then I would possibly support a new proposal in the future to open say from May - September each year, but I still say it causes more issues in the winter months. |
| 580 | It should pedestrian 24/7. Having for part of a day is confusing for pedestrians                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 581 | The traffic restrictions have turned the town centre into a ghost town in the evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 582 | In my view, the experiment failed miserably, e bikes, e scooters should have been included                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 583 | I believe that opening the town center at 5pm could facilitate greater possibility of folk exploring the dining options offered in the high street.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 584 | It makes getting from one end of the town to the other easier in the evenings. The traffic on the A34 will ease. It was done to promote "Cafe culture" . . . we don't have the weather. Or (since Covid) the town centre doesn't have the footfall that time of night. Removing the restrictions makes the town centre feel safer after dark . . . less deserted. The original change . . . was NOT requested. The original plan was rejected by about 65% of those questioned. It was A STUPID PLAN TO START WITH !!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 585 | These are peak office hours and it takes longer to take another route and also causes traffic jams due to the closure of town road after 5:00 pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



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| 586 | there are too many "black spots" which feel somewhat unsafe as a female pedestrian after dark - better to have traffic flowing again                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 587 | I fully support pedestrianisation but the latest extension has been a foolish project badly handled by West Berkshire. It has effectively sealed off the Town from the North for no discernible benefit. Deliveries are expensive and difficult and many personal safety issues have been cited                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 588 | Reduction of traffic on bypass before 10.00am and after 5.00pm. Also inability to drop off elderly or disabled people in town to enjoy visits to restaurants etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 589 | I support the reinstatement of pedestrianisation hours for Newbury Town Centre from 10am-11pm to 10am-5pm. The later closing time led to significant traffic congestion in the evenings, frequently causing delays and gridlock on the A339, which made travel around the town more difficult. I believe the previous 10am-5pm arrangement provided a better balance, supporting local businesses while helping to maintain smoother traffic flow and improving public safety.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 590 | I've seen little upside from the experiment and am aware from members of the public, my own experience and traders, that the inconvenience far outweighs any benefits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 591 | The town centre feels 'dead' and empty without cars after 5pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 592 | Help with traffic flow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 593 | Safety of pedestrians and a nicer environment to shop/ eat. We need to do everything we can to encourage people to the town centre to enjoy, shop and spend money. Free parking too and lower business rates would help our flailing shops.... Sorry couldn't help myself.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 594 | I support reverting the hours back to 10am-5pm. As a town centre resident, I've seen how the extended hours have led to significant traffic congestion, particularly in the evenings, with the A339 frequently gridlocked. It has made everyday travel much more stressful and time-consuming. I'm also concerned about safety. With increased congestion and limited access, people are often dropped off further away and have to walk through town after dark. This doesn't feel ideal from a public safety perspective. The original hours provided a better balance between supporting the town and maintaining smoother traffic flow and safer access for residents and visitors alike. |
| 595 | The conclusions of the experimental hours appear to indicate that residents and businesses would benefit more from the hours being reduced back to the original 10am -5 pm without any detrimental effect on those wishing to use the area after 5pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 596 | I haven't seen any improvement in the town since the introduction of the new hours 10am-11pm. When I've been in town later in the evening it's like a ghost town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 597 | Shopping is made easier and more pleasant and safer if traffic removed from this main street in Newbury Town Centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 598 | I do not agree with any of Newbury Town centre being pedestrian only. It should in my opinion revert back to traffic as it was many years ago when the town was a lot more vibrant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| 599 | I think it helps relieve traffic all around Newbury at rush hour if the town centre can be used as well as a through road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 600 | To alleviate traffic congestion during rush hour on the A339                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 601 | I think Newbury would benefit from extended access to Northbrook street. If only to make it more like a proper town and less of a 'pedestrian precinct'                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 602 | Overall the extended closure was detrimental to shops and traders within the area. Further, the restrictions after 5pm made it impossible for those less able to be dropped off / picked up at restaurants, pubs, theatre and cinema etc to comfortably enjoy their evening out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 603 | When I am in Newbury, the ability to walk about the town without having to look out for traffic, and free from traffic fumes, is very attractive.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 604 | I support reverting the hours back to 10am-5pm. As someone who lives in the town centre and runs a wellness business here, I've experienced first-hand how the extended hours have caused significant traffic congestion, particularly gridlocking the A339 in the evenings. It has made it much harder for clients to access the town. Many of my participants have had to park much further away and walk in, sometimes in the dark, which doesn't feel convenient or safe. As a result, some have been less willing to return, and this has directly affected my business and income. The original hours felt more balanced, which supports local businesses while maintaining better traffic flow and accessibility for everyone.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 605 | I support a return to a more modest period of pedestrianisation each day as I believe this is more conducive to Newbury town centre and its continuing survival.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 606 | The introduction of the current restricted traffic access hours was as ill-advised as it is unpopular. Footfall has fallen yet further, it is clear businesses are NOT flourishing. Access to and ease of navigation in the town is far worse, and for longer than is necessary or acceptable. Visiting and using the town centre is currently less convenient, and even less welcoming. Most of the town's central spaces are devoid of footfall during the extended (5-11 pm) period, and the atmosphere then is not conducive to pedestrian use. "Al Fresco dining" is generally unsuitable to our climate and the positioning of such venues, while there is anyway sufficient space for it to be authorised for businesses wishing to do offer this without the extended traffic-free hours. A permanent pedestrianisation of the Market Place - necessary access Market use excepted - to make it a full public space, with 2 way traffic except 10-5 in all other roads affected by the is ill-judged experiment, would be a much more suitable way to promote the town centre. The removal of 24/7 parking charges, and a massive reduction in parking tariffs generally, will bring people into the town at all times and benefit the local economy hugely |
| 607 | In the morning prior to 10am and after 5pm will provide more opportunity for drivers to access town and give opportunity for more footfall giving the business on high street a possibility of more revenue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 608 | The extended pedestrianisation has been hugely inconvenient for me. Coming home to north Newbury from the south, early evening, now have to queue on relief road. Congestion. It was a silly idea - what was the gain? If traffic is removed from retail areas commerce suffers - and this has happened here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 609 | Traffic management - traffic using all roads around Newbury is more gridlocked as an avenue of traffic flow was removed. Traffic lights do not seem to have been amended to accommodate this or bus gate being opened to alleviate traffic. The reality is that people need cars to work shop appointments etc there is very little public transport off the main jet black 1 route. I have stopped coming to Newbury due to parking and access restrictions and no increase in blue badge spaces very near to the closed area. The one time I driven past the market place at night I thought everyone was closed. It does not seem to have improved the prospects of local businesses. |
| 610 | Newbury is a lightly populated town. It is unnecessary to restrict the limited amount of evening traffic given the realitively low number of pedestrians using the town centre in the evenings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 611 | Why is this survey being carried out again. This has been decided by public vote to revert back to the 10am to 5 pm democratic will of the people.I object to this seemingly waste of more public money. Stick with the public vote.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 612 | Easier traffic through town around 5pm during the week if reinstated                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 613 | In general I support improving the pedestrianisation of the town centre but the current approach does not seem to have worked at desired so I support reverting to the original TRO and continued efforts to improve pedestrian access and safety.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 614 | Unless there is at least one other crossing over canal/river, a single crossing - A339, is insufficient for the traffic density and always has been. I need to cross Newbury centre for work after 5pm and have found the later pedestrianisation of the centre to have acerbated an already clogged up traffic flow. It has been a real nuisance and was not asked for by the general public. The insistence on doing the trial, despite surveyed communities not wishing, has severely dented my trust in the whole process of local governance. Shame.                                                                                                                                |
| 615 | This eases traffic. The 11pm opening means that rush hour all gets directed on to the main bypass road which at peak times can be hectic. Opening town will allow local journeys from e.g. south newbury to speen or the northcroft pool, an easier route (and visa versa).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 616 | Because it was very difficult to get close to events, restaurants etc.. in the evening for Blue Badge Holders (for my daughter)as the parking was too far away.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 617 | The current proposal which I believe was hoping to encourage people to sit outside and enjoy the town centre, hasn't worked. While the current weather has made more people sit with refreshments etc., once the shops close at 5.30 or 6, the streets are deserted and I certainly, feel uneasy walking home on a silent street. Also, any problems on the A339 at rush hour causes chaos as there's no other way to cross town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 618 | It makes it safer for people visiting bars, restaurants and cafes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 619 | I believe that by 5pm all or nearly all shoppers to the specified areas would have completed their shopping and were making their way out of the specified areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 620 | I believe that the extended hours have had a negative impact on businesses & made life less convenient for people accessing restaurants & entertainment after 5pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| 621 | Benefits of the scheme did not happen with no noticeable change to café, bars etc. however there was a negative impact on the traffic and congestion on main roads surrounding the town whilst the town centre was closed to traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 622 | The shops are closed in the evenings, so I see no reason to stop traffic using the street during that time. I feel it would make it safer for pedestrians, less opportunity for unsavory behaviour if vehicles could be passing through. It will also make it easier for deliveries and collections for premises                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 623 | I don't think the extended pedestrianisation has made a significant improvement. Due to the restricted traffic hours, traffic has been busier on other roads. Although cars have been restricted in their usage of the town centre, bikes and scooters have not so the area has not been truly pedestrianised and it feels punitive to car drivers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 624 | It seems reasonable to me                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 625 | I live a short walk from the pedestrian area and go into town most days. Although I appreciate a traffic free area during the day, I find the emptiness of the streets in the evening off putting. I feel intimidated by the groups of youths that often gather and have not seen evidence on increased use of the outside areas by restaurants. Most of all, I feel the lack of access for the disabled to be discriminatory meaning getting to town centre shops must be before 10am.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 626 | Because at rush hour Newbury is gridlocked because they the town is no longer open. It was a crazy idea in the first place                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 627 | The extended pedestrian hours turned the centre into a ghost town for traders, and served no useful purpose once residents/visitors had left to return home for dinner. After that there were only people making use of restaurants, theatre and cinema, so more than capable of looking out for vehicles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 628 | Opening the town to traffic after 5pm will stop traffic congestion, and allow the ring road to flow. Also at night with the town closed it doesn't feel safe especially for women.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 629 | The town seems dead in the evening. The presence of traffic could create more passing trade for the local bars and restaurants. It would be interesting to see the trading statistics, adjusted to reflect the state of the economy, to see if there are actual benefits in each options.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 630 | I would like it to take effect now. (Not September). It has been terrible commuting around Newbury with only A339 link being available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 631 | During the evening, especially in the winter, I do not feel safe in the town centre. I resent the long drive to my home in Northcroft often involves going via the Robin Hood Roundabout from the south of the town. In the build up to Christmas, what is lovelier than the joy on childrens' faces when you drive through to show them the pretty lights. It seems that the town is dead in the evening. Not attractive to window shoppers. Would some of the Northbrook Street cafes open longer for the early light supper trade? I do welcome the Sunday Markets on Northbrook Street when they are advertised well in advance. When the A339 is congested or closed, it is useful to have an alternative route. |
| 632 | Finally I will be able to access all the Northbrook resources by car, drop and collect family members in town, collect restaurant orders, visit the post office, drive direct to and from the station. This is excellent news for residents and for business and will relieve the stress on surrounding roads which are currently being used to bypass the closure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 633 | Beneficial to all retail and hospitality. Beneficial to residents and visitors especially the less mobile and full time workers who pop to town for errands after 5pm. Greater accessibility hours for all transport types will help to keep the town thriving.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 634 | I believe it is essential to make our town centre more accessible and appealing. The 10am-5pm arrangement enables people to drop-off/pick up in that area which has lots of businesses needing deliveries and people need access to, including those whose mobility is not so good and might have carers assisting them or, taxi journeys. It seems this would encourage people to stay on/visit the town after 5pm. It would be a big help with traffic flow and ease congestion on the roundabouts.. I hope this change might proceed alongside the improvement plan for Northbrook Street, which can seem rather bleak and drab at times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 635 | 1. Safety/less crime - When cars are driving through town centre, less antisocial behaviour (crime) is happening on the high street. I felt more safe walking through the town centre after 6pm when the cars were driving through than now. 2. More business for shops like M&S, Tesco, Poundland, Boots, etc. after 5pm as people, who are driving through town after work, pay a visit to these shops. This is currently not possible, so people shop elsewhere and not in town centre. 3. Easier access for people with disabilities, older people who want to go to a restaurant in the town centre in the evenings. 4. It helps with the traffic congestion around Newbury. 5. My personal point - My 2 children have lots of sport activities at St. Bart's school and Park House school (evening drop off/pick up). We live on the other side of town centre (West Street). To drive through the town centre only takes a few minutes. To drive around the whole town in the rush hour takes much longer. So, it is the extra time spent/wasted in the car for all of us, extra fuel consumption (more money for me, a single parent), more pollution in the air. Some people could argue that we can walk. To St. Bar's school yes, however, I would not let my children walk in the dark in the autumn/winter months on their own as it is not safe, plus they are exhausted after the whole day of school and sport. I really hope, you can reopen the town centre to the cars from 5pm again soon. Thank you. |
| 636 | I support the proposal to reinstate the pedestrian times to what they were formerly. It is more convenient for local residents and for local businesses to have earlier access.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 637 | The extended pedestrianisation hours caused no material gain to the town but exacerbated problems for businesses in the town centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 638 | Since the introduction of the longer restricted period in 2025, traffic along the A339, particularly northbound from the St. John's Road roundabout to the Robin Hood roundabout has been noticeably worse during peak periods. Having Newbury Town centre as an additional route will ease that somewhat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 639 | I support reverting to the daytime pedestrianisation which was in place before the Lib Dem's came to power                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 640 | The shops are closed post 6PM any way and we dont see a reason why it must be pedestrianized after that                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 641 | I objected to the experimental traffic regulation order, largely on the grounds of their being insufficient highway capacity to support the closure of a North/South route through the Town during the evening 'rush-hour' period. The reinstatement of the 5PM timing will satisfy my ETRO objection. Given that the 'rush-hour' is generally Monday to Friday, a future proposal might look to instate closure until 11PM during the Summer and at weekends throughout the Year. I would also suggest that a future order look to prohibit the use of other wheeled transport through the pedestrianised area (exception for mobility vehicles of course) as the number of 'near misses' as cyclists (traditional, legal and illegal e-bike) and e-scooter riders careen through Northbrook Street during pedestrianised hours appear to be increasing whenever I am there.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 642 | The traffic flow will be greatly improved around the Robin Hood and St Johns roundabouts during 5-6pm rush hour. Pick up and drop off in and around the Market Place for children and teens for socialising/clubs/lessons etc will be alot safer especially during the darker evenings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 643 | Extending the hours beyond 5pm was a terrible idea that negatively impacted all businesses that operate in the town, especially hospitality & entertainment businesses, who lost significant amounts of customers who could no longer be dropped off close to where they were going. It also meant that rush hour traffic was diverted from the town centre to already congested routes, creating more stationary traffic jams, actually increasing pollution, not decreasing it. The extended hours also impacted the huge number of delivery drivers (Just Eat, Uber Eats etc), many of whom could no longer use motorised vehicles, instead using illegal electric bikes, which I suspect aren't insured. In any case, the pedestrianised area has some of the widest footpaths I've seen anywhere... the town would be better served by scrapping pedestrianisation all together, instead opting for a couple of pedestrian crossings in Northbrook street and painted lines used to better define the edge of the road/pavement... no one is benefitting from motor vehicles not being able to use this area at any time of day! So scrap it altogether |
| 644 | Because the traffic build up on the A339 is ridiculous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 646 | I never supported extending the hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 646 | Trying to fix a problem that wasn't there on the first place                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 647 | The reinstated period (1000hrs to 1700hrs) reflects the period over which the majority of shops are open and the time which people are shopping into he town centre. The reinstatement also allows easing of traffic on other routes (including the A339) from north to south. It enables faster and easier access to the north and south of town after 5pm for people living on the other side, so I will be able to more easily (and therefore more frequently) drive through Northbrook Street to fast food outlets on the south side of Newbury. We have seen closure of many outlets who benefitted from customers driving to collect food from Northbrook Street or Market Place, which would be a lot more easily accessed with the reinstatement of the pedestrian hours to 1000hrs to 1700hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 648 | I don't have to explain to a group of councillors. Who won't probably listen anyway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 649 | <p>I am writing to support the revocation of the extended pedestrianisation hours in Newbury Town Centre, and a return to the previous 10:00am–5:00pm arrangement. During the trial period of extended hours (10:00am–11:00pm), it became clear that the restrictions had a significant negative impact on traffic flow across the town. In particular, preventing vehicles from passing through the town centre in the evenings displacing traffic onto alternative routes, most notably the A339, which regularly became heavily congested. This created unnecessary delays for residents attempting to travel home after work and placed increased pressure on key roads not designed to accommodate that volume of traffic. From a practical perspective, I regularly access the Town Hall, which lies within the pedestrianised area. The ability for vehicles to pass through the town centre after 5:00pm would significantly improve accessibility, making it easier for both myself and others to attend meetings and events without being affected by wider traffic congestion. There are also safety considerations associated with the extended pedestrian hours. When accessing the town centre in the evening, particularly for social or leisure purposes, the restrictions require people to be dropped off at the edges of the pedestrian zone. This necessitates walking further distances, often in the dark, which can feel unsafe and inconvenient, particularly for those who may be more vulnerable. In addition, I understand that businesses along Northbrook Street, including cafés, restaurants and bars, have been adversely affected by the lack of through traffic in the evenings. The absence of passing trade appears to have reduced visibility and footfall at a time when these businesses would typically expect to benefit from evening customers. Restoring vehicle access after 5:00pm would help reintroduce this natural flow of people through the area and support the local economy. While I appreciate the intention behind extending pedestrian priority, the trial has demonstrated that the current arrangement has wider unintended consequences for traffic management, accessibility, safety, and local businesses. For these reasons, I strongly support the proposal to revert to the previous pedestrianisation hours of 10:00am–5:00pm.</p> |
| 650 | Negative impact on shops, bars and restaurants from reduced footfall.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 651 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 652 | Didn't like the dark unused Northbrook Street in the winter evenings, also more convenient for traffic to be able to get in and out of Newbury at night using this road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 653 | I feel that the previous scheme had a detrimental effect on local businesses who desperately need support. Also walking in area at night you feel more exposed as no passing traffic it's a lot quieter if you had an issue no one possibly would be there.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 654 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 655 | It is safer with vehicular access during the evenings... having access to drop off and collect is paramount to making evenings out safer for females. Since this access has been unavailable we have refrained from using Newbury town centre in the evenings. Police and emergency services should have unfettered access. A Bus and taxi service should also have unfettered access.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 656 | The extension of pedestrianised hours has not worked, it's caused so much more traffic and the town centre is no busier with foot traffic. I have to walk down northbrook street on my way home and it's so quiet - and I find it less safe - at least with the cars there I have other people around should any one approach me on foot (which has happened)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 657 | Safer for all, much nicer environment, less fumes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 658 | Business owners have reported either a loss of no benefit from the longer pedestrianised hours. Antisocial behaviour appears to have increased due to the town centre being more quiet in the evenings as no cars. The high street provides an extra road to alleviate some of the traffic on other roads around the town centre. Traffic has been notably worse since the longer pedestrian hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 659 | the experiment to extend pedestrian hours has been a failure - traffic has increased significantly on all other roads, increase in carbon cost of fuel for having to take long detours completely unnecessarily (ie. can't drive down the high street at 10pm when there is no one using the road or pavements), businesses have struggled with deliveries and walking home from work late at night feels less safe as there are no cars around to provide light/witnesses. the few shops with outdoor seating are barely used and especially not until 11pm. i fully support reinstating the pedestrian hours of 10am-5pm. i would also support compromised hours of 9am-6pm or similar, so that pedestrians are safe during shopping hours but road is still accessible after the shops have closed.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 660 | During the major shopping times , safety of individual shoppers needs the protection of pedestrianisation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 661 | I am a blue badge holder who has difficulty walking even a short distance & to reinstate the pedestrian hours from 10am to 5pm would greatly improve myself being able to park closer to the shops in need to use.Heaven knows why it was changed in the first place because all that is open is those coffee shops?. Please revert back to 10am to 5pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 662 | I believe it is more beneficial for the businesses and traffic. Little was gained by extending the hours. We still strongly support the pedestrianisation of the town centre but with the original hours of 10am to 5pm,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 663 | Extended closure has contributed to higher levels of traffic on the A339 through the town. As someone who comes into Newbury from the Hungerford direction and needs to travel across the town centre for work this has often impacted me. There are not enough businesses on the road that have tables outside that make it worthwhile having the evening closure in winter. I would be supportive of an extended closure during summer months, perhaps April or May through to September.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 664 | I felt unsafe walking through the town at 10.30pm when it was pedestrianised. I only did it once. When I could drive through it felt much safer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 665 | Newbury already has a complicated layout traffic wise, where you have to travel around to get from A to B, you can't just do it is a straight line. Closing the traffic in the town centre chocked the adjacent roads, which probably increased pollution levels, with very little benefit to probably the low numbers of individuals who live on Northbrook Street. The business have suffered and the town centre was empty anyway after 5 pm. What would work better is a scheduled pedestrianisation timetable, for example in the summer, if businesses believe it will bring them more customers, close the road until 9-10 pm on Fri, Sat, Sun. Doing this all year round is a waste of money, loss of business and is causing a lot of stress to people from all backgrounds. Allowing the traffic through Newbury at 5 pm would increase the traffic on my way home, but your decision was too extreme for me to support it just for my personal benefit. |
| 666 | I like the hustle and bustle of the town centre in the evening and found that when the pedestrian hours were permanent, I do not feel As safe as it was very quiet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 667 | The town centre is dead at night and I feel uneasy walking back to my car when there is little traffic and people around.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



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| 668 | I was against the pedestrianisation scheme in the 1st place - as were the majority of the respondents to your initial consultation. The Council chose to ignore the constituents and impose the scheme anyway. The scheme has been a financial and social failure. If the Council wants to make Northbrook St more pedestrian friendly then actually enforce the no parking restrictions that already exist and stop people "popping in for a coffee" and similar. Also stop electric scooters and bikes abusing their "freedom"                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 669 | Extension of the pedestrianisation hours does little to help what businesses are left in the centre of Newbury                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 670 | To reduce congestion on a339 at peak time. Especially when there been an accident. To reduce the amount of walking my disabled son has to do to be picked up mon-fri from Newbury town centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 671 | These times are when busiest and i think after that time would be safe and helpful to allow cars through                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 672 | Because the extension of the pedestrianisation hours was totally unnecessary and expensive waste of our council tax. It was doomed to failure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 673 | There is no need for the extended closure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 674 | There does not appear to been any benefit to the longer pedestrian times and it's had a negative impact of those wishing to cross town early in the evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 675 | I would take the proposal one stage further and make the times 9-18:00. Whilst this will miss some of the peak evening rush hour, this will retain a safe walking and cycling environment in and around the town centre. I would also like to add that restaurants and bars with street furniture should only be able to have these out taking up the footpaths during pedestrian hours. When they are fully out with traffic it is an unsafe environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 676 | -to ease the flow of traffic through the town at the busiest times of the day. Enables an alternative route to the A339 which has been more congested since the pedestrian hours were extended. -I can see no benefit to the extended pedestrian only hours in terms of pavement dining etc as there are so few eateries that this applies to .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 677 | The extended closure has made life more difficult for me, and for lots of people I know. There never seemed to be a good reason to keep the road closed for so long into the night, and it makes the town centre unpleasant to be in. The extra convoluted journeys I've had to do are also annoying, and have made the roads outside the immediate centre more of a challenge. As a cyclist I've also been impacted. More and more pedestrians expect us to get off our bikes. Whatever you decide to do, please make it as clear as possible that people ARE allowed to cycle. If possible, you need a word that's more precise than 'pedestrianisation', which makes people think that ONLY walkers are allowed. |
| 678 | The longer hours have been shown not to benefit the town and so should now be cancelled as a matter of urgency.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 679 | Local businesses have suffered hugely at the expense of the longer hours. Also, traffic has been forced out onto local roads causing unnecessary congestion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 680 | makes sense                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 681 | This hasn't improved the town centre and has been incredibly disruptive to traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| 682 | My son is very young, I work a long day, the impact of it finishing at 11pm increased my travel time by 20 mins. This had a detrimental effect on him, as he was falling asleep in the car, so I was having to wake him up to have dinner and then was late getting him to bed. Going through town I also would see what shops were there and shop displays so used to go shopping in town more as I might see something in a window display driving past.                                                                                                                                                               |
| 683 | To ease the traffic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 684 | As the only through way from one end of the town to the next, the A339 is always jammed with cars,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 685 | Opening the street from 5pm would ease the traffic. There are so many offices in town centre and 5pm is when most people finish work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 686 | Best balance of hours to support both pedestrians and motorists. Also believe Economically for businesses in the town centre this is better and also better for town centre environment/ character                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 687 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 688 | It works better for all                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 689 | The initial “consultation” was approx 60-40 to keep 10am to 5pm. WBC ignored local opinion. The second “consultation” was approx 80-20 to revert to 10am to 5pm. Surely these are enough grounds? Additionally, I have never seen a motor vehicle incident in the area but have seen and personally experienced cycle and e-bike incidents. They are the main danger and should be banned. The choked dual carriageway is the only alternative to west Newbury residents and additional traffic caused by no town access after 5pm is totally unnecessary. The previous 5pm access was fair to everyone and worked well. |
| 690 | The build up of traffic has affected my daily routine, plus the impact on bringing people to the town during the evenings has dropped I feel if we were to open again at 5pm the current restaurants and other trades would gain more support and consumers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 691 | My elderly neighbour with mobility issues is deprived of her evening restaurant visits along the high street because she prefers to be dropped off in front of the restaurant. Since the closing of the pedestrianised area in the evening, she has been deprived of the routine she used to have ie driven through the town to see the Christmas lights .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 692 | Reopening the town centre again from 5pm will reduce the traffic and keep the town centre safe again. It is not nice walking through the town centre with no traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 693 | Traffic is diabolical with only one through road to get from one side of Newbury to the other. More traffic is creating more pollution as they sit in the only route available to them. All engines on, pumping out more heat and pollution while you try and walk to places like Sainsbury for example. If there was another road that skipped the town centre, then I wouldn't have a problem with it staying closed but there is no alternative and therefore stops traffic flow for even longer than is necessary.                                                                                                   |
| 694 | Adhere to report and previous feedback to revert back. Reduce traffic congestion after 5pm, reducing stationary vehicle emissions elsewhere. Increase Person sense of safety whilst walking through Northbrook Street after dark.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| 695 | Please leave the town centre accessible to all delivery's, disabled and shoppers 10-5 is adequate during the day to be pedestrianised it should never have been changed it's been a huge impact is access for my disabled father                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 696 | I feel unsafe walking through town after work in the dark in winter. Groups of youths congregate as no cars.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 697 | Newbury has become a nightmare to travel through in peak times after 5pm, having the town open used to ease that and give the option to travel through that way if you want to get to the top of town,, without needing to go right up past Sainsbury's to go down past pageant shop and around to get to the likes of the Kennet centre car park, market place for restaurants, corn exchange entertainment etc.. and Vue cinema area. It will really ease traffic, especially when there are roadworks around the area, and I believe there are planned roadworks coming in the summer holidays on the Robin Hood roundabout. Which will just cause gridlock and tailbacks without the town centre being another route for traffic to ease through. It's a shame the parkway bridge was made to buses only as this was also another good route for traffic to flow through. We've literally got the one road a339 now and if roadworks or an accident happens , it is mayhem and not good for the environment to have that many cars sat in traffic, italso causes impatience which can cause accidents and even road rage unfortunately. I dont believe the extended pedestrianisation really benefited people during the hours of 5-11pm as the town becomes a lot quieter then with footfall anyway as many stores close at this time, it was mainly used as through traffic for residents and local traffic to simply get through Newbury from work and/or activities. It is much more use as the road it was initially built to be, than an extra wide pavement for people , that aren't really using it during those hours anyway. |
| 798 | I live just outside the town centre and commute to work, the new timings currently make my journey longer due to the disruption and the insane amount of traffic in and around Newbury coming from the town centre not being accessible                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 699 | I think the previous change has been a waste of money and unwanted just making traffic worse and leaving the town centre very empty in evenings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 700 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 702 | The food banks can collect food just after the shops and cafes have shut.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 703 | I fully support returning the pedestrianisation hours to what they were previously. While the intention behind the extended hours was positive, they don't appear to have delivered the expected benefits. Instead, many businesses appear to have struggled, and the town centre has often been left quiet during the additional restricted hours. Restoring the original times would help improve accessibility, encourage more visitors, and support our local businesses. A thriving town centre needs a balance between creating a pleasant environment and making it easy for people to visit, shop, and dine.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 704 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| 705 | I see no reason for it to remain closed until 11pm when there are not many pedestrians about and it makes it harder to be picked up by family/ friends if being out in the town and you are a lone woman. Changing it back means you can be picked up in a safer area. It will also make it easier for our town centre shops to receive their deliveries, plus if any issues on the A339 then there is an alternative route through the town. |
| 706 | Like it or not, we are a car-based society. Because of the geographical position of Newbury north and south of the river and canal, to only have one of two possible routes across town available at evening rush hour is surely counterproductive with emissions as traffic sits longer from the Robin hood roundabout to the Halfords roundabout                                                                                            |
| 707 | I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 708 | Better for local traffic flow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 709 | The experiment did not work and caused antisocial behaviour on Northbrook street after 5pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 710 | The congestion on the a339 through newbury has been much worse since traffic was excluded from the town. Simple journeys from one end of town to the other require driving out to the robin hood and navigating the dual carriageway and queueing on bartholomew street which should not be neccessary!                                                                                                                                       |
| 711 | Mainly because traffic is a nightmare between 3.30/4pm to approximately 6pm on the A339 especially if there has been an incident, so having Northbrook St available to drive down eases the traffic burden.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 712 | My proposal is for this to be for 6 months of the year April to September. This would satisfy most people and enable social activities during lighter evenings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 713 | The 10-11 is far too late. Some women are afraid to walk alone in Northbrook Street at night without traffic. I have limited mobility and use a walking frame. This makes it harder to attend Newbury Town Council meetings - try using the Town Hall lift with walking frame!. But if I can get dropped off and picked up right by the Town Hall then I don't need the frame - just a walking stick is sufficient.                           |
| 714 | It is safer for women out at night. They can be picked up in a more central area rather than having to walk through secluded areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 715 | It is democractically broken to demand "grounds" for those objecting but not those supporting I fully support the return to the previous daytime only pedestrian hours. Way too much taxpayer money has been wasted on this scheme already and the traders of the town deserve better.                                                                                                                                                        |
| 716 | The longer pedestrianised hours have been a failed experiment. Harder access for town residents moving through the main street, no benefit seen in evenings. Town feeling less interesting in evenings. Harder for those of us working anti-social hours to get to work place. Poorer business for evening open areas.                                                                                                                        |
| 717 | I can not see the benefit of closing Northbrook st in the evenings when very few people use it and what harm does it make for card to use it in the evenings Why was a change necessary?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 718 | The other road infrastructure does not adequately support having this street closed off, and the 'cafe culture' isn't really a thing most of the time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| 719 | It is difficult to negotiate the main town as taxis can only bring you to parkway and would like the freedom to be able to access shops and restaurants after 5 as I can't walk that far                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 720 | The closing of Northbrook Street to traffic in the evenings has caused high levels of congestion on the A339 resulting in long periods of car "idling" and increased journey times. The back up of traffic trying to access the wharf has meant parking there has often taken a ridiculously long time, with customers frequently being late for shows at the Corn Exchange. Northbrook Street has become a "no go" area particularly for women on their own in the evenings which is not acceptable. The disabled have been particularly disadvantaged with the town centre becoming less accessible with no "drop off" or "collection" options. |
| 721 | Impact as a Motability Scheme user has been massive and has curtailed socialising and my support of the arts at Corn Exchange as a result of extending the pedestrianisation hours to 11PM. I remain a member, but without the scope to be dropped off outside the building it had become a no-go zone. Additional traffic impact to the remaining open roads surrounding town has been unnecessarily increased, there are more queues and my evidence is lessened vehicular flow due to the volume in limited operational routes.                                                                                                                |
| 722 | We need more than one route through Newbury at rush hour times. Any serious incident on the A339 would seriously impact drivers and emergency services. It is simply madness to only have one route through Newbury.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 723 | Will help to ease congestion (at times) during weekday rush hour. As there are no public transport alternatives to Wash Common post 6:30pm and on Sundays. As I'm not sure what evidence has been used to support the previously proposed pedestrianisation restrictions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 724 | It was doomed to failure by incompetent planning and forethought costing businesses a lot of money and increasing pollution by making cars go longer journeys.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 725 | I feel that the pedestrianisation would work very well as 10-5 Sunday to Thursday and 10 until late?? Friday and Saturday evening. This would allow good use of outdoor seating for local businesses during busier evenings of trade.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 726 | it will feel safer walking at night in the area. it will bring back life to the shops..eg Tesco, and cafes eg Cote. it will control maniac e.scooters/scooters and cyclists who at present run wild. it will enable drivers to cross from North Newbury to South Newbury during busy travel times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 727 | I am supportive of opening the town centre street to the traffic earlier. It would make a great difference to the evening rush hour. Will give more opportunities to cross the town from one side to another. The issue in Newbury is that we have one way of crossing the town from North to South...over A339. Due to the recent housing developments in Newbury this has become the busiest road day in and day out. I do enjoy having the pedestrian street for ourselves but is very quiet during the week days. 1 compromise would be to have it closed until 11pm during weekends, Saturday and Sunday.                                    |
| 728 | The extension of the pedestrianisation of the centre of Newbury has had a negative effect on the hospitality sector in the town. My view is that the current pedestrianisation is good and gives the public the safe shopping and cafe area they need.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 729 | Returning vehicles to the town centre for the sake of easy access to the restaurants in town will be welcomed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 730 | Did not like going in the town last winter didn't feel safe no one around. Could not even get to the corn exchange you could not park outside or to be pick up at the end of the evening                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 731 | I am disabled . I will have easy access again to The Corn Exchange theatre again.. my husband could drop me outside the front door. Easy access to cafes restaurants The town centre would feel less lonely at night. If cars are going past it will be safer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 732 | It will support people with blue badges to have close access. As well as supports small business to make deliveries without delaying. The town is not busy enough to pedestrianise it completely. Also the worry most of us females have walking in an empty town is not ok. Predators have more free will.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 733 | Traffic has been adversely impacted since the experimental traffic order was trialled. It is not as convenient to drive, adds to the pollution by driving in circuitous routes as well impacting safety in responding to my care responsibilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 734 | Traffic flows better and easier to get to different sides of town through the High Street.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 735 | It works so much better than the extended hours, traffic is reduced on the A339, footfall hasn't increased in the town nor has the shopper numbers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 736 | I use the route through town to get to and return from work and this will save me time as going around the long way along the dual carriageway through town is really snarled up and adds about 15 minutes to my journey to work. Also in the evenings I would prefer traffic going through as the shops are shut and there are hardly any restaurants along Northbrook street that are busy. It's a shame we can't just keep the Market Square closed to cars but I think it would be fine as there's still the pavement culture there as there's space. That is why I support the 10-5 hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 737 | Too difficult for disabled access to evening events.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 738 | It shouldn't have been done in the first place. It was simply an anti-car measure by the current Council. I'm not sure that it has made a great difference after about 6pm in the summer months, as there is no traffic around after that during the week and in the winter it's quiet by 6 when everyone has left work. It has probably had the effect of reducing numbers coming into the town centre later in the evening. From my last walk into the town centre a couple of weeks ago for drinks with friends at about 5.30 - 6pm, cyclists are as much a danger to pedestrians as cars - if not more so, because they weave all over place, through pedestrians - it was a busy evening for a change, the weather was good. As I was once knocked over by a cyclist cycling on the pavement - either make it truly pedestrianised or not. No cars, no lorries, no motorbikes, no bicycles, just pedestrians. Or don't do it. |
| 739 | The traffic has been terrible since the closure until 11pm and town feels generally unsafe at night as there is no-one about. I fully support it going back to the 10am - 5pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 740 | Support evening business and nightlife                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 741 | It will greatly improve traffic flow after 5pm in and around the town centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 742 | As a member of the Streetworks team at West Berkshire Council, I would like to request that working hours revert to 10am to 5pm. Utility works carried out on the A339 after 5pm are likely to result in substantial congestion in Newbury.'                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 743 | Accessibility for the disabled benefit the town centre traders - cafe and restaurants in the evening relief on traffic congestion safety if walking through the town in the evening on your own - more people around Newbury would lose the current 'ghost town' feeling |
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| 1  | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2  | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3  | I prefer a non-vehicle area in the evening which makes walking to the Corn Exchange safer, especially in the dark. I would urge a 20mph limit on all vehicles including bicycles if traffic is to be allowed back in that area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4  | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5  | I do t think the restriction is good or bad, I do however think if the restriction is kept until 11pm the wharf bridge should be open for all vehicles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6  | It being nice to be out and about in town in the evening and never have to worry about vehicles. If others have been negatively impacted though, it wouldn't make a big difference to me if it reverted to the way it used to be.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 7  | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 8  | It's not personally impacted me which is why I am neutral, I don't think there's strong enough reasons to change anything so would be happy for things to stay as they are. The only thing that could cause an issue with keeping it pedestrianised is when there are roadworks on main carriage ways like the works planned for the Robin Hood roundabout in August, an alternative route through town could be beneficial during that time.                                                                           |
| 9  | Before making a firm decision I'd like to understand the reasons as to why to revert the extension early. What are the reasons and the evidence for this?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10 | I've lodged a neutral position because ultimately, the pedestrianisation doesn't affect me either way. From a sustainability perspective, it's good to avoid emissions in Newbury's main high street but this is only pushing vehicles elsewhere so this argument doesn't stack up. If there is a genuine loss of trade for those businesses on the street who claim they are being penalised in terms of deliveries etc, then this should be taken into consideration. But personally, I have no firm view either ray. |
| 11 | I take regular trips to Newbury pedestrianised area and very much enjoy the car free nature. However, I have only passed the area during these extended hours when occasionally riding a bike to get to Northcroft Leisure Centre from Thatcham                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 12 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 13 | I like the 11pm reopening of the road in the summer months. Its nice to sit outside without fumes or fear of being hit. However this is not needed in winter when the road can reopen at 5pm. I would like a 6 monthly split.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 14 | I like the traffic free evenings but only eat/drink in town 2x a month so I can't really expect others to keep it closed for me                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15 | I think that on its own it is not going to solve anything. If the roads and traffic capacity around Newbury was improved as well as Newbury business rates and parking charges being addressed then having a permanent pedestrian area would work. Short term I would suggest having pedestrian limits during may-October and then normal access outside these months whilst the council addresses the other issues. You need to generate a sustainable solution to help businesses build through fair charges and attractive facilities for visitors including reasonable parking charges (not rinsing as much as you feel you can), along with attracting local businesses to be able to be supported. I've seen so many businesses start up especially around the old library and Broadway which have gone under within a few months and imo a lot of that is down to the lack of investment in Newbury along with unsustainable costs. This is not a single issue, it's part of a wider problem that you need to address |
| 16 | I preferred the trial period up to 11pm as it was safest for pedestrians. However there needs to be a ban on cyclists.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 17 | I support the pedestrianisation of Newbury town centre. I would have preferred to see this extended behind 5pm and I would see it as a danger to have cars in the town centre later at night on Saturday and Friday as people are socialising. I would have also liked to see a permit scheme created as I understand some businesses require vehicle access.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 18 | There is a balance between the needs of pedestrians and the needs of the businesses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 19 | I agree the reinstatement of pedestrianisation should be returned to 10.00am to 5.0pm but only for the winter months - from end of September to May. For brighter summer evenings, I think pedestrianisation could be extended to 11.00pm (10.00am to 11.00p.). There is no advantage to having it during colder darker evenings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 20 | It is good to have road open till 11 PM during summers for families to go on a leisure stroll to town centre with kids but would support to close it in winters and then keep it till 5 PM. I Would also like to have regular police patrolling in town centre as it is becoming unsafe. Always see bunch of kids with black face masks strolling around the town centre creating nuisance to the passer byes by sometimes blocking their ways or making remarks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 21 | I like the idea of the traffic free opportunity for summer outdoor dining but don't see many businesses taking up the opportunity. I have visited Tallin where a summer only scheme operates which might be a good compromise.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 22 | I am very much in favour of the pedestrian area to be used primarily for pedestrians hence my support for the trial hours that has been undertaken. However, I acknowledge there are people who have opposed the trial as it has been undertaken and I agree that time should be taken to develop a new proposal taking into account public feedback.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 23 | The reason for my neutral position is I am still uncertain of who this really benefits. Do the shop keepers and trades people want this? They are the key people affected by this decision and should be the focus.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 24 | No additional comment provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



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| 25 | I like having it pedestrianised including in the evenings while some shops are still open, but appreciate this makes it difficult for business deliveries.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 26 | As a resident of Thatcham, who regularly comes to Newbury town centre with little children, I am saddened to see the extended pedestrianisation is not supported to the future. However, since the decision was taken to revert to shorter pedestrian hours, I am neutral if this will be reinstated from September of July. |
| 27 | Thames Valley Police make no objection to this proposal. No other comments from us.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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## Hermitage and Cold Ash 20mph Speed Limit

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| <b>Committee considering report:</b> | Individual Executive Member Decisions |
| <b>Date of Committee:</b>            | 14 August 2026                        |
| <b>Portfolio Member:</b>             | Councillor Stuart Gourley             |
| <b>Report Author:</b>                | Andy Alty                             |
| <b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>             | ID 4822                               |

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### 1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways of the responses received during the statutory consultation on the introduction of 20mph speed limits to the majority of roads within Ashmore Green, Hermitage, Cold Ash, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row, with 30mph and 40mph limits also being introduced to ensure speed limits are consistent throughout the settlements and to seek approval of officer recommendations.

### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways approves the following actions:
- (a) The 20mph proposal for Ashmore Green is not progressed and the scheme is abandoned.
  - (b) The 20mph proposal for Hermitage is not progressed and the scheme is abandoned.
  - (c) The 20mph proposal for Cold Ash is not progressed and the scheme is abandoned.
  - (d) The 20mph proposal for Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row is not progressed and the scheme is abandoned.
  - (e) The 30mph and 40mph proposals in some of the settlements is not progressed and the scheme is abandoned.
  - (f) Requests for individual speed limit changes to roads within Thatcham are encouraged and supported through the Local Ward members/Town Council.

### 3 Implications and Impact Assessment

| Implication               | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                |                 |                   |
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| <b>Financial:</b>         | <p>Should the proposed speed limit change be implemented, the cost would be approximately £30,000.00.</p> <p>The scheme would be funded from an existing capital cost centre dedicated to speed limit changes as part of the 2026-27 Network Management Works Programme.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                |                 |                   |
| <b>Human Resource:</b>    | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                |                 |                   |
| <b>Legal:</b>             | <p>If the speed limit is implemented, the Council will need to exercise its powers to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. This Order would need to be sealed by Legal Services, however, before making the Orders the Council, as Highways Authority, must consider all objections made and which have not been withdrawn. All objections must be considered with an open mind and once assessed should be formally accepted or rejected. All objectors must be notified in writing of the decision on whether (a) the Orders are to be made as advertised, (b) are to be modified or (c) are to be abandoned. In circumstances where any substantial modifications are proposed to the Orders, the Council is required to inform those likely to be affected by such modifications and give the opportunity to make representations which must again be considered.</p> |                |                 |                   |
| <b>Risk Management:</b>   | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                |                 |                   |
| <b>Property:</b>          | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                |                 |                   |
| <b>Policy:</b>            | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                |                 |                   |
|                           | <b>Positive</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Neutral</b> | <b>Negative</b> | <b>Commentary</b> |
| <b>Equalities Impact:</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                |                 |                   |

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| <b>A</b> Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could impact on inequality?               |   | x |  | It is unlikely that changing a speed limit will impact on inequality.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>B</b> Will the proposed decision have an impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics, including employees and service users? |   | x |  | It is unlikely that these proposed speed limit changes will impact on the environment, given that they apply to such a small proportion of the highway network. If the changes result in a change to actual vehicle speeds, there may be a change in vehicle emissions and road noise, but any changes are likely to be negligible, and it is considered disproportionate to carry out a detailed quantitative assessment. |
| <b>Environmental Impact:</b>                                                                                                                       |   | x |  | Lower speed limits and an associated perception of improvements in road safety may indirectly encourage an increase in active travel and an accompanying health benefit. However, the effect is likely to be negligible and it is considered disproportionate to carry out a detailed quantitative assessment.                                                                                                             |
| <b>Health Impact:</b>                                                                                                                              |   | x |  | Lower speeds may encourage a greater use of active travel modes (walking and cycling).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>ICT Impact:</b>                                                                                                                                 |   | x |  | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Digital Services Impact:</b>                                                                                                                    |   | x |  | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Council Strategy Priorities:</b>                                                                                                                | x |   |  | This proposal is relevant to Council Strategy Priority no. 5, Thriving Communities with a Strong Local Voice, which seeks to enable 20mph speed limits for residential streets where residents want them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>Core Business:</b>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | x |  | Although contributing to the above Council Strategy Priority and the links to wider social and environmental objectives, the delivery of this type of project is not in itself a statutory service. |
| <b>Data Impact:</b>                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | x |  | None.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Consultation and Engagement:</b> | <p>Local stakeholders and road users were consulted on the proposed speed limit by way of the statutory advertisement of a Traffic Order, including newspaper and publication on the Council's online <a href="#">Consultation and Engagement Hub</a>, in November and December 2025 and January 2026</p> <p>This report has been circulated to all affected ward members, the shadow portfolio holder and minority group leader.</p> <p>Any further comments received prior to the date of the Individual Decision will be reported verbally.</p> |   |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## 4 Executive Summary

- 4.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways of the responses received during the statutory consultation on the introduction of the speed limit changes advertised as part of various speed limit reductions being implemented across West Berkshire and to seek approval of officer recommendations.
- 4.2 The speed limit changes consulted on were to reduce the majority of roads within Ashmore Green, Hermitage, Cold Ash, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row to 20mph, with 30mph and 40mph limits also being introduced to ensure speed limits are consistent throughout the settlements.
- 4.3 In total, 1188 responses were received to the consultation with there being multiple responses stating the same view. The following table shows were respondents supported, opposed or expressed a neutral view for the proposals in each village. This report summarises the objections received and makes a recommendation to the Executive Member considering these objections.

|         | Ashmore Green | Bucklebury | Upper Bucklebury | Chapel Row | Cold Ash   | Hermitage  |
|---------|---------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Support | 40            | 47         | 46               | 47         | 58         | 58         |
| Neutral | 3             | 3          | 4                | 3          | 1          | 6          |
| Object  | 80            | 99         | 149              | 123        | 155        | 153        |
| Total   | <b>135</b>    | <b>165</b> | <b>215</b>       | <b>191</b> | <b>238</b> | <b>244</b> |

## 5 Supporting Information

### Introduction

- 5.1 One of the five priorities in the Council Strategy 2023-2027 is to 'build thriving communities with a strong local voice'. This priority commits to actions such as to work with local communities and partners to enhance our main towns and large villages. Part of this is to enable 20mph limits for residential streets where residents want them.
- 5.2 Speed limit changes are subject to a statutory consultation process. Where no objections are received, the speed limits are implemented and new signs are erected on-street, but where proposals attract statutory objections, these must be referred to the Executive Member for a decision as to how to proceed.
- 5.3 A statutory consultation on a proposal to introduce lower speed limits throughout Ashmore Green, Hermitage, Cold Ash, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row was held throughout the end of last year and the beginning of 2026. Plans of the proposed speed limit reduction are included in Appendix C.
- 5.4 Non-statutory engagement was undertaken with all ward members and Parish Councils in Hermitage, Cold Ash, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row prior to this statutory consultation taking place. Within these sessions, the opportunity was given to provide feedback on the proposed networks. Overall, the proposals were largely well received. The feedback from these sessions was considered by officers at WBC and some amendments made to the proposed network prior to the statutory consultation taking place.
- 5.5 All existing roads in the above parishes were assessed for inclusion in this proposal using the following criteria as a way to select them.
  - (a) If they were a main or local distributor road or part of a strategic network diversion route the road was not included.
  - (b) Roads that were not self-compliant in terms of supporting a 20mph speed limit were not included.
  - (c) Existing 20mph zones and traffic calmed roads were included along with all estate roads especially as a large majority of them had been designed and constructed over the last 20 years to be 20mph compliant.
- 5.6 The Council, as the Local Highway Authority, has powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to set the speed limits on the roads for which it is responsible. In order to be legally enforceable, speed limits require a legal Order to be made under Section 84 of the Act. The process of consulting on and making speed limit orders is set out in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. The signing of speed limits is governed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, and a Local Highway Authority is not permitted to erect speed limit signs unless a legal Order is in force
- 5.7 1188 responses were received to the consultation, the majority being objections and this report summarises those objections and makes a recommendation to the Executive

Member. These objections have been analysed and common themes have been drawn from them with summary responses provided in the sections below. All individual consultation responses can be found in the excel sheet in Appendix D.

## **Background and responses to common themes raised in the statutory consultation**

5.8 Thames Valley Police responded to this consultation as a statutory consultee. They didn't record a position on Ashmore Green, recorded a neutral position to the proposals for Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row and objected to the proposals for Hermitage and Cold Ash. They stated that the policy of Thames Valley Police is to use sound practical and realistic criteria set in the Department for Transport (DfT) Guidance [Circular Roads 1/2013 - Setting local speed limits](#) when responding to Highway Authorities in an effort to promote consistency. This guidance is also used by WBC and has been considered in the development of these proposals.

5.9 TVP are not opposed to lowering speed limits providing they are appropriate to the road environment and likely to have casualty reduction benefits. They stated that they have no policy to enforce based on arbitrary speed limits alone but will enforce based on threat of harm, risk and resourcing. 20mph limits are not excluded from this and will be enforced where appropriate. Setting local speed limits is clear that there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity, unless this has been explicitly agreed. TVP stated in their response that in this case it isn't and there are no additional resources available to support extra enforcement.

5.10 The objections to this consultation have been analysed and eight common themes have been drawn out of the responses and comments have been made in response to each theme below. No comments were received that were prescriptive as objections to the reductions to the proposed 30mph or 40mph limits.

- a) 127 objections mentioned concerns around the cost of the implementation and that it is a waste of money. Within this theme, some mentioned that the money should be spent on implementing traffic calming, road repairs, increased waste collection and other service improvements.

Officer comment: There is an annual capital budget allocated to reviewing speed limits and implementing any resulting changes. The costs of this proposal will be funded from this budget which is separate from the road's maintenance, capital improvements budgets and budgets for other council service areas. The budget for this project as also previously been approved.

- b) 33 objections raised concerns that lowering the speed to 20mph will lead to an increase in congestion across the network and lead to delays in journey times.

Officer comment: Research indicates that slower speeds encourage a smoother driving style with less stopping and starting which helps traffic to flow. Evidence from other 20mph areas shows that, over the longer term, slower speeds encourage more people to walk and cycle, easing congestion on the road.

- c) 17 objections raised concerns that lowering the speed limit to 20mph was bad for the environment and will lead to an increase in pollution.



Officer comment: Studies have not proven either a positive or negative effect on the environment: driving at 20mph causes some emissions to rise slightly and some to fall. Reduced acceleration and braking may help to reduce fuel consumption and associated emissions. Some environmental benefit from the change in speed limit is expected from helping to unlock the potential for walking or cycling short distances instead of driving.

- d) 41 objections mentioned that a blanket 20mph is not required but that they would support the implementation of part time limits outside schools and 20mph speed limits around parks, hospitals, shops and residential streets would be sufficient.

Officer comment: This is not a "blanket" restriction in the same way as was done in Wales, for example. All roads have been considered on their merits in line with an agreed criteria before being included in the proposal, with many of these streets being residential or including the trip generators mentioned in the objections.

- e) 24 objections highlighted that no collision analysis or speed survey data was provided to support the need for implementation to improve road safety.

Officer comment: It is accepted that the proposed 20mph limits would not lead to a demonstrable reduction in collisions. The reduction in limits is based on policy driven by the administration's wishes to see more 20mph and lower speed limits, rather than an objective need to improve safety based on collision figures.

- f) 59 objections mentioned that the current 30mph limits are not enforced and that 20mph will also not be enforced by the Police, a number of these also mentioned that the only way would be to install safety cameras to ensure enforcement.

Officer comment: The Police are supportive of improved road safety across West Berkshire and will continue to work with the Council to achieve this. It is recognised that speed management is an important element of this and the police will continue to enforce speed limits across the road network as appropriate. The new 20mph limit will rely on a shift in driver behaviour which will take time to embed. The Council is working with the Police to raise awareness of the new speed limits through road safety education and prevention activities.

- g) 6 objections mentioned that the council are implementing reduced speed limits so they can fine motorists to raise money.

Officer comment: The Council will not profit from the introduction of 20mph speed limits. Speeding fines are submitted to the UK Treasury and any 20mph fines issued by the Police will be treated in exactly the same way.

- h) 6 objections mentioned that by implementing 20mph speed limits there were too many speed limit changes, leading to driver confusion and frustration.

Officer comment: All proposed speed limits are being designed in line with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, with minimum speed limit lengths being set and reductions happening across multiple settlements to ensure consistency for drivers.

5.11 The responses supporting this consultation have been analysed and are included within the summary in Appendix D

## **Proposals**

5.12 In view of the above, and giving consideration to all responses, it is proposed that:

- (a) Although the roads selected for the proposed speed limit change are suitable, appropriate and meet the assessment criteria, this proposal is not taken forward and the proposal is abandoned and no further work on this is undertaken.

## **6 Supporting Information**

- 6.1 All consultation responses for all objections, notes of support, neutral positions and blank records can be found in the excel spreadsheet in Appendix D. Due to some responses received being similar or the same views as others the lists are condensed to avoid making the appendices too large hence why the numbers received and stated are different.
- 6.2 All personal information collected through the consultation has been removed from this document in compliance with GDPR.

## **7 Options for consideration**

- 7.1 To proceed as advertised and go against the result of the consultation where overwhelming objection for this proposal was recorded.
- 7.2 To modify the proposal and select individual roads within this proposal that gained support and take them forward. As these roads already had support, they wouldn't technically need to reconsult on them. However, due to the number of objections received overall during this consultation it would be advisable to reconsult.
- 7.3 To withdraw the proposal and take no further action on this proposal but develop a mechanism that allows Ward Members and Town Councils to support residents in their request for speed limit reductions on roads where there is a majority support for such a proposal and the road meets the required criteria.

## **8 Conclusion**

- 8.1 To abandon this proposal and not to undertake any further work on this but to develop new ways for individual requests to be support by Ward members and Town Councils.

## **9 Appendices**

Appendix A – Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix B – Data Protection Impact Assessment – Stage One

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### Corporate Board's recommendation

N/A

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### Background Papers:

N/A

### Subject to Call-In:

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval ☐

Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council ☐

Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position ☐

Considered or reviewed by Scrutiny Commission or associated Committees or Task Groups within preceding six months ☐

Item is Urgent Key Decision ☐

Report is to note only ☐

**Wards affected:** Ashmore Green, Hermitage, Cold Ash, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row.

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# West Berkshire Council Equity Impact Assessment

TEMPLATE

March 2023

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## Section 1: Summary details

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| <b>Directorate and Service Area</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Environment, Highways                                                                                                      |
| <b>What is being assessed</b><br>(e.g. name of policy, procedure, project, service or proposed service change).                                                                                                                                                                | Reduction in speed limit on the Public Highway to 20mph, 30mph and 40mph for those roads shown in the plans in Appendix C. |
| <b>Is this a new or existing function or policy?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | N/A                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Summary of assessment</b><br>Briefly summarise the policy or proposed service change.<br>Summarise possible impacts. Does the proposal bias, discriminate or unfairly disadvantage individuals or groups within the community?<br>(following completion of the assessment). | N/A as the proposal does not bias, discriminate or unfairly disadvantage individuals or groups within the community.       |
| <b>Completed By</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Gareth Dowding                                                                                                             |
| <b>Authorised By</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Date of Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026                                                                                                   |

## Section 2: Detail of proposal

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| <p><b>Context / Background</b></p> <p>Briefly summarise the background to the policy or proposed service change, including reasons for any changes from previous versions.</p> | <p>One of the five priorities in the Council Strategy 2023-2027 is to 'build thriving communities with a strong local voice'. This priority commits to actions such as to work with local communities and partners to enhance our main towns and large villages. Part of this is to enable 20mph limits for residential streets where residents want them.</p>                                          |
| <p><b>Proposals</b></p> <p>Explain the detail of the proposals, including why this has been decided as the best course of action.</p>                                          | <p>Reduction in speed limit on the Public Highway to 20mph, 30mph and 40mph for those roads shown in the plans in Appendix C.</p> <p>Although the roads selected for the proposed speed limit change are suitable, appropriate and meet the assessment criteria, it is recommended that this proposal is not taken forward and the proposal is abandoned and no further work on this is undertaken.</p> |
| <p><b>Evidence / Intelligence</b></p>                                                                                                                                          | <p>Consultation feedback from January 2026.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <p>List and explain any data, consultation outcomes, research findings, feedback from service users and stakeholders etc, that supports your proposals and can help to inform the judgements you make about potential impact on different individuals, communities or groups and our ability to deliver our climate commitments.</p> | <p>In total, 501 responses were received to the consultation. There majority of the responses objected to the proposals.</p>                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Alternatives considered / rejected</b></p> <p>Summarise any other approaches that have been considered in developing the policy or proposed service change, and the reasons why these were not adopted. This could include reasons why doing nothing is not an option.</p>                                                     | <p>To proceed as advertised and go against the result of the consultation where overwhelming objection for this proposal was recorded.</p> <p>To modify the proposal and select individual roads within this proposal that gained support and take them forward.</p> |

### Section 3: Impact Assessment - Protected Characteristics

| Protected Characteristic     | No Impact                           | Positive                 | Negative                 | Description of Impact | Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts | Action owner* (*Job Title, Organisation) | Timescale and monitoring arrangements |
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| Age                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                       |                                                      |                                          |                                       |
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### Section 3: Impact Assessment - Additional Community Impacts

| <b>Additional community impacts</b> | <b>No Impact</b>                    | <b>Positive</b>          | <b>Negative</b>          | <b>Description of impact</b> | <b>Any actions or mitigation to reduce negative impacts</b> | <b>Action owner</b><br>(*Job Title, Organisation) | <b>Timescale and monitoring arrangements</b> |
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| <b>Rural communities</b>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                              |                                                             |                                                   |                                              |
| <b>Areas of deprivation</b>         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                              |                                                             |                                                   |                                              |
| <b>Displaced communities</b>        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                              |                                                             |                                                   |                                              |
| <b>Care experienced people</b>      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                              |                                                             |                                                   |                                              |
| <b>The Armed Forces Community</b>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                              |                                                             |                                                   |                                              |

## Section 4: Review

Where bias, negative impact or disadvantage is identified, the proposal and/or implementation can be adapted or changed; meaning there is a need for regular review. This review may also be needed to reflect additional data and evidence for a fuller assessment (proportionate to the decision in question). Please state the agreed review timescale for the identified impacts of the policy implementation or service change.

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| <b>Review Date</b>                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026 |
| <b>Person Responsible for Review</b> | Gareth Dowding           |
| <b>Authorised By</b>                 |                          |

Please now forward this completed form to Pamela Voss, Equality and Diversity Officer ([pamela.voss@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:pamela.voss@westberks.gov.uk)), for publication on the WBC website.

## Appendix B

### Data Protection Impact Assessment – Stage One

The General Data Protection Regulations require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) for certain projects that have a significant impact on the rights of data subjects.

Should you require additional guidance in completing this assessment, please refer to the Information Management Officer via [dp@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:dp@westberks.gov.uk)

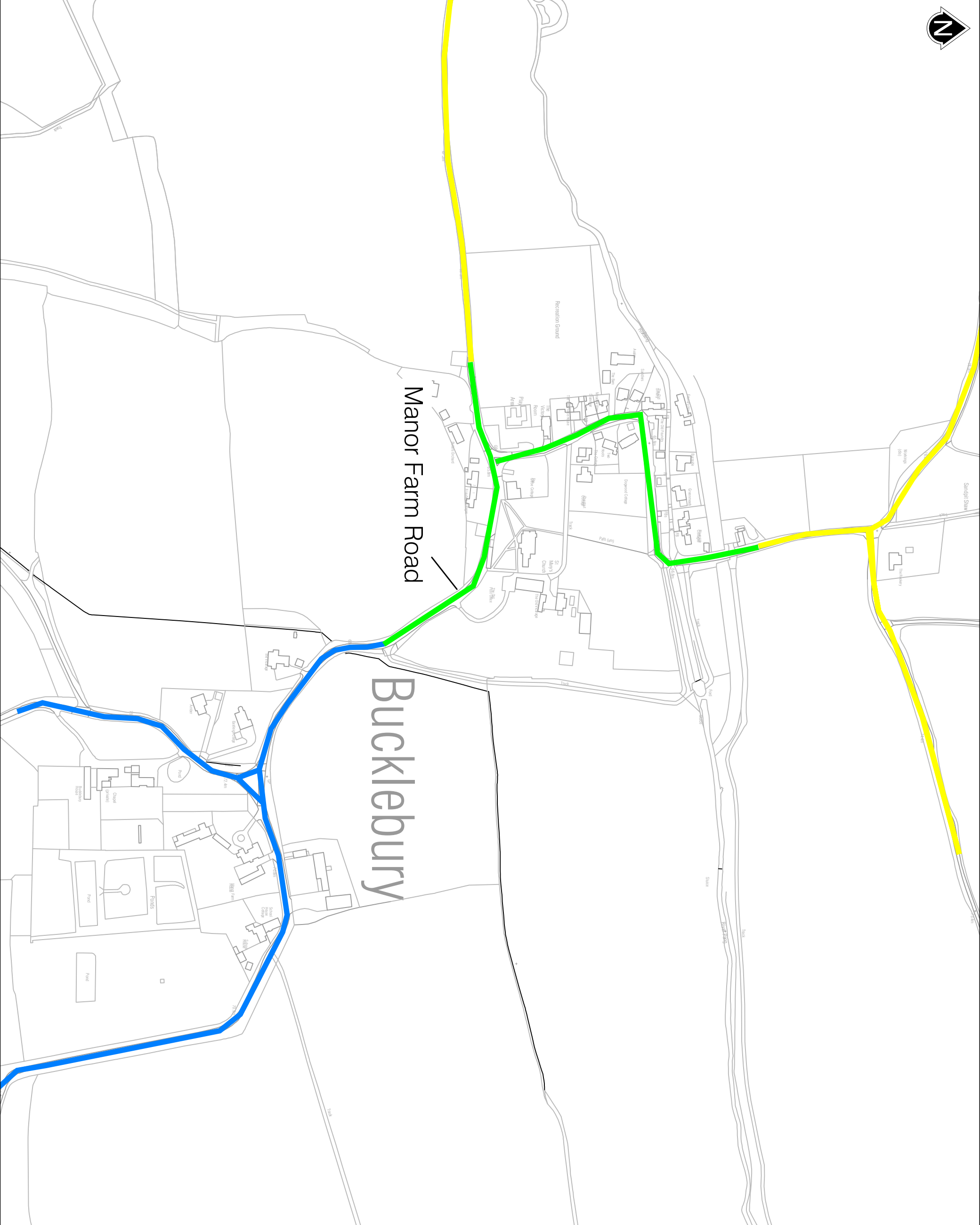
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| Directorate:             | Environment                                                                                             |
| Service:                 | Highways                                                                                                |
| Team:                    | Traffic & Road Safety                                                                                   |
| Lead Officer:            | Gareth Dowding                                                                                          |
| Title of Project/System: | 20mph, 30mph and 40mph speed limits in Hermitage, Cold Ash, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row |
| Date of Assessment:      | 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026                                                                                |

#### Do you need to do a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)?

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes                      | No                                  |
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| <b>Will you be processing SENSITIVE or “special category” personal data?</b><br><br><small>Note – sensitive personal data is described as “data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person’s sex life or sexual orientation”</small> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Will you be processing data on a large scale?</b><br><br><small>Note – Large scale might apply to the number of individuals affected OR the volume of data you are processing OR both</small>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Will your project or system have a “social media” dimension?</b><br><br><small>Note – will it have an interactive element which allows users to communicate directly with one another?</small>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Will any decisions be automated?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| Note – does your system or process involve circumstances where an individual's input is "scored" or assessed without intervention/review/checking by a human being? Will there be any "profiling" of data subjects? |                          |                                     |
| <b>Will your project/system involve CCTV or monitoring of an area accessible to the public?</b>                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Will you be using the data you collect to match or cross-reference against another existing set of data?</b>                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Will you be using any novel, or technologically advanced systems or processes?</b>                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Note – this could include biometrics, "internet of things" connectivity or anything that is currently not widely utilised                                                                                           |                          |                                     |

**If you answer "Yes" to any of the above, you will probably need to complete [Data Protection Impact Assessment - Stage Two](#). If you are unsure, please consult with the Information Management Officer before proceeding.**



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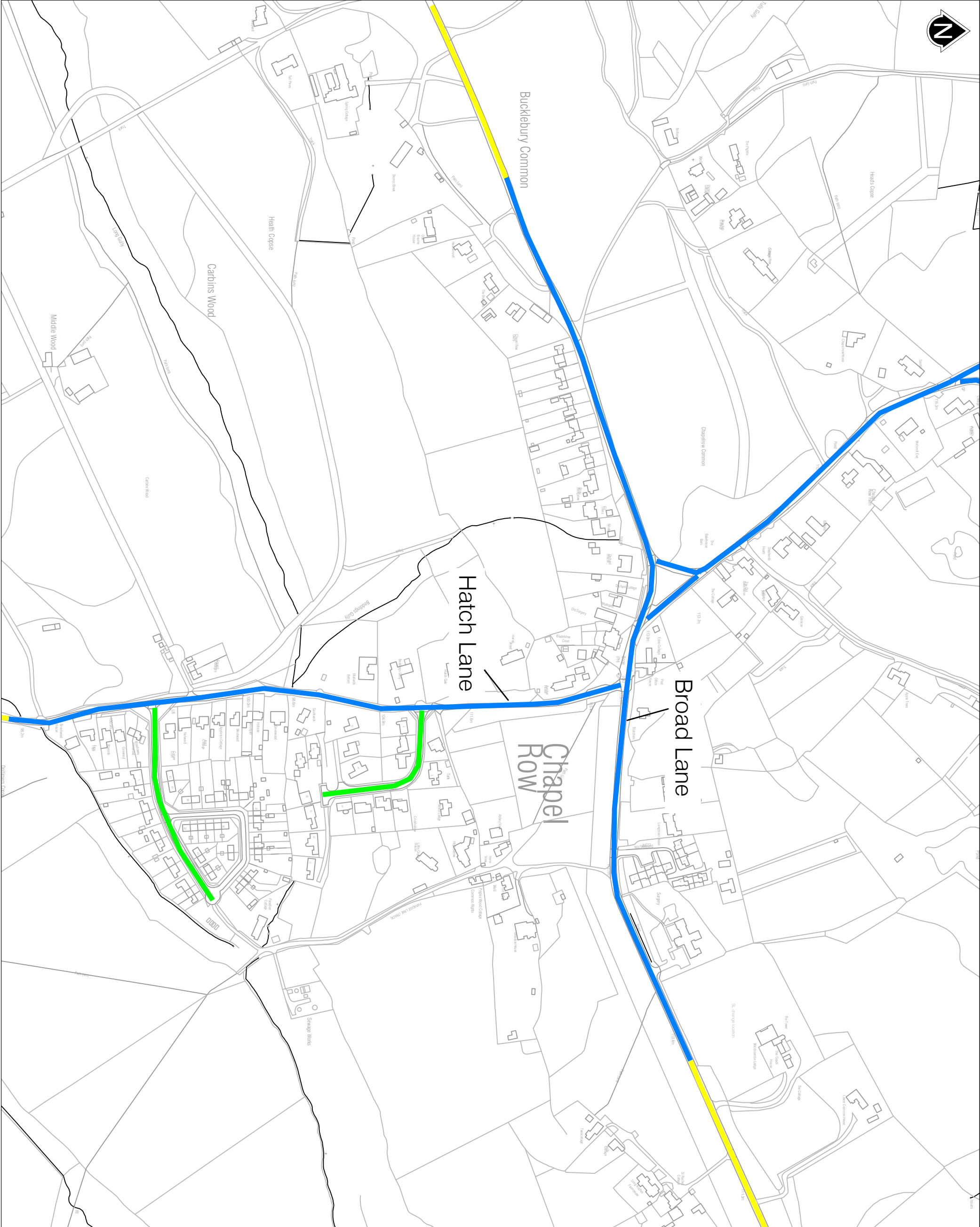
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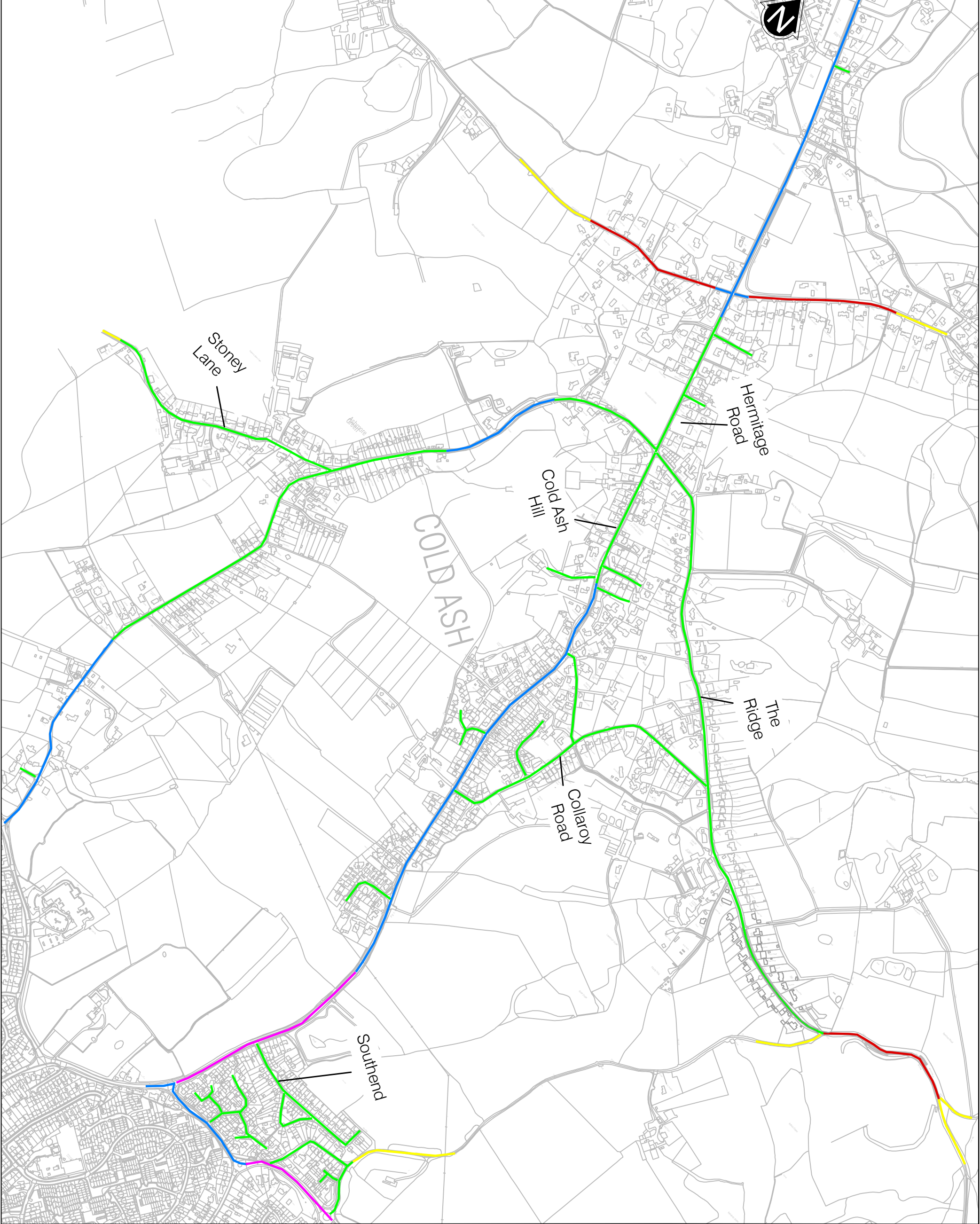
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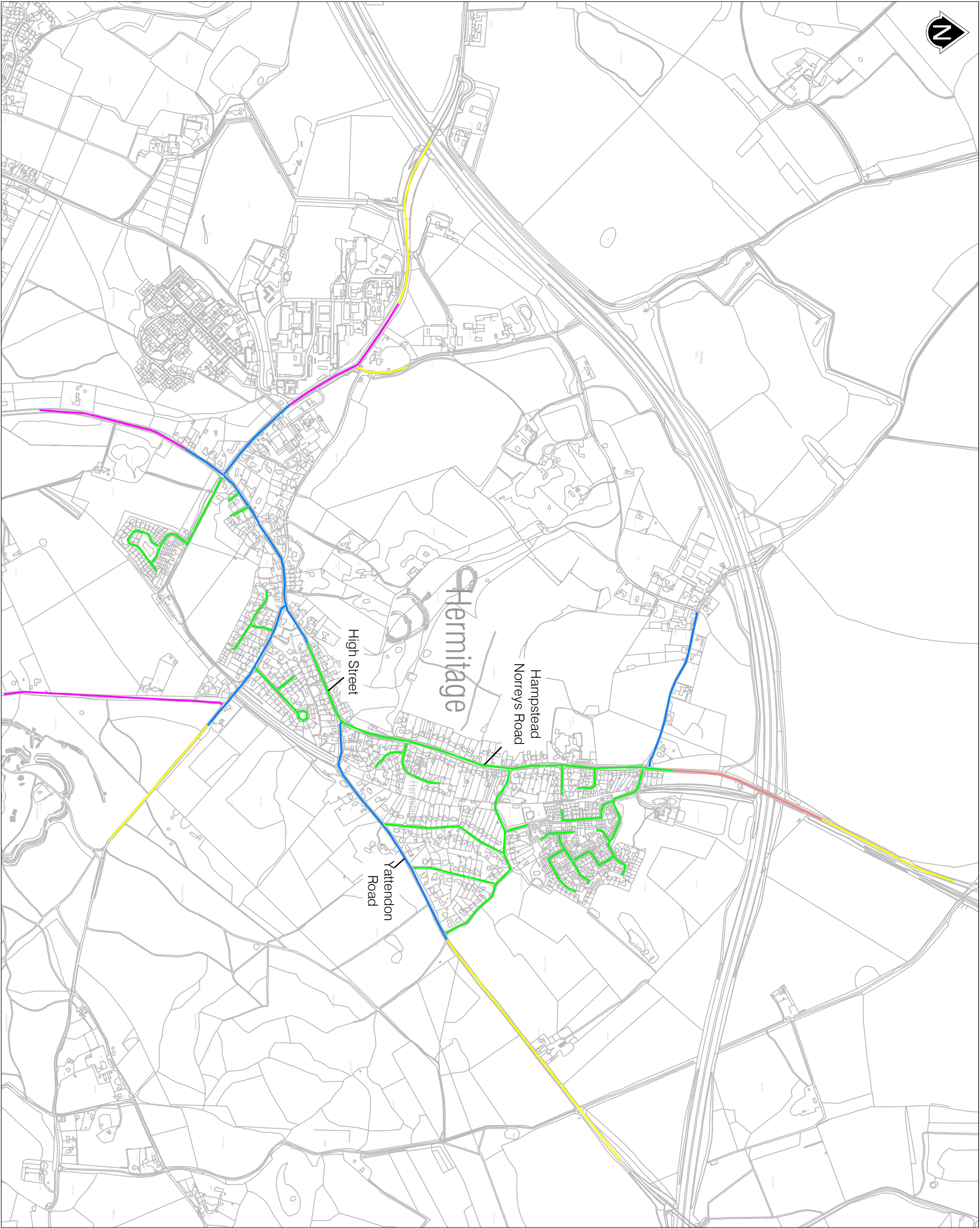
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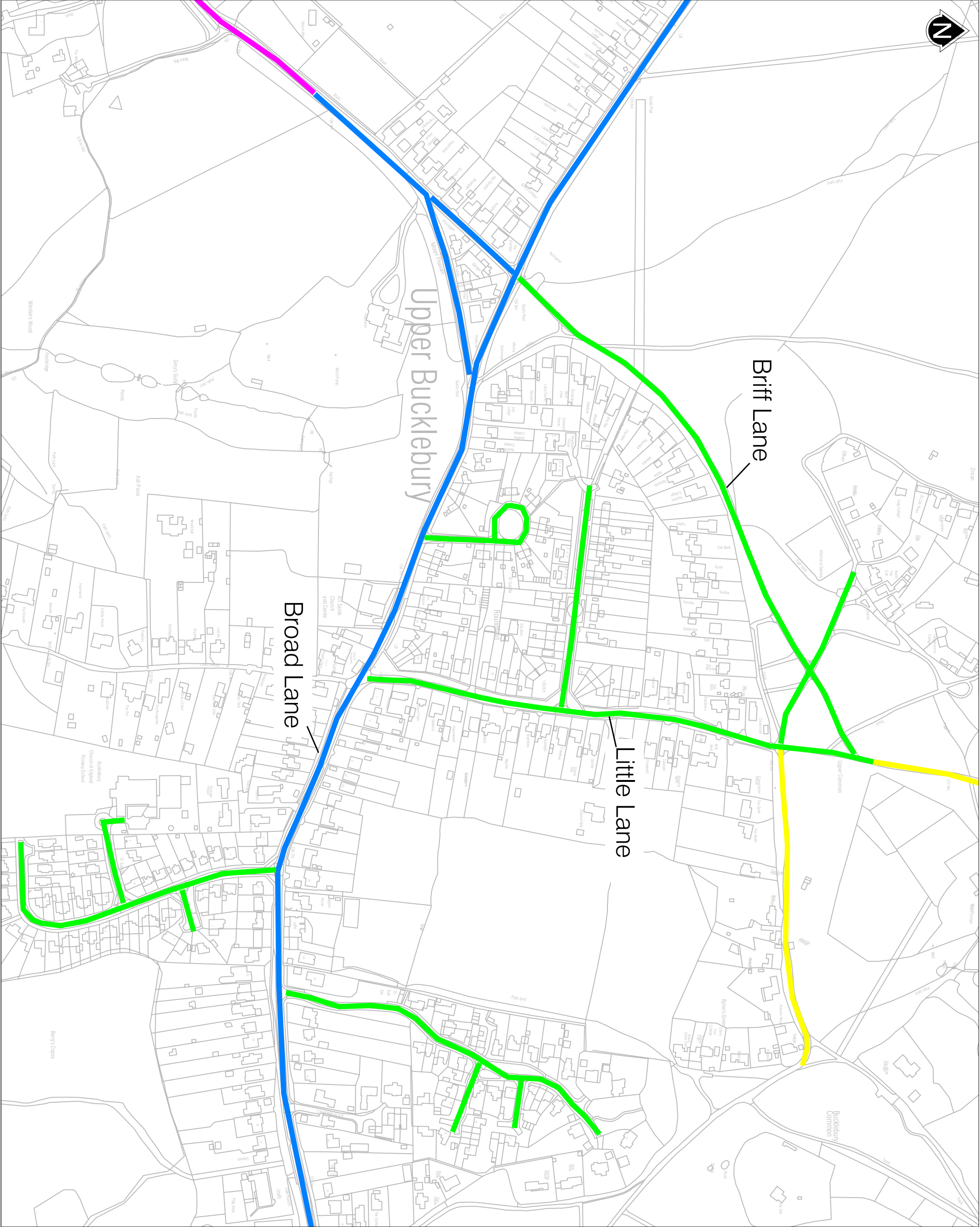
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| <p>I strongly object to the proposal. I have not seen any evidence to suggest that excessive speed has caused significant numbers of major traffic accidents in the area. There are a small number of drivers who habitually drive at speeds much greater than the limit, but most drivers abide by speed limits. You will not deter the habitual offenders by reducing speed limits, it will require a significant deterrent such as numerous speed cameras. Where is the money to pay for enforcement coming from? Many of the residential areas off the B4009 and Cold Ash Hill do not lend themselves to drivers reaching speeds of 30 mph or more anyway so there seems to be little point in introducing a 20mph speed limit for those areas. As far as the B4009 and Cold Ash Hill are concerned, with the exception of areas immediately next to the primary schools, 20mph restrictions will achieve nothing other than disrupt and delay journeys of many drivers, for no obvious benefit. West Berkshire Council allegedly is close to bankruptcy. Any money available should be spent on more important tasks than paying for the installation of 20mph signs and enforcement, for example there are many significant areas of damage to local roads which need proper repairs not the temporary cheap fixes favoured by many Local Authorities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>I support the widespread adoption of 20 mph limits in built up or villages roads for the sake of road safety- the safety of children pedestrians in particular. I have recently moved to XXXXX and hope that 20 mph limits are considered there. An added reason for reducing speed limits in XXXXX is the protection of grade 2 listed buildings.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    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This should lead to more short distance active travel trips and reduced pollution.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Until I have answers to the following. Not sure why the whole of Ashmore Green road is not proposed. If roads in Cold Ash are totally proposed to be totally limited to 20 so should Ashmore Green Road. Now used as a 'short cut' by school run &amp; sat nav directing traffic via it. No pavements. Stables...so horse riders...cyclists...runners &amp; dog walkers. Blind corners...narrowing road.</p> |  |
| <p>This idea failed big time throughout Wales. Why would it be any more successful here? Also, reducing so many areas to 20mph is actually WORSE for the environment than 30mph.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Hello, I support this proposal but: Do not agree that the top and bottom end of Ashmore Green Road should rise to 30mph. The bottom end is narrow and windy and you have little visibility of the traffic coming towards you. I often see people walking their pets or just walking, horses as you have a stable further up. Often people also do running like I do and it's not safe when car speed as you need to move from one side of the road to the other as you have blind spots. The top end and the same it is wider but dark especially in autumn and winter and darker days. Often you have people walking alone, with family and more often with their dogs...even early in the morning you see people walking up or down with their pets or alone. I often see an older lady going down doing a paper round and I can see and feel that she is quite frightened of the speedy cars as she moves right into the verge. It should be 20mph for both end and like the rest of Ashmore Green Road. Ashmore Green road is a rat run in the morning and evening when mums take their children to school in often large vehicles. They have no respect of the speed limit nor the people using the road when walking their pet dogs, horses, running or even walking to work. It is the same in the evening. It is frightening. I note that pets like cats get killed on the road because of speeding uncaring people and this frightens and worries me. XXXXXXX. Children often go up and down on their bicycle and 20mph would be much safer for them. I would prefer that the all length of Ashmore Green road would be 20mph. Thank you. XX</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>It is already necessary to do 20mph through much of Ashmore Green road because of how narrow it is at points/on coming traffic. It is also regularly used by horses from the heavy yard, so 20mph is quite natural on most of this road.</p>                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <p>Having family in Wales and the chaos it has caused them and money wasted on signs etc which they then had to cancel. It is way too slow for cars at 20, agree at speed restrictions when school times, one is always being pushed to go faster also.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>I do support the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph on Ashmore Green Road however I do not understand why the whole length of the road is not being included. XXX Ash Terrace which is an unmade road leading off Ashmore Green Road (the postcode is XXXX XXX) and when joining onto Ashmore Green Road it can be hazardous. Cars come down the hill and pass Ash Terrace so quickly that it is dangerous. One of the joys of living in XXXXX is the lack of street lighting but as there are no pavements either a lower speed limit would make it much safer for pedestrians and the many dog walkers.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        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| <p>20mph limit is overly restrictive.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>This is a road that has high NMI's dog walkers, horse riders and cyclists including a heavy yard situated on it. Often walking the dog we experience unerving incidents on the stretch that narrows between Thriower and Bleishem Cottages. There is a tendency for drivers to accelerate through here only to be faced with manoeuvring around the NMI and another car coming the other way. On many occasions I have found myself in the hedge.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  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| <p>The proposal for 20 mph limits appears to be Council's policy being imposed on residents in many parts of the country. Thatcham appear to be taking a thoughtful approach where residents are leading the discussion as opposed to it being driven by Council decree. Except perhaps outside schools during drop off and pick up times, it is an unnecessary expense and there is no transparency regarding safety concerns and statistics to support these initiatives (I would even propose a 15mph limit near schools at these times as they do in France where 20km/h is becoming more commonplace). I am both a driver and cyclist and it is much safer as a cyclist to be overtaken quickly by a car travelling at 30mph than have a car creep past at 20mph especially on narrower country roads. From a driving perspective, and having driven in many 20mph zones, your concentration is split between constantly monitoring your speed (often with slower moving road users), and paying the necessary attention to your surroundings. Ratapayer funds are already very limited, potholes abundant (just drive up our High Street) and it is all about priorities and choice how money is spent on the road. If there is no safety need on the roads in question, but they are dangerous for all road users due to their condition (as they are currently), then our money should be spent wisely not on ideological policy. The very few people who speed over 30mph will not stop speeding if the limit is lower. If speeding is the issue then enforce the current limits. It is improper and undemocratic that the council will decide for residents and spend thousands of ratpayers money on this over the coming years. Lastly, there is also the issue of 'creeching' urbanisation of our rural villages and communities. If the residents want to see this change then there needs to be full and proper consultation in the roads in question house by house as this consultation has been poorly publicised and raises the question why? The Council should also recognise that some roads do not have an alternative route that people can take and therefore traffic coming to enforce 30mph would be a far more realistic option to secure the public's support and compliance.</p> | <p>Good idea.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        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| <p>Congestion, frustration, pollution, cost of signage on all roads. Money would be better spent on potholes and doing all the faded white lines, getting our roads up to a high standard and not like a third world country. Hope this applies to cyclists and illegal e scooters also deliver riders.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Ashmore Green Road and Stoney Lane urgently need speed limit to be reduced to force the many 100's of drivers who speed carelessly through the village with no forethought to the pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, their horses and local villagers who use both lanes here. Further, why has this WBC failed to cover the entire length of Ashmore Green Road and Stoney Lane? I would much prefer to see the speed limit reduced to 20mph on Ashmore Green where this part of the lane is 1. it is steepest and narrowest and cars travel downwards, at even greater speed, and 2. at its darkest point of visibility to all road users/pedestrians/horse riders. Changing the speed limit to 20mph is the absolute right thing to do, but this change needs to be done right first time. Not a near half hearted attempt. Come on WBC, you can do better!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <p>I object, More congestion, what is the premis, more agnivation,more pollution. Longer time to get to work when you already have a 40 min journey. Expense of new signage. Don't you think the current situation of pot holes slow people down. Does this include cyclists, e scooters disabled vehicle ride on ones that travel down middle of road? Wouldn't it be better to sort out crime and fix pot holes with money needed for these changes.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>I support this proposal. Stoney Lane and Ashmore Green Road are narrow roads without pedestrian pavements. A 20 MPH speed limit will encourage walking and cycling and will discourage dangerous or antisocially fast driving and as such potentially lowering the risk of collisions. I occasionally drive through these roads, and would very much appreciate a more appropriate speed limit such as 20mph.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               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| <p>I understand the value in having reduced speed limits around schools, in particular during school hours. However the widespread introduction of 20mph limits along long stretches of road, often with little housing alongside introduces other dangers. The constant alteration of speed limit along a stretch of road, often bouncing between 20 mph, 30 mph, 40 mph and 50 mph means that the motorist is concentrating on their speed instead of the road. In addition there will be a greater environment hit, in particular with internal combustion engines, as cars drive past in a lower gear, thereby producing more pollutants. Even electric cars will produce more particulates from the brake dust released by the constant changing of speed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    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| <p>I haven't got all day to go about my business. Greater pollution, more noise, greater aggravation. This is just another excuse to keep a person in a desk job at our expense. Let alone cost of resigning all these roads. Those involved with this in West Berks are simply unfit for purpose. Even against opposition West Berks will still go ahead to justify your position. Simply appalling as expected.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>I agree for safety reasons for pedestrians and vehicle drivers. It will also reduce noise and pollution</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              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| <p>I don't believe 20mph work. It creates greater pollution as most cars are revving in the wrong gear, it creates more noise due to revs too high. I believe 20mph are great near hospitals, schools, town/village centres and suchlike, they can be very damaging to certain businesses where time frames are a factor. In essence, vehicles struggling to maintain 20mph are more of a nuisance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            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I have been writing to the WBC Transport Policy Officer for over 18 months to request that more is done to protect pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians (non-motorised users) on Ashmore Green Road who are being threatened and intimidated by speeding and aggressive driving behaviour. The stated aim of this proposed TRO is "to contribute to this by reducing the speed of vehicular traffic to make the local area more attractive and accessible by non-motorised highway users". However, I find that the consultation draft is both confused in its purpose and incomplete in its application. To begin with, there appears to be confusion at WBC as to whether Ashmore Green is a 'residential area' or a 'village'. Having been excluded from the similar proposal in Thatcham it was reasonable to assume that WBC think we are a village. This is backed up by the LTP which also treats us differently to Thatcham by excluding it completely from the LTP proposals. Your own web page explains that the Dept for Transport makes the following distinction: Urban areas &gt;20 - town centres, residential areas, around schools &gt;30 - standard limit in built-up areas with development on both sides of the road Rural areas &gt;30 - standard limit in villages. This raises a problem with the confused application of the draft 20mph TRO map (version 6) because the reduction in speed has only been drawn where there is certain density of residential property. Does this mean that WBC has decided that Ashmore Green is an 'urban area' after all or has someone tried to subdivide Ashmore Green into separate 'urban' and 'rural' areas? Incredibly, the traffic is expected to speed up where properties are more spread out which coincides with the areas of greatest sensitivity for NMUs. The 'increase' in speed is proposed to occur in the following locations: -A &gt;25m centred on the Thriower Girginding Centre. This is the 'sunken lane' section which is steep hill, frequently dark, has high banks on the west side and has the narrowest part of the entire road immediately north of Ashmore Green House. *The remaining 435m of Ashmore Green Road south of the Hillview Farm Care Home to its junction with Bowling Green Road. Not only are the above exceptions confusing, but they are also profoundly weird. There are the only two sections of the road where the carriageway width reduces to single track such that two vehicles cannot pass each other. They are also the epicentres of high intensity and high sensitivity uses by NMUs (walking children at Thriower, walking adults with learning disabilities at Hillview Farm and equestrians at Elmhurst Farm) Livery Yard. Given that the consultation map is version 6 and it was only necessary to draw a single line of a single colour on an existing map I am left wondering whether this project has had any human intervention at all. In an attempt to relieve conflict between Ashmore Green and Hermitage Road the two roads are both widened and together form a part urban residential area north of Thatcham. There is no distinction made in road conditions, signage or speed limit along Ashmore Green Road between its junction with Bowling Green Road at the bottom and Hermitage Road at the top. As such, a driver does not enter or leave anything at all along the entire length of the road. It is therefore perverse to introduce a sub-division of this kind at this time. If WBC wishes to encourage NMUs at the expense of aggressive driving behaviour they should do more than reduce the speed limit. It has been possible to add 'Quiet Lane' signage in the area to the North of Upper Bucklebury but not elsewhere. The reasons for this inconsistency have not been provided. As stated above, Ashmore Green Road is intensively used by all types of non-motorised users including: *Equestrians moving between the many livery yards in the village and off-road racks at Fence Wood Off Hermitage. *Cyclists including road clubs using the steep hills for training; and *Pedestrians including learning disabled adults at Hillview Farm, hiking parties from Thriower Girginding Centre, dog walkers and children walking to St Marks School. The behaviour of motorists on Ashmore Green Road particularly in the morning peak just before school drop off is extremely dangerous and intimidating. Please can you review the need for additional safety improvements such as more SLOW line marking and more signs warning of pedestrians and equestrians together with clearly identifying the narrowest sections. At present there is only one warning sign (equestrians) outside the Elmhurst Farm equestrian centre and there is one warning sign in both directions (pedestrians) on the approach to the Acland field parking area. There are no other warning signs for NMUs or anything else for that matter. Historically, the SLOW signs on the road were based in favour of entry to Cold Ash from Ashmore Green even though the same conditions prevail for the entire length of the road. This TRO is a good opportunity to further discourage rat running between Bowling Green Road and Hermitage Road before the new houses are built at the bottom of the hill so I urge you again to consider what restrictions could be put in place on Ashmore Green Road to discourage rat running such as cameras.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <p>This is a solution looking for a problem. There is no justification for this as I live in the area and there is not a trend of accidents along these roads. What you do continue to put your head in the sand about is the round about at the bottom of Hermitage green which is an accident hotspot and nothing has been done to address this. All you are doing is compounding this by further housing development traffic being directed down to this round about!!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>The data on the imposition of a 20mph limit is very clear, it saves lives and injuries. There is now comprehensive information on available from several sources including Wales' ground breaking almost blanket application for this also it is worth doing. Arguments about the unreasonable slowing down of traffic are irrelevant when taking into account that it is to be applied in areas that traffic is slowed not by the speed limit but by factors such as volume of traffic, parked cars, schools, pedestrians, delivery vehicles, junctions, road width, visibility and bends. The change to journey times through the area will be minimal. Even without hold ups when travelling in quiet periods the journey time through the average village will lengthen by less than a minute with a 20mph slowing. I have also heard the argument that as the police and traffic control measures cannot effectively keep vehicles to 30mph it is a waste of time and money having a 20 mph limit. Whilst accepting the point it does ignores the fact that responsible drivers will conform to the new limit and overall speeds will drop.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <p>- Diligent drivers will be distracted by attempting to adhere to such a low (uncommon) speed vs focusing on the risks around them e.g. cyclist or pedestrian on/in the road. - It will not change non-diligent driver behaviour, who drive at the speed they want to, so the current speed limits are hardly enforced. - The new signage etc will be a complete waste of valuable council funds.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                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| <p>A 20mph speed limit has not proved beneficial in other areas e.g. Wales</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         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| <p>It has been proven to be detrimental both to the economy of the car and to the gases that are released. There really is not much evidence that it helps. From the studies that have been run it seems that the roads are "safer" but that's only because fewer people are driving on them! And it's not far to restrict the roads in behaviour as we need to be able to drive through places like Coldash.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Having just moved to XXXXX it is clear that a number of drivers are not keeping to the current 30mph limit and south of Stoney lane the road has several blind bends or areas where cars cannot pass easily without care on both sides. That said, it's not clear to me why the whole road isn't proposed. My concern is that drivers will either not keep to the new limit as they know there is a quicker section coming up or ignore the new limit completely.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               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In Ashmore Green, Ashmore Green Road has become a rat run for the private and public schools in Cold Ash between the hours of 7.30 and 9 am and 3.30 and 5.00, there is a constant stream of vehicles all travelling to fast for this type of road, most of these cars are driven by parents who are busy talking to the children, these parents typically drive large SUV's and have awareness of the size of the vehicle they are driving, not withstanding this cars regularly exceed the existing 30 mph speed limit at all times during the day, this road is unfit and has no pavement. It is only by pure luck that there has not been a serious accident on this road. Ashmore Green Road is used by "at risk" persons such as pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists (including young children learning the rules of the road)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             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| <p>I object in the strongest terms to the imposition of 20mph speed limits anywhere in the area other than outside schools around the start and end times of the school day. Existing speed limits are adequate if enforced. 20mph causes traffic to bunch into long lines that don't permit joining or crossing traffic whether on foot, on a bike or in a car. We already have too much ugly road furniture to blight our countryside. We must prevent urbanisation of our current, rural environment. 20mph speed limits do not change peoples driving habits. Respectful, law abiding drivers will continue to be so and others will continue in their own ways. Resulting in nothing being achieved. A dreadful waste of money and resources that can be better used elsewhere on meaningful, long desired alternatives.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  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It's a huge safety concern of the speed of traffic, many in excess of 50mph. There should be speed cameras and speed humps or something to reduce the speed of increasing traffic before a fatal tragedy occurs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  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| I strongly object to this proposal, on at least the following three points. 1. The current fashion for reducing speed limits to 20mph demonstrates fundamental misunderstandings about the nature of motorists / human beings. Responsible drivers tend to be law-abiding individuals and will therefore aim to comply with whatever speed limit is set. But irresponsible drivers are, by their very nature, far less likely to take notice of speed limits, including reduced ones. Reducing speed limits to 20mph carries with it an inherent danger – that pedestrians, becoming accustomed to traffic generally moving more sedately, then inevitably become less alert and aware when, for instance, crossing roads. In that less alert state they are more vulnerable, and most especially should a faster-moving vehicle approach. This has become a problem in city centres, where it often involves an irresponsible cyclist or a scooter rider, neither of whom need fear speed cameras. I have seen this frequently on the streets of London. A false sense of security is in no-one's interests. 2. I am concerned that WBC has I suspect already paid a considerable amount of local ratepayers' money to the consultants it has engaged in this matter. I would question the justification for employing a high-profile and no doubt high-charging global company for this, but that is money already spent (wasted)? What I would emphatically not wish to see is a further huge sum committed to taking the consultation yet further, nor indeed implementing the proposed scheme. I question the justification, at a time when WBC bleats about having to cut services. On the day that I first noticed the proliferation of laminated white signs straped to posts all over the road, in this proposed scheme, I also noticed four sites of freshly dumped fly-tipping. It has been reported, but more than a week later it's still there. 3. 20mph is less fuel-efficient than 30mph for vehicles powered by internal combustion engines, therefore raising air-pollution levels. |
| Agree with lower speeds near school but not what you're imposing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Totally over the top blanket coverage with little thought to the frustration and inconveniences caused with traffic build up during busy periods. In Europe they operate a considerably more restrained approach and actually implement where needed. The UK approach does not encourage observation as it is too far reaching instead it will be dis-regarded as this proposal covers large areas where people will question why has this been done                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| I am concerned at the cost of signage for any 20mph restrictions on such a widespread basis throughout the parish. Particularly as Thames Valley Police have already stated in response to similar proposals in Tatcham that they have no intention of increasing traffic enforcement. It appears a waste of money. In France 20mph limits are short in length and placed at strategic points such as outside schools or hospitals. Frequently these are reinforced with the construction of substantial speed humps across the whole width of the road which are very successful in reducing speed This targeted approach seems to me to be a much better use of scarce resources in a way that will have a big impact where it matters most.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I consider this whole proposal a waste of effort and money. There is no indication as to how it will be enforced and at what cost. If left to Thames Valley Police they are already undermanned and are unable to deal adequately with burglaries and other sources of rural crime. The only effective deterrent in principle would be speed cameras but the cost of this would be prohibitive and is currently unable to effectively control existing speed limits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Unnecessary waste of money and yet another example of waste state intervention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I strongly object to the proposals. With West Berkshire Council in such dire need of every penny for funding for more efficacious services, these schemes which are not practical for the police to enforce are a ridiculous waste of Council Tax payers funds. WBC particularly lacks support groups for mental well-being, community hubs which have been proven to reduce hate crime, racially motivated violence and knife crime, as well as an inability to provide regular, reliable transport services in rural areas. Please redirect this funding towards schemes which have been proven to make a difference to local people's lives. For over a decade, the residents of Berrys Road, Blacklands Road and Woodside Close have worked with Bucklebury Church of England Primary School to reduce school drivers from clogging up our local roads, trying to reduce the chance of road accidents involving young children by improving considerate parking. During the school terms, the problems of these roads are mainly about inconsiderate or dangerous school driver parking, or children not being closely supervised. It has rarely been about speeding traffic because the roads are too clogged up with vehicles at school times. Also a strong Residents Association, unified by regular social events and a WhatsApp group with 37 members, acts as a deterrent to local drivers from speeding. Wider afield, the key rural roads now have successful narrowing schemes, such as Broad Lane, Upper Bucklebury and Hermitage Road in Cold Ash. It is the village of Bradfield that really needs to stop drivers from speeding through it and that is currently not in your catchment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Why are you wasting tax payers money? Have you carried out a feasibility study and how many accidents have occurred caused by traffic? Who do you purpose will enforce the speed limit? TVP haven't got enough resources to Police 30MPH limits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Ashmore Green Road - from the junction with Hermitage Road to the Thirtover Place Guide Camp - agree should be 20mph due to the parking of cars for school drop off and pick up and parking for the regular use of the Acland Hall recreation ground. The rest of Ashmore Green Road should remain at 30mph - reducing limits to 20mph causes frustration to the majority of drivers who already adhere to the existing limits and will have no effect on the drivers who already exceed the existing limits. Even more frustrating and makes no sense is to change speed limits up and down on short stretches of road - drivers are more likely to adhere to a limit that is consistent. The exception to this should be in the vicinity of schools which should be 20mph as standard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| There appears to be no valid reason for these speed reductions other than a hidden "net zero" motive that is in itself an entirely objectionable, costly and misguided objective to which we have no purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I really don't see these speed restrictions as helpful indeed exactly the opposite and just another way of generating income                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| The current speed limit is sufficient.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I object to the proposal as it will only frustrate drivers who adhere to the current 30 mph limit. 20 mph is too slow for for sensible drivers! Itsay drivers will go at whatever speed they wish, as consistent enforcement will not be possible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Unproven benefits. Speed is a factor in many road accidents but poor driving standards and lack of policing existing regulations are the really important factors that need attention. Careless drivers are frequently seen on our roads and many traffic calming measures - particularly speed jumps - have no real effect. For example Park Lane (which I know well as a pedestrian as well as occasionally a driver) in Tatcham - is there any real evidence of less incidents since they were installed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| It's not required. Its just another attack on motorists                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| The 20 mph sections on Ashmore Green Road do not correlate with the levels of hazard associated with the road. There appears to be no recognition of the presence of the various locations where horses are kept, many drivers driving larger 'cars' do not pay the respect required by the Highway Code to equestrians. The short section of 20 mph past the Elmthorpe Farm drives the Tull way includes single track road and a blind corner compounded with the presence of the Berry drive at Elmthorpe Farm from where horses may travel in either direction. The section of 30 mph past the Guide's barn is on a steep hill with limited visibility. This is both a problem from the carbon foot print perspective - by encouraging people to accelerate up hill only to slow down at the top, and also it is increasing the danger to equestrians and to the children. The road is clearly used as a cut through by some drivers wishing to get from the cross roads in Coldash to Tull Way, which should be discouraged due to the length of single track and presence of bends either blind or with restricted sightlines. To be acceptable the road should be 20 mph along its full length. The boundary of Coldash extends to a point on Stony Lane close to the new Kings Drive and as a resident living opposite I can assure you that it is only a matter of time before there is a nasty accident there. Additionally, significant parts of Stony Lane is single track and unsuited to speeds of 30 mph, and again it is used by some as a cut through, to the detriment of the non motorised user (it has been promoted by the council as a preferred cycle route) and is well used by pedestrians. Failing to include the lower reaches of Stony Lane as a 20 mph area is a missed opportunity. Also continually changing the speed will require signage which is in itself a hazard and expensive, without the signage it will just confuse people and lead to failed prosecutions - how can you enforce an unsigned speed limit?                                                   |
| There is no safety issue with the current speed limit. There is no evidence of car crashes or injuries to person. This is purely a political choice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| I object to the proposals for a blanket 20mph speed restrictions in the villages (Ashmore Green, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury, Chapel Row, Cold Ash and Hermitage) because I believe the safety improvement is questionable, but would make driving along these roads more frustrating and time consuming. Also, during a cost of living crisis, the cost of replacing signs and the economic harm of increased journey times is not justifiable. I agree that some areas such as around schools, and cul-de-sacs may benefit but roads that serve as through routes should stay 30mph. Some of the roads mentioned (such as "the ridge" in cold ash) is a long, through-route road and would benefit far more from other measures, such as cutting back trees to improve visibility, and building a footpath for pedestrians.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Research indicates that 20mph limits are more unsafe than 30mph limits, when including more factors than merely the impact of a collision (i.e. driver awareness, etc).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| The proposals are unenforceable. Many of the roads proposed I Morton's lane is almost impossible to do more than 20mph. Many roads in Upper Bucklebury are already designated quiet lanes giving equal rights to pedestrians and horses etc this has had limited effect and was a waste of BPC-Money. This would be exactly the same. There is no evidence of the need to reduce speed or accident rates so what is the purpose of this? This is no rationale proposed as to why this is being proposed other than purely political reasons. It is a complete waste of WBC money.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| FIRST--Fix the pot holes. Fix the blocked drains. Fix the overgrown footpaths. Fix the lights. Fix the pavement parkers. Stop wasting our money                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| It will make no difference.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 20 per hour limits would be more effective just for short lengths of road, e.g. outside schools. Feel money would be better spent enforcing the current limits with more cameras as they are regularly broken with no consequence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Crazy idea to do bits only and especially omitting narrow blind section near Meadowslands                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I object to the proposals mainly due to the fact I can see no supporting evidence that the changes will improve life for the local communities. I also object on the grounds of finance, how can WBC with it's current finances support the funding required for this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| West berks council always do these consultations but you seem never to listen to anyone. You should publish the full results of the survey/consultation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| There is no pressing need to reduce the speed limit to 20 MPH. And do residents really want the imposition of speed limits??? - Ref the quote from the Council's consultation - "enabling 20mph limits for residential streets where residents want it." The only way to ensure that residents REALLY want this proposal is to hold a local binding referendum in the areas affected. A mere consultation is seen by the public as a device for the Council and its officers to do what they want. Moreover, local councils in Berkshire and West Berks should not be spending money on unessential activities at a time when the Council is under severe financial pressure. Perhaps the council is hoping to force its own bankruptcy by its continued spending on wasteful transportation projects such under utilised cycle lanes. It is very fashionable for councils to favour cyclists over other vehicles - such as cars - but there is little, if any evidence of transformative from such initiatives. It will be interesting to see if the results from this consultation show a plurality of opposition and yet the Council still proceed with their proposals.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 20mph will not do anything other than increase pollution and journey time for commuters. They are the main users. This proposal unfairly demotivates the very people who pay vehicle tax for the upkeep of the roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| As a road user and one that has driven in other 20mph limited roads, 20mph is not an appropriate speed to be driving at and can make driving less safe rather than more safe. At such a low limit you spend most of your time watching the speedometer and constantly changing gears to avoid exceeding 20mph, instead of being able to concentrate fully on hazards, pedestrians and other road users and drivers who already choose to exceed current limits will not be deterred by an additional reduction the only people affected will be responsible drivers. A lower limit risks creating frustration and distraction without achieving meaningful safety benefits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 20 mph limit will unnecessarily impact my travel time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Complete waste of money. Please show stats regarding incidents in these proposed areas to support your plans to reduce speed limits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| As a cyclist and car user I can't see this having a difference but only causing annoyance. I lived in XXXXX when they introduced the 20mph limits, the dangerous drivers still sped to the roads became no safer yet the traffic became worse. The only section I would support a 20mph segment would be outside the school in hermitage, but only during for safety reasons what would make these roads safer is to spend the money fixing all the pot holes which cause cyclists and drivers to serve for avoidance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| the whole of Ashmore Green Road should be made into a 20mph speed limit not just parts of it. This road is used as a rat run For school traffic, vans and lorries etc. If parts are at 30mph people will not take notice of the 20mph speed limit and will be driving erratically because of the changes to the speed limits. The part that has been proposed to parts at 30mph places, walks with dogs, walkers with children and people riding horses use this part of the road, there are no pavements so to leave this section of road at 30mph would be dangerous for pedestrians as car drivers, vans and lorries will be speeding through this section.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Unnecessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1. This has not been asked for by local people and is a large over step by West berks Council. 2. The roads are perfectly safe as they are, there are no accident black spots. 3. We have much better things to spend money on.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Too sweeping and unjustified on all the road within the proposal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I drive, cycle and walk, but only cycle on these particular roads. There is no reason for 20mph in general anywhere, but in these roads there is literally no issue with speed and cycling safety, which is reportedly one of the perceived benefits: in 20 years I have never once felt unsafe or intimidated on any of these roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Feels like council wanting to get money as it's very difficult to stick to 20mph- loads of research has now been done to support this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| It is just another attempt by councils to raise money from motorists. The speed limit of 30mph is already in place and is more appropriate. Why don't you concentrate on maintaining the roads instead of these numerous so called consultations which you never take any notice of. I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 20mph speed limits are ridiculous. They are an expensive waste of council funds and do not serve any possible benefit. It is nearly impossible to drive in Oxfordshire and I now avoid the area this is what will happen to West Berkshire. Do not waste my tax money on this pointless initiative. Spend the money on social care and important areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 20mph won't impact systemic speeders, it just makes a misery for local residents going about their business. No no no no! Please consider alternative traffic calming measures. Please do NOT implement this overly restrictive and ridiculous plan. (XXXXXX resident)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| The reduction from 30mph to 20mph will not change the standard of living, noise will be very similar, quantity of traffic will not be effected. A better use of council funds would be to enforce the current speed limit rather than reducing it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| In truth there are far more important things for the council to concentrate and spend tax payers money on than reducing the existing acceptable speed limit on countless roads that do not need it. The current speed limits are not enforced so how will a blanket lower limit work? Or be enforced? Have we seen multiple accidents and deaths across the parish? I recognise speed invariably contributes to many road traffic accidents but reducing the speed limit to a level that will create more issues with traversing the area is unlikely to have any major impact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| XXXX up by Ashmore green and walked dogs there daily and the speed was too much back then (XXXX). The roads in Ashmore green are not wide enough to support fast moving traffic and the majority of the area has no footpaths so there are always pedestrians in the road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I support it because XXXX and find the speed of cars worrying. I would prefer it if the entirety of Ashmore Green Road became 20mph.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| XXXXXXXX on the road and felt it was dangerous to walk with young children. The road is frequently used by runners, walkers, children, horse riders, dog walkers and cyclists. Would be safer as no footpath                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| As Ashmore Green road is a narrow road with no footpaths cars need to slow down but it should be the entire road length.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Fully support as a regular dog walker and cyclist but disappointed to see that Ashmore Green Road is not being reduced for the whole length. The sections that are not in the proposal are very narrow, no central white lines, vehicles will accelerate into these sections which are already subject to speeding traffic. The lower end of Ashmore Green has stables with many horses using the road. In addition if any reductions are added within the area it must be across the whole parish, eg all or nothing else it will lead to increased rat running which already occurs along Ashmore Green Road and Stony Lane.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| It's quite common to see cars cut through Ashmore Green to get to Cold Ash from Tatcham/Newbury. This is likely recommended by sat nav's. It's quite a common occurrence to see cars speeding, on a road where there are horses, runners, children and dog walkers and no pavements. Reducing to 20 mph could potentially remove the route from sat nav's as the cut through is no longer quickest. I hope people would adhere to the new speed limit but if they did speed still, it'd likely be 30 mph and not >40.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| As a cyclist, I fully support lowering the speed limit on Stony Lane to 20mph. This is a popular route for cyclists to travel north of Newbury without using a major road. I would welcome the 20mph being extended further south towards Tumpke Road to make that end of Stony Lane safer for cyclists to use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| safer for non-motorised users especially horse riders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Reducing the speed limit along the ridge in Cold Ash and Ashmore Green road will make it much safer for families to walk children to school at both St Marks and St Finkins primary schools. Drivers are not always considerate toward pedestrians on these roads (where pedestrians truly are on the road as there are no footpaths) so I fully support lower speed limits to improve safety for all.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Reducing speeds are essential on certain rural roads to help reduce speeds and make a better environment for all.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I support the speed reduction on Ashmore Green Road, as there are no footpaths along this road so it is quite dangerous for pedestrians. May I suggest you go further and make the whole length of Ashmore Green Road 20mph and also make it a no through traffic road for the reason above (lack of footpaths).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Lower speeds significantly reduce injuries if someone is hit by a vehicle. Lower speeds make walking and cycling safer and more pleasant. 100% support this proposal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| A compelling reason to support a 20 mph speed limit in the community is that it saves lives while making streets safer, calmer, and more liveable for everyone. At 20 mph, drivers have significantly more time to react, stopping distances are much shorter, and the likelihood of a collision being fatal is dramatically reduced. A person hit by a car at 20 mph is far more likely to survive than at 30 mph. This isn't theoretical — it's a proven public safety measure that directly reduces serious injuries and deaths, especially for children, older people, and those walking or cycling. Beyond safety, 20 mph streets encourage healthier, more connected communities. People feel safer letting children walk or cycle, residents are more likely to spend time outside, and local high streets benefit from increased footfall. Traffic noise and pollution are also reduced, improving air quality and wellbeing for those who live nearby. Crucially, 20 mph limits don't significantly increase journey times, especially in residential areas where traffic is already slowed by junctions, crossings, and congestion. What they do change is behaviour — creating streets that prioritise people, not just vehicles. In short: 20 mph isn't about penalising drivers — it's about protecting lives, supporting local communities, and creating streets that work for everyone. |
| I would like XXXX where I live included - cars travel over 30mph we have Tractors, horses, cyclists and a huge number of walkers in particular youngsters doing their Duke of Edinburgh trials                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| XXXXXX, there has been a significant increase in the amount of traffic using the road and driving at speeds which exceed the current 30 mph limit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Vehicles speeding is now the normal unfortunately spoiling the area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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| Complete waste of money, far too much money has already been wasted on this proposal. Those that drive dangerously (not just speed) will continue to do so regardless of the speed limit changes. Money could be better spent placing safe crossing places near schools and on main roads on school bus stops. According to planning applications none of these roads are considered unsafe and no accidents ever happen so I cant see why this money is being wasted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Cars are safer than ever with improved stopping distances. Driving at 20mph is distracting as you have to study the Speedo more. Cyclists can go quicker and overtake you                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Pointless waste of money which could be better spent on local health services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| It's an unnecessary change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I do not support the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit. On many roads it feels unnecessary and poorly targeted, particularly where road design, visibility and traffic flow already support safe driving at higher speeds. A blanket reduction risks increasing congestion, lengthening journey times and frustrating drivers, which can reduce compliance and respect for speed limits more generally. A one size fits all approach does not reflect how different roads are actually used and is unlikely to deliver meaningful safety benefits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I believe it unnecessary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| I would like to see published the imperial data that shows the speed/time and frequency for this location. Additionally the specific data set that demonstrate the actual accident reduction in other adopted sites, rate than just 'we believe it's a good idea and we believe we know better than you. This endless pursuit of controlling everybody's life is unacceptable and can only be justified if you can actually demonstrate the cost benefit analysis. As I have to everyday in the trillion dollar business I work in. Of course in an ideological sense it makes send to the liberal left but we live in a real world with real impact to people's business etc. Also there is no point having it without any means to resource enforcement, which of courts the council doesn't have the funds to do. And there is no way the police will. |
| 20mph is not plenty, despite the 'turny' ditty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Object Our money is better spent on services people need. Nobody voted for this                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 20mph limits should be reserved for areas around schools and children's play areas, not for general use everywhere. You are reducing the impact and risking children's lives by placing them everywhere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Cars currently do not stick to 30mph limit, so no chance cars will observe a new 20mph limit. No doubt there will be no enforcement. Council would be better off concentrating on enforcement of poor and inconsiderate parking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Present speed limits not monitored. Council money should be prioritised to other projects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 20mph is to slow. You will just get bord drivers driving in a daydream. You will have the disgal bikes overtaking cars and cutting in front. You will get a generation of kids that can't gadge the speed of normal traffic flows.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Altering the existing speed limits to 40, 30, and 20 is over complicated and leads to an information overload for drivers which in turn leads to diminished attention to driving. Why not extend 40 mph road sections of concern to 30 mph and do NOT introduce any 20 mph sections. Everyone then knows the advised safe speed limit and can still reduce their speed to a lower safe speed when necessary to reflect the prevailing traffic and environment conditions. Bad drivers of which there are too many will still ignore the speed limit whatever it is. This is a very pressing and different problem which tinkering with speed changes on small sections of road will not change.                                                                                                                                                           |

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| Within Bucklebury, the section through the village does not require any particular reduction as there are few houses and a wide road. The road is separated from the fields and community facilities by a fence and large hedge, so does not place a danger to those using those facilities, mandating no change from the current limit of 30mph. I believe that the section from the through road to the river Pang (unnamed on your map) could be reduced, but as it's difficult to exceed 20mph, I don't see any benefit (just unnecessary expense).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| There is no evidence that a 20mph zone has a positive impact on the area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| This scheme was heavily tried in Wales and it caused such a backlash that many of the imposed 20mph speed limits there are gradually being removed. Too many unnecessary 20mph speed limits make journeys longer, cause more local pollution (as cars take longer to get through areas), increase drivers' anger and take away accountability from those who should be taking some (such as looking before crossing a road instead of walking blindly around having their heads buried in their phones).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| I don't think it would work. The present 30mph limit isn't enforced, so what difference would some new signs make, saying 20? One difference would be even more clutter, spoiling the rural look. But I also don't agree with spending all that money on this idea. It should be spent where it's really needed, in the care sector.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Traffic speeds according to SID data are already low, around 24mph so whilst this means a lower limit is in line with DfT guidelines for a lower limit it really make any difference to vehicle speeds? My objection is to all the extra speed limit signs that will be needed especially as the Village is in the AONB and has a conservation area around the church...we MUST keep unnecessary signs to a minimum and not urbanise our beautiful village unless there is a real benefit! Idiot drivers will be idiot drivers regardless of the speed limit which I very much doubt can or will be enforced. a sledgehammer to crack a nut!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I live on the major route through XXX linking to Upper Bucklebury and have got NO problem with the current speed limit of 30mph and the fact that drivers drive through my village. I have found that drivers are courteous and are always aware of myself and other pedestrians walking along the pavement and when crossing the road. The budget of 100k that it will cost to make changes could be far better spent on other more important things for West Berkshire Council and Bucklebury Parish Council. I am NOT in favour of any reduction of speed limits to 20mph on any of the roads in Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Flow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| The proposal for 20 mph limits appears to be Council's policy being imposed on residents in many parts of the country. Thatcham appear to be taking a thoughtful approach where residents are leading the discussion as opposed to it being driven by Council desire. Except perhaps outside schools during drop off and pick up times, it is an unnecessary expense and there is no transparency regarding safety concerns and statistics to support these initiatives (I would even propose a 15mph limit near schools at these times as they do in France where 20Kmh is becoming more commonplace). I am both a driver and cyclist and it is much safer as a cyclist to be overtaken quickly by a car travelling at 30mph than have a car creep past at 20mph especially on narrower country roads. From a driving perspective, and having driven in many 20mph zones, your concentration is split between constantly monitoring your speed (often with other vehicles tailgating or being indecisive with slower moving road users), and paying the necessary attention to your surroundings. Ratepayer funds are already very limited, potholes abundant (just drive up our High Street) and it is all about priorities and choice how money is spent on our roads. If there is no safety need on the roads in question, but they are dangerous for all road users due to their condition (as they are currently), then our money should be spent wisely not at ideological policy. The very few people who speed over 30mph will not stop speeding if the limit is lower. If speeding is the issue then enforce the current limits. It is improper and undemocratic that the council will decide for residents and spend thousands of ratepayers money on this over the coming years. Lastly, there is also the issue of "creeping urbanisation of our rural villages and communities. If the residents want to see this change then there needs to be full and proper consultation in the roads in question house by house as this consultation has been poorly publicised and raises the question why? The Council should also recognise that some roads do not have an alternative route that people can take and therefore traffic calming to enforce 30mph would be a far more realistic option to secure the public's support and compliance. |
| Congestion, frustration, pollution, cost of signage on all roads. Money would be better spent on potholes and doing all the faded white lines, getting our roads up to a high standard and not like a third world country. Hope this applies to cyclists and illegal e scooters also delivero riders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| As documented before more congestion pollution etc:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Same reasons as to the previous region                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I haven't got all day to go about my business. Greater pollution, more noise, greater aggravation. This is just another excuse to keep a person in a desk job at our expense. Let alone cost of reigning all these roads. Those involved with this in West Berks are simply unfit for purpose. Even against opposition West Berks will still go ahead to justify your position. Simply appalling as expected                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I don't believe 20mph works. It creates greater pollution as most cars are revving in the wrong gear, it creates more noise due to revs too high. I believe 20mph are great near hospitals, schools, town/village centres and suchlike, they can be very damaging to certain businesses where time frames are a factor. In essence, vehicles struggling to maintain 20mph are more of a nuisance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| The road for which the speed limit reduction is proposed, is narrow, with sharp bends and close to residential properties. It is typically difficult to drive through these areas at > 20 mph anyway.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I support the widespread adoption of 20 mph limits in built up or villages roads for the sake of road safety, the safety of children pedestrians in particular. I have recently moved to XXXXX and hope that 20 mph limits are considered there. An added reason for reducing speed limits in XXXXX is the protection of grade 2 listed buildings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| slower speeds are safer for all users and will make the road more pleasant by reducing noise pollution, encouraging drivers to use alternative routes if they're in a hurry and increase the perception of safety for cyclist and other vulnerable road users. This should lead to more short distant active travel trips and reduced pollution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| As someone who works and owns a dog, I often have to walk on the road through Bucklebury village in the dark during the winter to get to the footpaths or playing field. I am in support of the 20mph speed limit because it will make me feel safer walking through the village. I am sure the many other dog owners and horse riders in the village would feel the same way. Bucklebury is a small but busy village, with lots of people walking around to and from the church, car park and homes, and it would be nice to have cars consistently driving past you at 20mph rather than 30mph. There are also four quite significant bends in the road where the 20mph limit is being proposed and the new limit should reduce the amount of cars that we see "slamming on the brakes" and then "speeding away" after these bends.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Good idea to try to stop the speed merchants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I support this proposal. There are narrow roads without pedestrian pavements in this area. A 20 MPH speed limit will encourage walking and cycling and will discourage dangerous or antiscocially fast driving and as such potentially lowering the risk of collisions. I occasionally drive through these roads, and would very much appreciate a more appropriate speed limit such as 20mph.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| There is considerable pedestrian, cyclist and horse traffic in the village as well as very narrow roads with no pavements. The 20mph limit is much needed. I would favour extending the 20mph restriction on Manor Farm Road to the end of the houses in the village (on the south east side) as there are some difficult bends to negotiate. Manor Farm Road heading west towards Hermitage is also very dangerous because it is single track with passing places. XXXXXXX                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I support the proposal for the 20mph limit through the village of Bucklebury but would like to see it extended to the bottom of Briff Lane. This part of the road is very narrow with bends and is extensively used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. A 20mph limit along this stretch of road would reduce the risk of accident. There have already been reports of walkers struck by wing mirrors of vans. It is not easy to see along the length of this narrow road and there is no footpath.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Small narrow village and bendy roads, lots of family with children live in the village and I would like to feel comfort to know my own children can go out on the road on their bikes or walks and be safe.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I support this proposal because The road is a narrow country lane and has several sharp bends right in the centre of the village. The road is used regularly by motorists, cyclists, walking groups, horses, tractors and heavy farm machinery. The verges have been eroded by swerving cars trying to pass by each other without stopping. These verges are no longer refuge for walkers who have to use the highway. There is a village hall which is in constant use and children's playground. An adjacent car park and playing field. Children's football and other activities such as Scouts take place here. Also the road and the car park is used for church services. This means people, often elderly and young children for Sunday school have to walk around blind bends to attend the church. There are two stables close to the centre of the village and horses are a frequent sight in the village. At moment the speed limit is 30mph through the centre of the village. Few drivers can exceed this limit because of the nature of the road but actually given the road as described, this is still too fast for the safety of road users in my opinion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| XXXXXXXXX in Bucklebury Village and on the road that runs through the village. On a periodic basis, I deploy the Bucklebury Speed Indication Device in one of its three approved stations. Bucklebury Village is a linear settlement along half a mile of the road ("see note in later section) that runs along the Pang Valley, connecting Chapel Flow with Hermitage. Also on either side of the back lane which connects the "through road" road with the bridge over the river Pang. The area around the church of St Mary the Virgin, at the western end of the village, is designated as a Conservation Area. The recreation ground, near the church, hosts football coaching schemes for young people. The adjacent village Hall (The Victory Room) provides visitor parking. These amenities and the extensive network of footpaths that exist on both sides of the Pang Valley attract a steady flow of visitors; recreation ground users, walkers, cyclists, sightseers and visitors to nearby farm-park. Horse riders are also present on a daily basis. There are a number of equestrian facilities and stables in the area. The roads through Bucklebury are narrow, bendy and have to be shared by a variety of users. Excessive speeds have been recorded on the parish SID. While, technically, speeding is not a significant problem, driving 'too fast' and in a manner that compromises the safety of non vehicular road users, is! In the areas where there is the greatest threat to cyclists, pedestrians and horses, the imposition of a 20mph speed limit is the most obvious and the best available mitigation of risk. |
| Cars drive far too fast through the village, in particular driving from the west of the village, from Marlston, where there is a single track road with high hedges and cars often speed down there, and horses, children and walkers are in the road regularly. Very dangerous, please extend the 20 mph to the bottom of Briff Lane.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| I understand that setting 20mph speed limits was a manifesto commitment from Liberal Democrat Councillors in the 2023 elections for West Berkshire District Council and included "introducing allée-free zones and 20mph speed limits outside schools, and enabling 20 mph limits for residential streets where residents want it." Thames Valley Police welcome the opportunity to engage on plans for road safety improvement and acknowledge that 20mph limits can be a useful tool in road safety. There is little point in reducing a speed limit that is not respected without any plan to bring it into compliance. There are no road safety benefits in these circumstances. The policy of Thames Valley Police is to use sound practical and realistic criteria set in the Department for Transport (DfT) Circular Roads 1/2013 - Setting local speed limits - GOV.UK (revised in March 2024) when responding to Highway Authorities in an effort to promote consistency and to reduce the burden of constant and unnecessary enforcement. I understand that it is also the policy of West Berkshire District Council use the advice given in DfT guidance when deciding on and implementing reduced speed limits. Advice shown in Circular Roads 1/2013 states: key factors that should be taken into account in any decisions on local speed limits are the history of collisions, the road geometry and engineering, the road function, the composition of road users (including existing and potential levels of vulnerable road users), existing traffic speeds, road environment and driver perception. It is also clear about implementing 20mph speed limits as a blanket measure. "20mph schemes should be considered on a road-by-road basis based on the safety case to ensure local support, not as blanket measures." Thames Valley Police are not opposed to lowering speed limits providing they are appropriate to the road environment and likely to have causally reduction benefits. Evidence shows that changing to a lower speed limit on its own will not necessarily be successful in reducing the speed of traffic. If the prevailing mean speeds are much higher than the proposed lower speed limit. If a speed limit is set too low and is ignored then this could result in the majority of drivers criminalising themselves and could bring the system of speed limits into disrepute. If a speed limit is set too low this could result in an unreasonable additional demand on police resources. Thames Valley Police have no policy to enforce based on arbitrary speed limits alone but will enforce based on threat of harm, risk and resourcing. 20mph limits are not excluded from this and will be enforced where appropriate. Setting local speed limits is clear that there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity, unless this has been explicitly agreed. In this case it isn't, there are no additional resources available to support extra enforcement. DfT Guidance states: "Schemes need to aim for compliance with the new speed limit. Where new limits are put in, they should be in places where most drivers are likely to comply. We know that compliance is better on smaller, narrower roads than on wider roads where the layout gives drivers a clear run." "Successful 20mph zones and 20mph speed limits are generally self-enforcing; that is, the existing conditions of the road together with measures such as traffic calming or signing, publicity and information as part of the scheme, lead to a mean traffic speed compliant with the speed limit. To achieve compliance, there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity unless this has been explicitly agreed." 20mph limits without traffic calming. "Research into signed-only 20mph limits shows that they generally lead to only small reductions in traffic speeds – less than 5mph on average. Signed-only 20mph limits are, therefore, most appropriate for areas where vehicle speeds are already low. This may, for example, be on roads that are very narrow, through engineering or on-road car parking. If the mean speed is already at or below 24mph on a road, introducing a 20mph limit through signing alone is likely to lead to general compliance with the new speed limit." The document also states – "DfT's comprehensive 3-year evaluation of the effect of 20mph signed-only limits was published on 22 November 2018 (Atkins 2018). It substantially strengthened the evidence base on perceptions, speeds and early outcomes associated with 20mph speed limits. It is the only major UK study to consider multiple case study areas and provide a national overview. The headline findings are: • there is insufficient evidence to conclude that there has been a significant change in collisions and casualties following the introduction of 20mph limits in residential areas. • in one city centre case study, there has been a significant reduction in collisions and casualties • there has been a small reduction in median speed (less than 1mph) • compliance is better on smaller, narrower roads than on roads where the layout gives drivers a clear run • vehicles travelling at higher speeds before the introduction of the 20mph limit have reduced their speed more than those already travelling at lower speeds" Collision history I have researched the personal injury collision history for Bucklebury and can find only one. This involved a car and a motorcycle that collided on a blind 90 degree bend, the view round the bend was restricted by vegetation. There are no contributory factors listed for this collision. Evidence from Theale – 20mph pilot scheme 20mph speed limits in the village of Theale were introduced in October 2024. Although not all roads have been monitored for compliance, speed surveys have been completed at seven sites. Whilst some speeds have been reduced by modest amounts there are still high levels on |
| Totally over the top blanket coverage with little thought to the frustration and inconveniences caused with traffic build up during busy periods. In Europe they operate a considerably more restrained approach and actually implement where needed. The UK approach does not encourage observation as it is too far reaching instead it will be dis regarded as this proposal covers large areas where people will question why has this been done.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          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| <p>In all but a very few exceptional cases, like an area just outside a school or in a residential street, 20mph is too slow. It is very difficult to drive most vehicles at this speed as vehicle's gear ratios are not suited to operate for any length of time at 20mph. 20mph is usually at the top end of the lowest gear and the very bottom of the next highest gear. Also most engine management units are not designed to operate at this speed, being optimized for 30mph. No only do vehicles find it difficult to operate at these low speeds for any length of time, engines are very inefficient at this speed using more fuel than they would at 30 mph. There is a strong push to extend 20mph limits to seemingly just about everywhere. My main objection is that I feel there are too many inconsistencies in road speed limits, with variable speed limits on main roads and rapidly changing speed limits on other roads, as a driver I find I am paying more attention to what the speed is currently than what is happening around me. I am convinced that the attention demanded of the driver trying to avoid heavy punitive fines and points from ever changing speed limits greatly detracts from that attention demanded to drive safely. For these reasons I do not support the expansion of 20mph speed limits unless the reasons for them meet very specific and narrow criteria.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| I agree with 20mph speeds near schools. Not on other roads. Lowering the speed limit won't necessarily reduce people speeding. What evidence is there to demonstrate that lowering the speed limit to 20 mph reduces accidents? Wales had to rescind some of the 20mph speed restrictions due to the number of complaints. The cost of installing signs will be expensive Is this decision evidence based on the number of lives saved or just an expensive idea? Lowering speeds will reduce productivity, delivery vans, workman etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| - Diligent drivers will be distracted by attempting to adhere to such a low (uncommon) speed vs focusing on the risks around them e.g. cyclist or pedestrian on/in the road. - It will not change non-diligent driver behaviour, who drive at the speed they want to, as the current speed limits are hardly enforced. - The new signage etc will be a complete waste of valuable council funds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Not beneficial e.g. Wales                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| It will cost too much and will no be enforced anyway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| It has been proven to be detrimental both to the economy of the car and to the gases that are released. There really is not much evidence that it helps. From the studies that have been run it seems that the roads are "safer" but that's only because fewer people are driving on them! And it's not fair to restrict the roads in Berkshire as we moost to be able to drive through places like ColdAsh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I think it will be a complete waste of money and would be better spent maintaining the roads that they want to make 20mph. Reducing speed does not change driver behaviour, and the drivers would not know when they are coming and going more sign to distract drivers from the road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 20 miles an hour is so slow! How will this be enforced? It would be better to enforce the 30 mile limit especially on Cold Ash Hill                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| funds are better spent elsewhere. drivers ignore signs, especially without physical calming measures which increases costs Increased frustration for drivers 30mph is a safe speed, no need to reduce it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| I believe 30 mph is perfectly adequate for road safety. Failure to enforce even existing limits is more of a concern. The council should not be able to complain of lack of funds if they are happy to spend OUR money on a pointless exercise.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I object in the strongest terms to the imposition of 20mph speed limits anywhere in the area other than outside schools around the start and end times of the school day. Existing speed limits are adequate if enforced. 20mph causes traffic to bunch into long lines that don't permit joining or crossing traffic whether on foot, on a bike or in a car. We already have too much ugly road furniture to blight our countryside. We must prevent urbanisation of our current, rural environment. 20mph speed limits do not change peoples driving habits. Respectful, law abiding drivers will continue to be so and others will continue in their own ways. Resulting in nothing being achieved. A dreadful waste of money and resources that can be better used elsewhere on meaningful, long desired alternatives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I live on XXXXX. 30mph speed limit and the motorists go much faster than this. Similarly along roundfields and broad lane. I would rather the money to be spent to keep the motorists to 30mph rather than an unrealistic 20mph. Get the motorists going at the current speed limits should be a priority. If you can't do that now what is the point in making it less. it won't work. Some of the proposed 20mph speed limits (little lane, mortons lane, blacklands road and berry's road are too small/short or narrow and built up to get much more than 20mph anyway. It seems like a waste of money. I am unsure that you have actually looked at the roads in question to see if there is a problem.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Waste of money and not needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I support Bucklebury Parish Council's concerns and agree that the focus should be on reducing and enforcing speed limits on the main routes through Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row and also into Bucklebury. Additional speed restrictions in side roads which are mostly used by locals are not the priority. Also concerns about over signage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Traffic already exceeds the speed limit currently. This will just continue with drivers exceeding the speed limit to a greater extent. Policing the current limits would seem more appropriate rather than spending more money reducing the limit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| I strongly object to this proposal, on at least the following three points. 1. The current fashion for reducing speed limits to 20mph demonstrates fundamental misunderstandings about the nature of motorists / human beings. Responsible drivers tend to be law-abiding individuals and will therefore aim to comply with whatever speed limit is set. But irresponsible drivers are, by their very nature, far less likely to take notice of speed limits, including reduced ones. Reducing speed limits to 20mph carries with it an inherent danger – that pedestrians, biker and motorists, traffic generally accustomed to traffic generally moving more sedately, then inevitably become less alert and aware when, for instance, crossing roads. In that less-alert state they are more vulnerable, and most especially should a faster-moving vehicle approach. This has become quite noticeable in city centres. And it often involves an irresponsible cyclist or e-scooter rider, neither of whom need fear speed cameras. I have seen this frequently on the streets of London. A false sense of security is in no-one's interests. 2. I am concerned that WBC has I suspect already paid a considerable amount of local ratepayers' money to the consultants it has engaged in this matter. I would question the justification for employing a high-profile and no doubt high-charging global company for this, but that is money already spent (wasted?). What I would emphatically not wish to see is a further huge sum committed to taking the consultation yet further, nor indeed implementing the proposed scheme. I question the justification, at a time when WBC bleats about having to cut services. On the day that I first noticed the proliferation of laminated white signs straped to posts all over the roads in this proposed scheme, I also noticed four sites of freshly dumped fly-tipping. It has been reported, but more than a week later it's still there. 3. 20mph is less fuel-efficient than 30mph for vehicles powered by internal combustion engines, therefore raising air-pollution levels. |
| By the school is correct but not the through road in bucklebury                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| It would be safer particularly for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| The data on the imposition of a 20mph limit is very clear, it saves lives and injuries. There is now comprehensive information on available from several sources including Wales' ground breaking almost blanket application. For this alone it is worth doing. Arguments about the unreasonable slowing down of traffic are irrelevant when taking into account that it is to be applied in areas that traffic is slowed not by the speed limit but by factors such as volume of traffic, parked cars, schools, pedestrians, delivery vehicles, junctions, road width, visibility and bends. The change to journey times through the areas will be minimal. Even without hold ups when travelling in quiet periods the journey time through the average village will lengthen by less than a minute with a 10mph slowing. I have also heard the argument that as the police and traffic control measures cannot effectively keep vehicles to 30mph it is a waste of time and money having a 20 mph limit. Whilst accepting the point it does ignores the fact that responsible drivers will conform to the new limit and overall speeds will drop.                                                                                 |
| Traffic speed is far too high. We are trying to progress Community Speedwatch in Traffield but few people have volunteered. Reducing the speed limit can only help reduce danger to life.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I and my family fully support to 20mph proposal for Bucklebury Village, and hope that it will significantly improve road safety. XXXX on a single track road through the village and routinely see and hear drivers accelerate hard and then brake to pass over the river bridge it's noisy and dangerous. If people adhere to the limit it will be good all round for residents, horse riders and walkers. I would further add that lane from the T-junction at Christmas cottage (north then east) over the river bridge at 51.435434485215926, -1.2056380867814627 to Bucklebury Road should be re-classified to allow a ban on HGVs. We routinely suffer from 40 tonne heavy good vehicles trying to use this road and which is already marked as 'unsuitable for HGVs' and then taking 20 minutes to reverse back to the Christmas cottage junction. The listed bridge is routinely damaged and has on two occasions been knocked into the river by these vehicles trying and failing to negotiate the 90 degree bend. Over the years it must have cost Wets Berks council many thousands of pounds in repairs when there is a simple solution to the problem.                                                                 |
| XXXXX in Bucklebury Village with a young child and need to cross the road in order to XXXXXX. We know that 30mph is far too fast to travel through the village. We frequently find that cars fly around the blind corner of what is effectively a single lane road, and while they may be going at the current speed limit, it is dangerous. XXXXXX in Upper Bucklebury / Byles Green, and also know that cars drive too fast on the roads around Briff Lane and Little Lane, where we often walk with family.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I support the proposal in full - it's just a shame that the proposal does not include the whole of Bucklebury including the Broad Lane " Rat Run".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| I think the that 20mph signs would be the perfect solution. No one wants to stop people enjoying out countryside. With the 20mph signs it would keep our families and animals much safer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Small Rural Roads with lots of walkers (often with Dogs), lots of Children recently moved into Bucklebury Village and surrounding properties and lots of Horses in the area, this proposal will make it safer and more pleasant for all, with little delay to any through traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| We strongly support the proposed 20mph speed limit,XXXX in Bucklebury and cars often speed through the village, there have been a number of lost pets over the years, including our own. This is a community village with a growing number of young families, the lanes are mostly single track and many cars drive too fast, noticeably more so now than ever. There are no pavements to the recreation field, the church or number of footpaths, it doesn't feel safe when walking on the roads, there's an accident waiting to happen.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| In many of the roads indicated it would virtually be impossible to drive over 20 mph. My main comment is that many of the single track roads leading out of the village are 60 mph, which should not be national speed limit. The roads are not suitable for that speed. I regularly see people driving at 50-60 mph in the 30 and 40 mph zones. That needs to be addressed and traffic calming measures introduced.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Roads are extremely narrow and visibility poor when emerging from driveways.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| XXXXXX in Bucklebury village and cars drive extremely fast through X village. XXXX face a park and have regular horse riders passing XXXX. Lowering the speed limit to 20mph has been needed for a very long time and we appreciate this. Hopefully it will encourage drivers to drive slower.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| There are lots of dog walkers in the area and very few pavements for pedestrians to walk safely away from traffic. Also being a rural area there is an abundance of wildlife that is often in the road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| As the Ward Member for XXX (including the X villages in scope of this consultation: XXXXXXXX) I have previously taken surveys on road safety. Though views on speed controls are mixed it is clear that there is a desire for speed control but concern it won't be enforced. Hence I support the proposal (though sad more roads that I requested did NOT come into scope of the consultation - e.g. Pease Hill in front of Bucklebury Farm Park, extensively used by young families over the weekend and soon to have a nursery during the week). I see these as clearly 2 different topics. Residents should be allowed to decide democratically what speed limits should be in front of their door steps. Authorities should then enforce those speed limits and stop whinging about how expensive it is or we don't have the money. Westminster must find cheaper and more resource effective ways to enforce for Authorities. Surely a simple camera system with AI could work out average speeds through villages and issue FPN or "stop anti-social behaviour" warnings without impacting police resource. MPs must use their collective brains to think of a solution and truly empower communities and local authorities. |
| I believe speed limits are generally too high on rural and residential roads. I would like to see more consistent speed limits across the council area and less of the 40 to 30 to 20 to 40 type journeys. I would like to see all of Chapel Row at 20 mph limits as the bends through it are dangerous and busy with pedestrians                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| There is little point on spending money on this project when the speed restrictions will not be policed. People already ignore the 30mph limit for the same reason. Money would better be spent on introducing physical barriers to speeding such as the speed restriction scheme on Broad Lane.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Seems an enormous waste of money. The current 30mph limit is not policed and it widely ignored so I struggle to see what benefit there is from 20mph limits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2) reducing a speed limit does not change driver behaviour unless it is enforced. I live on XXXXX and witness speeding in this road daily. 2) main through routes in Bucklebury and neighbouring parishes do not meet the national guide lines for speed reduction. I'm in support of the introduction of part time 20mph speed limit displayed on the school warning signs when they're flashing. 3) in my opinion, implementing this scheme is a extremely unproductive and yet another wasteful use of the public funding that does not rip the intended result. The money would be better spent in reducing excessive speeds along BROAD LANE and CHAPEL ROW (speeding are witnessed daily) which is dangerous to disable individuals, children and elderly people who are using this road everyday. Speed indicators and traffic calming measures has been observed to be more effective.                                                                                                                                              |
| The proposed restrictions are simply not needed and are a complete waste of money. The 30 mph limit through cold ash and around Bucklebury is more than adequate and simply needs enforcement. Bringing some roads to 20 whilst leaving surrounding at 40 or 60 mph is pointless. Complete waste of money that brings no benefit other than to WSP consultants fees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| See above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Unnecessary waste of money and yet another example of nanny state intervention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I object to the proposal for reasons already stated, but they may be summarised by my opinion that West Berkshire Council can ill afford a scheme that the police are too stretched to enforce.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Why are you wasting tax payers money? Have you carried out a feasibility study and how many accidents have occurred caused by traffic? Who do you purpose will enforce the speed limit? TVP haven't go enough resources to Police 30MPH limits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Totally unnecessary. What evidence is there of excessive speed in the residential road selected. The costs of signage would be better spent on improving road surfaces within the parish. More road furniture will be unsightly. Enforcement of the temporary 20mph limit when school warning signs flash would be supported. Perhaps a flashing 30mph sign at the entrance to Upper Bucklebury would be more effective than the one opposite Catherine's place.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| This is more unnecessary urban furniture in a country village. People drive slowly anyway in large regard and those who don't will ignore this anyway.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| The current speed limit is sufficient.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Traffic incidents accidents and injuries have been extremely low in the area over the last 5 years (circa 5 low level incidents in 5 years) and I consequently cannot understand the need to reduce speed limits further disrupting traffic flow and slowing people going about their daily lives. This feels like a money making exercise (through increased levels of fines) that will further worsen the cost of living crisis for ordinary working people. I can see no requirement or justification.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Some of the side residential roads limit speed by their nature so do not need 20mph limits to be set. We live in a rural area where speed indicators would be better than a forest of road signs and painted signs on the road. The road signs don't match up to the national guidelines for 20mph. This is going to cost a lot of money that will be diverted from other areas of concern to WBC and council taxpayers, and the police do not have the resources to enforce the speed limits now. What is different if you make it 20mph instead of 30mph? In any event 20mph limits will not stop the 'boy racers' who disregard 30mph now. Bucklebury Parish Council has clocked people doing 80 through Upper Bucklebury via a SID. I would support the parish council's proposal for 20mph near schools at drop-off and picking up time, although if you want to address a safety issue, do something about the way cars queue up to pick up children from the convent school in Cold Ash, creating a traffic hazard every school day. |
| It's not required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I object to the proposals for a blanket 20mph speed restrictions in the villages (Ashmore Green, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury, Chapel Row, Cold Ash and Hermitage) because I believe the safety improvement is questionable, but would make driving along these roads more frustrating and time consuming. Also, during a cost of living crisis, the cost of replacing signs and the economic harm of increased journey times is not justifiable. I agree that some areas such as around schools, and cul-de-sacs may benefit but roads that serve as through routes should stay 30mph. Some of the roads mentioned (such as "the ridge" in cold ash) is a long, through-route road and would benefit far more from other measures, such as cutting back trees to improve visibility, and building a footpath for pedestrians.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I believe that the routes proposed have not being studied in detail and without a full survey. It is not possible to enforce a speed limit through Chapel Row as the highway does not meet the requirements for the legislation. I fully endorse a 20 mph speed limit where applicable, i.e. during school time outside the School (s) but just blanket proposals are ridiculous. We also understand that having spent £100,000 on 20 mph speed limits in Oxfordshire they are now being removed at a similar cost. What a criminal waste of valuable resources. Those responsible should be made accountable. The average current speed through the village is about 20 mph. Why is it therefore necessary to install another series of signs that are not required. The statistics prove that only 11% of motorist are currently observing the 20 mph nationally. Not necessary!                                                                                                                                                          |
| Research indicates that 20mph limits are more unsafe than 30mph limits, when including more factors than merely the impact of a collision (i.e. driver awareness, etc).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| The proposals are unenforceable. Many of the roads proposed is Morton's lane it is almost impossible to do more than 20mph. Many roads in Upper Bucklebury are already designated quiet lanes giving equal rights to pedestrians and horses etc, this has had limited effect and was a waste of BPC money - this would be exactly the same. There is no evidence of the need to reduce speed ie accident rates so what is the purpose of this ? The is no rationale proposed as to why this is being proposed other than purely political reasons. It is a complete waste of WBC money.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 30mph is a sufficient speed limit for these areas. Reducing the speed limit to 20mph creates more congestion and discourages people from following the law as people are more likely to ignore it as they find it frustrating as many Welsh drivers have experienced. If there is a concern for pedestrian safety then there are other ways this can be achieved such as more pavements, footpaths that run parallel to roads or safe crossings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 20mph is incredibly difficult to adhere to. I understand that at peak times such as school drop off or pick up it is relevant but at other times it is not vital.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| It won't make a difference.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| It's hard enough to do 30 on these roads as it is. There are minimal accidents that happen on these road. I cannot see why a 20 should be imposed. It's highly unlikely to be enforceable - they already struggle to enforce the 30 mph on Broad Lane. People race between the pinch points instead of slowing down.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 20 per hour limits would be more effective just for short lengths of road, e.g. outside schools. Feel money would be better spent enforcing the current limits with more cameras as they are regularly broken with no consequence. Also through the village it's unlikely you will be doing more than 20 so why spend money on changing it?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| In bucklebury we already have the dangerous and pollution causing 'pinch points' which causes road users to have to stop and give way which cause chaos at busy times and throughout the day. Lowering the speed limit would cause even more problems with flowing traffic. I would however be in favour of the speed limit if the pinch points were removed as that would greatly decrease the pollution inhaled by the passing children on route to and from school. To sum up my opinion is no to a speed limit decrease to 20 as I know the pinch points wouldn't be removed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I object to the proposals mainly due to the fact I can see no supporting evidence that the changes will improve life for the local communities. I also object on the grounds of finance, how can WBC with it's current finances support the funding required for this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| They done the same in wales and then done a u-turn it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| As per the previous answer. It hurts vehicle commuters who pay for the roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| As a road user and one that has driven in other 20mph limited roads, 20mph is not an appropriate speed to be driving at and can make driving less safe rather than more safe. At such a low limit you spend most of your time watching the speedometer and constantly changing gears to avoid exceeding 20mph, instead of being able to concentrate fully on hazards, pedestrians and other road users and drivers who already choose to exceed current limits will not be deterred by an additional reduction the only people affected will be responsible drivers. A lower limit risks creating frustration and distraction without achieving meaningful safety benefits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 20 mph limit will unnecessarily impact my travel time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| - Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row are all rural communities. The addition of 20mph speed limits will just add to the urbanization these communities are already experiencing. We need to focus on rural villages - you have no way of enforcing this change in speed limit - you currently don't even enforce 30mph - you haven't listening to locals, hardly anyone has requested this and BPC have been working hard with the community on their existing speed watch program which is yielding successful results. - the suggested roads to change is quite frankly ridiculous and shows the lack of consultation with the community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Waste of money                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Unnecessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| Lots of walkers, cyclists and horse riders.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| safer for non-motorised users especially horse riders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| As per my previous comment. Fully support reduced speed limits where possible to encourage a better environment and active travel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| With tractors, horses cyclists, walkers in abundance in the area 20 mph seems a safer bet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Lower speeds significantly reduce injuries if someone is hit by a vehicle. Lower speeds reduce pollution. Lower speeds make walking and cycling safer and more pleasant. 100% support this proposal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Cars are often speeding at the current 30 mph and 20mph would be more appropriate. I would also like this to be rolled out in the village of Stanford Dingley                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I would like Stanford Dingley XXXXX included - cars travel over 30mph we have Tractors, horses, cyclists and a huge number of walkers in particular youngsters doing their Duke of Edinburgh treks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Agree,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Safer environment for cyclists                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| The road through and around Bucklebury is regularly used by children on bikes and horses. Cars driving through the village and around corners at 30mph do not have enough reaction time to safely slow down for the other regular non-driving road users. I believe the same applies in Stanford Dingley as there is no side walk and the roads are bordered by hedgerows and there is no room to move aside if a car is speeding by at 30mph. Many walkers come to Stanford Dingley as it is a AONB as well as Horse riders and again children and families all use the single track road.                                                                                                                                               |
| XXXXX in Stanford Dingley and just like Bucklebury - X neighbouring village - X roads are 'mixed spaces' without pavements where cars, lorries, children, walkers, cyclists and horses all frequently interact. We and they often have non villages (and some villages) travelling at or over the 30mph limit which brings great danger to non vehicular users. This was the number one issue cited in the Stanford Dingley Village survey undertaken in 2022 - and so we are very disappointed to see that X neighbouring villages of Chapel Row and Bucklebury have been brought forward into this consultation but we have been told that we are scheduled for 2028/29. Given the safety issues here, this is deeply concerning to us. |
| Roads are increasingly used by cyclists, walkers and horse riders. Proposed new developments will lead to increased traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| 1. This has not been asked for by local people and is a large over step by West berks Council. 2. The roads are perfectly safe as they are, there are no accident black spots. 3. We have much better things to spend money on.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| No reason to lower the speed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Too sweeping and needs to be more selective.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| I drive, cycle and walk, but only cycle on these particular roads. There is no reason for 20mph in general anywhere, but in these roads there is literally no issue with speed and cycling safety, which is reportedly one of the perceived benefits: in 20 years I have never once felt unsafe or intimidated on any of these roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Feels like council wanting to get money as it's very difficult to stick to 20mph- loads of research has now been done to support this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I feel that some roads warrant a 20mph limit if they pass a school or local Post Office shop for example. However, the blanket rule of 20mph being proposed on the long list of roads is excessive, will not contribute to less accidents, and will cost the council an enormous amount of money that West Berkshire can ill afford. As we have seen across Wales, these blanket 20mph road limits have not been successful, and we have seen a reversal of them there. West Berkshire Council never listen to residents when a consultation takes place, and will push through with their plans regardless of the outcome. However, I feel it's important to have a say on local changes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| For the same reasons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 20mph speed limits are ridiculous. They are an expensive was of council funds and do not serve any possible benefit. It is nearly impossible to drive in Oxfordshire and I now avoid the area this is what will happen to West Berkshire. Do not waste my tax money on this pointless initiative. Spend the money on social care and important areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 20mph won't impact systemic speeders, it just makes a misery for local residents going about their business. No no no no! Please consider alternative traffic calming measures. Please do NOT implement this overly restrictive and ridiculous plan. (XXXXXX resident)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| The reduction from 30mph to 20mph will not change the standard of living, noise will be very similar, quantity of traffic will not be effected. A better use of council funds would be to enforce the current speed limit rather than reducing it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| In truth there are far more important things for the council to concentrate and spend tax payers money on than reducing the existing acceptable speed limit on countless roads that do not need it. The current speed limits are not enforced so how will a blanket lower limit work? Or be enforced? Have we seen multiple accidents and deaths across the parish? I recognise speed invariably causes traffic accidents but reducing the speed limit to a level that will createatnre issues with traversing the area is unlikely to have any major impact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Complete waste of money, far too much money has already been wasted on this proposal. Those that drive dangerously (not just speed) will continue to do so regardless of the speed limit changes. Money could be better spent placing safe crossing places near schools and on main roads on school bus stops. According to planning applications none of these roads are considered unsafe and no accidents ever happen so I cant see why this money is being wasted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Cars are safer than ever with improved stopping distances. Driving at 20mph is distracting as you have to study the Speedo more. Cyclists can go quicker and overtake you                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Pointless waste of money which could be better spent on local healthcare                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| As before                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I don't think there is any need in putting a 20mph zones in the area. People will drive as they please and 20mph is just too slow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| I believe it unnecessary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I am concerned that this change has not adequately considered the character and usage of the road, nor the potential consequences for traffic flow, safety, and local residents. In particular: Road design and conditions: The road is well-maintained, and has good visibility, which supports the current speed limit. Safety record: To my knowledge, there is no clear evidence of a collision history or safety issues that would justify a reduction in the limit. Traffic flow and congestion: The proposed change is likely to increase congestion, driver frustration, and inconsistent speeds, which may paradoxically reduce safety. Community impact: The change may negatively affect residents, commuters, and local businesses who rely on efficient travel along this route. I respectfully request that the council reconsider this proposal, or at minimum publish the data, assessments, and justification used to support the decision. I would also welcome further consultation with local residents before any permanent changes are implemented. Thank you for taking the time to consider this objection. I look forward to your response. |
| I would like to see published the imperial data that shows the speed/time and frequency for this location. Additionally the specific data set that demonstrate the actual accident reduction in other adopted sites, rate than just 'we believe it's a good idea and we believe we know better than you. This endless pursuit of controlling everybody's life is unacceptable and can only be justified if you can actually Demonstrate the cost benefit analysis. As I have to everyday in the trillion dollar business I work in. Of course in an ideological sense it makes send to the liberal left but we live in a real world with real impact to people/ business etc. Also there is no point having it without any means to resource enforcement, which of courts the council doesn't have the funds to do. And there is no way the police will.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Same as before. 20 is not plenty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Object Our money is better spent on services people need. Nobody voted for this                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Unnecessary and infuriating                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| As a local xxxxxx company this is going really damage our business our whole delivery area will now be 20mph and we expect a 25% reduction in daily delivery's costing us a extra day per week in lost delivery slots. Also not sure if you aware how hard it is to drive a lorry at 20mph they are not designed to drive at consistent speed its between gears I hope you scrap this ridiculous proposal and use the cash to put back in the pot to keep you afloat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 20mph limits should be reserved for areas around schools and children's play areas, not for general use everywhere. You are reducing the impact and risking children's lives by placing them everywhere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Current speed limits not adhered to and monitored. When they have been monitored and proved broken nothing has been done to make sure the current 30mph have been adhered to. Money would be better spent on installing speed cameras.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Same as for the last question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Unnatural slowing of traffic, it's not a busy or heavily populated road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Altering the existing speed limits to 40, 30, and 20 is over complicated and leads to an information overload for drivers which in turn leads to diminished attention to driving. Why not extend 40 mph road sections of concern to 30 mph and do NOT introduce any 20 mph sections. Everyone then knows the advised safe speed limit and can still reduce their speed to a lower safe speed when necessary to reflect the prevailing traffic and environment conditions. Bad drivers of which there are too many will still ignore the speed limit whatever it is. This is a very pressing and different problem which tinkering with speed changes on small sections of road will not change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| <p>There is no evidence that a 20mph zone has a positive impact on the area</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>This scheme was heavily tried in Wales and it caused such a backlash that many of the imposed 20mph speed limits there are gradually being removed. Too many unnecessary 20mph speed limits make journeys longer, cause more local pollution (as cars take longer to get through areas), increase drivers' anger and take away accountability from those who should be taking some (such as looking before crossing a road instead of walking blindly around having their heads buried in their phones).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Same as the first one.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>See previous message</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>The proposal is mainly for 20mph limits on side roads (cul de sacs) in which there is no speeding issue. Specifically in Berry's Road adjacent to the primary school the problem or danger to children is not from speeding traffic, but from inconsiderate and dangerous parking so the imposition of a 20mph limit will have no benefit. The only speeding problem in the village is on the through route of Broad Lane where villagers operate Community Speed Watch and I would suggest that a mandatory 20mph on the flashing school warning signs (which, I believe, can be included in a TRO) ONLY WHEN THE SIGNS ARE FLASHING would help residents feel safer at peak times. Bucklebury is in the North Wessex Downs National Landscape is a rural community, as such I totally oppose the extra signing that will be needed to enable what is proposed, did those who devised this scheme visit our rural village as it looks like a Google maps exercise to me? As far as I'm aware no-one has requested those changes which I consider to be a complete waste of public money especially as the impact of the changes will certainly be negligible, the money would be much better spent supporting us with Speed reduction measures such as flashing speed signs or traffic calming measures to slow traffic where there really is a problem (speeds of 40mph, 50 and 60 are often recorded with the record of over 100mph in the 30mph limit!!) We have no street lighting (and no-one wants any!) so any traffic calming would have to respect that. In my opinion this is a poorly thought out scheme that very few residents have spoken to want or need and I really hope it is completely reconsidered. At very least I urge you to consider the responses from each Parish individually and not to impose this urbanising proposal across all three regardless. Finally I do support 20mph limits in URBAN areas, outside schools when warning signs are flashing (as exists outside Park House School and others) but I totally oppose the imposition of them in RURAL areas like ours especially on roads where there really is no problem...have you collected data on the speed of traffic in these roads and does that data meet DoT guidelines and do the police who I believe, are statutory consulted support this proposal?</p>     |
| <p>XXXX on the major route through Chapel Row linking to Upper Bucklebury and have got NO problem with the current speed limit of 30mph and the speed that drivers drive through X village. I have found that drivers are courteous and are always aware of myself and other pedestrians walking along the pavement and when crossing the road. The budget of 100k that it will cost to make changes could be far better spent on other more important things for West Berkshire Council and Bucklebury Parish Council. I am NOT in favour of any reduction of speed limits to 20mph on any of the roads in Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>XXXXXX in Upper Bucklebury and I object to the proposal because people already drive at an acceptable speed for this road and for this reason I believe there is no need for 20 mile an hour speed limit signs. The road is winding and narrow (due to regularly parked cars on either side) there is no real opportunity for people to pick up significant speed - and so they don't. The addition of speed limit signs to this small close of houses is totally unnecessary, it would be a waste of money. Mortons Lane is a small quiet housing estate, the houses were sympathetically constructed to keep the area looking rural and in keeping with the beautiful surrounding countryside. The addition of unnecessary speed limit signs would urbanise the look of the road. Broad Lane is the busy main road in Upper Bucklebury where the speed limit is often totally ignored so money would be better spent ensuring the speed limit on this road is adhered to.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>My comments are specifically regarding Upper Bucklebury. The roads being proposed for a 20mph speed limit (eg Briff Road, Little Lane) are relatively quiet roads where residents are cautious. It is only the occasional driver who would speed. Unless there is constant enforcement of such a restriction, it cannot be cost effective. This argument applies to all the proposed side roads with the possible exception of Berry's Road where the school is situated. The money and considerable effort would be better used to stop drivers speeding along Broad Lane (which is a constant problem) rather than reducing little used side roads. Also the very straight road between Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row should be considered for a 40 or 50 speed limit. Additionally harts Hill is another road where a reduced speed limit would be better served. It is a very busy road with many blind corners which are "an accident waiting to happen". Larger vehicles come round the corners too fast and over the centre of the road. With increased traffic along this relatively narrow and bendy road, this should be a priority. The proposals as they stand will have very little impact on driver's current behaviour through the village as they are directed to the wrong roads and the cost is not in the ratepayer's interests.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>We doubt it will have much impact on driver behaviour whereas alternative ideas like putting traffic calming measures along Broad Lane and Chapel Row or speed restrictions here will reduce the horrendous speeds of some motorists. What evidence is there of injuries due to motor accidents along proposed restrictions? To place new road signs costs a lot whereas the money would be more effective in traffic calming measures where traffic HAS to slow down. We want less traffic going through our villages so the more difficult we make the experience the more likely they are going to consider the route through as so convenient. School warning signs work well and as do well positioned smiley/sad speed indicators. Speed bumps or chicanes work better still. In Morton's lane no traffic ever goes over 20mph anyway. So why do we need a sign?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>20mph limit is overly restrictive.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>The proposal for 20 mph limits appears to be Council's policy being imposed on residents in many parts of the country. Thatcham appear to be taking a thoughtful approach where residents are leading the discussion as opposed to it being driven by Council desire. Except perhaps outside schools during drop off and pick up times, it is an unnecessary expense and there is no transparency regarding safety concerns and statistics to support these initiatives (I would even propose a 15mph limit near schools at these times as they do in France where 20kmh is becoming more commonplace). I am both a driver and cyclist and it's much safer as a cyclist to be overtaken quickly by a car travelling at 30mph than have a car creep past at 20mph especially on narrower country roads. From a driving perspective, 20mph driving driven in many 20mph zones, your concentration is split between constantly monitoring your speed (often with other vehicles tailgating or being indecisive with slower moving road users), and paying the necessary attention to your surroundings. Ratepayer funds are already very limited, potholes abundant (just drive up our High Street) and it's all about priorities and choice how money is spent on our roads. If there is no safety need on the roads in question, but they are dangerous for all road users due to their condition (as they are currently), then our money should be spent wisely not on ideological policy. The very few people who speed over 30mph will not stop speeding if the limit is lower. If speeding is the issue then enforce the current limits. It is improper and undemocratic that the council will decide for residents and spend thousands of ratepayers money on this over the coming years. Lastly, there is also the issue of "creeping urbanisation of our rural villages and communities. If the residents want to see this change then there needs to be full and proper consultation in the roads in question house by house as this consultation has been poorly publicised and raises the question why? The Council should also recognise that some roads do not have an alternative route that people can take and therefore traffic calming to enforce 30mph would be a far more realistic option to secure the public's support and compliance.</p> |
| <p>Congestion, frustration, pollution, cost of signage on all roads. Money would be better spent on potholes and doing all the faded white lines, getting our roads up to a high standard and not like a third world country. Hope this applies to cyclists and illegal e scooters also deliveroo riders</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>As noted at beginning of this document, more congestion pollution etc back to section1 etc same applies where and for you actually listen to the public as I feel you will do it regardless</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <p>I support the widespread adoption of 20 mph limits in built up or villages roads for the sake of road safety- the safety of children pedestrians in particular. I have recently XXXX Strealey and hope that 20 mph limits are considered there. An added reason for reducing speed limits in XXXXX is the protection of grade 2 listed buildings.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>slower speeds are safer for all users and will make the road more pleasant by reducing noise pollution, encouraging drivers to use alternative routes if they're in a hurry and increase the perception of safety for cyclist and other vulnerable road users. This should lead to more short distant active travel trips and reduced pollution.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>I generally support the proposal although some of the roads are short cul de sac which would have an existing natural 20mph limit already in place despite any regulations. I would want a 20mph limit applied through Upper Bucklebury on Broad Lane. This road is the "main" residential road with pub, shop, church, and entrance to Berrys Road for the primary school. The road sees a lot of pedestrians crossing and walking along of all ages and can be a very busy road when vehicles use the road as an alternative through route when the A4 is busy. With future development in Thatcham this road is set to be very busy and passing traffic needs to be encouraged to travel through the village with care and I strongly believe a 20mph would help achieve this. There are 20mph limits proposed on similar through roads in other nearby villages so it seems logical to also include a 20mph limit on Broad Lane in line with this.</p> |
| <p>The traffic in Upper Bucklebury is getting considerably heavier, especially at rush hour. Car speed up through the 'traffic calmers' - eg near the shop. The proposed building is going to bring a horrendous amount of traffic through the village. The roads are already noisier, more polluted and dangerous. 20 mph will certainly mitigate this a little. Children walk up the main road to school and to the Kennet mini bus. We need these roads to be safer and less polluted.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>Broad Lane in Upper Bucklebury has become very busy cars, motor cycles, heavy traffic, vans and large lorries. All this traffic has changed Upper Bucklebury's quiet small-village feel into a busy through route with speeding vehicles of all sizes. It is no longer a safe environment for people and animals.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>Very good idea of it is enforceable</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>I support this proposal. There are narrow roads without pedestrian pavements in this area. A 20 MPH speed limit will encourage walking and cycling and will discourage dangerous or antioicially fast driving and as such potentially lowering the risk of collisions. I occasionally drive through some of these roads, and would very much appreciate a more appropriate speed limit such as 20mph.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Less people die or are seriously injured by vehicles travelling at 20mph. It may deter drivers from using UB as an alternative to the A4 especially as thousands of new homes have been proposed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>Numerous incidents of traffic not respecting the speed limits.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>There is a school, community grounds, hall etc. without street lighting. Pedestrians and residents need to be protected</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <p>I understand that setting 20mph speed limits was a manifesto commitment from Liberal Democrat Councillors in the 2023 elections for West Berkshire District Council and included "Introducing the free zones and 20mph speed limits outside schools, and enabling 20 mph limits for residential streets where residents want it." Thames Valley Police welcome the opportunity to engage on plans for road safety improvement and acknowledge that 20mph limits can be a useful tool in road safety. There is little point in reducing a speed limit that is not respected without any plan to bring it into compliance. There are no road safety benefits in these circumstances. The policy of Thames Valley Police is to use sound practical and realistic criteria set in the Department for Transport (DfT) Circular Roads 1/2013 - Setting local speed limits - GOV.UK (visited in March 2024) when responding to Highway Authorities in an effort to promote consistency and to reduce the burden of constant and unnecessary enforcement. I understand that it is also the policy of West Berkshire District Council use the advice given in DfT guidance when deciding on and implementing reduced speed limits. Advice shown in Circular Roads 1/2013 states: key factors that should be taken into account in any decisions on local speed limits are the history of collisions, the road geometry and engineering, the road function, the composition of road users (including existing and potential levels of vulnerable road users), existing traffic speeds, road environment and driver perception. It is also clear about implementing 20mph speed limits as a blanket measure, "20mph schemes should be considered on a road-by-road basis based on the safety case to ensure local support, not as blanket measures." Thames Valley Police are not opposed to lowering speed limits providing they are appropriate to the road environment and likely to have casualty reduction benefits. Evidence shows that changing to a lower speed limit on its own will not necessarily be successful in reducing the speed of traffic if the prevailing mean speeds are much higher than the proposed lower speed limit. If a speed limit is set too low and is ignored then this could result in the majority of drivers criminalising themselves and could bring the system of speed limits into dispute. If a speed limit is set too low this could result in an unreasonable additional demand on police resources. Thames Valley Police have no policy to enforce based on arbitrary speed limits alone but will enforce based on threat of harm, risk and resourcing. 20mph limits are not excluded from this and will be enforced where appropriate. Setting local speed limits is clear that there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity, unless this has been explicitly agreed. In this case it isn't, there are no additional resources available to support extra enforcement. DfT Guidance states: "Schemes need to aim for compliance with the new speed limit. Where new limits are put in, they should be in places where most drivers are likely to comply. We know that compliance is better on smaller, narrower roads than on wider roads where the layout gives drivers a clear run." "Successful 20mph zones and 20mph speed limits are generally self-enforcing: that is, the existing conditions of the road together with measures such as traffic calming or signing, publicity and information as part of the scheme, lead to a mean traffic speed compliant with the speed limit. To achieve compliance, there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity unless this has been explicitly agreed." 20mph limits without traffic calming. "Research into signed-only 20mph limits shows that they generally lead to only small reductions in traffic speeds - less than 1mph on average. Signed-only 20mph limits are, therefore, most appropriate for areas where vehicle speeds are already low. This may, for example, be on roads that are very narrow, through engineering or on-road car parking. If the mean speed is already at or below 24mph on a road, introducing a 20mph limit through signing alone is likely to lead to general compliance with the new speed limit." The document also states - "DfT's comprehensive 3-year evaluation of the effect of 20mph signed-only limits was published on 22 November 2018 (Jatkins 2018). It substantially strengthened the evidence base on unrestricted speeds and roads outcomes associated with 20mph speed limits. It is the only major UK study to</p> |
| <p>It is a good idea but I cannot see how it can be enforced any more than the present speed limits which are ignored by a significant number of vehicles using the village.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>Why is Burdens Heath not included ? It's a 30mph road yet we regularly have cars exceeding 50mph down this road. It would make sense to include this to further road safety in the village</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Upper Bucklebury has a road with space for direction of traffic both ways with space to pull over. Stanford Dingley and Bucklebury do not have escape space. I do support the 20mph on all the quiet roads in Upper Bucklebury as again multiple non vehicle users use these roads</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| Same reasons as to the previous proposal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I haven't got all day to go about my business. Greater pollution, more noise, greater aggravation. This is just another excuse to keep a person in a desk job at our expense. Let alone cost of resigning all these roads. Those involved with this in West Berks are simply unfit for purpose. Even against opposition West Berks will still go ahead to justify your position. Simply appalling as expected                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I don't believe 20mph works. It creates greater pollution as most cars are revving in the wrong gear, it creates more noise due to revs too high. I believe 20mph are great near hospitals, schools, town/village centres and suchlike, they can be very damaging to certain businesses where time frames are a factor. In essence, vehicles struggling to maintain 20mph are more of a nuisance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| In all but a very few exceptional cases, like an area just outside a school or in a residential street, 20mph is too slow. It is very difficult to drive most vehicles at this speed as vehicle's gear ratios are not suited to operate for any length of time at 20mph. 20mph is usually at the top end of the lowest gear and the very bottom of the next highest gear. Also most engine management units are not designed to operate at this speed, being optimised for 30mph. No only do vehicles find it difficult to operate at these low speeds for any length of time, engines are very inefficient at this speed using more fuel than they would at 30 mph. There is a strong push to extend 20mph limits to seemingly just about everywhere. My main objection is that I feel there are too many inconsistencies in road speed limits, with variable speed limits on main roads and rapidly changing speed limits on other roads, as a driver I find I am paying more attention to what the speed is currently than what is happening around me. I am sure I am not alone. I am convinced that the attention demanded of the driver trying to avoid heavy punitive fines and points from ever changing speed limits greatly detracts from that attention demanded to drive safely. For these reasons I do not support the expansion of 20mph speed limits unless the reasons for them meet very specific and narrow criteria. |
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| Bucklebury Parish Council Have prepared a list of five points which I thoroughly agree with. There is no point in introducing 20mph speed limits unless they can be enforced since no notice will be taken of them. I live in one of the proposed roads for the 20mph speed restriction and think it is a waste of time. The nature of the road means that speed limits are unnecessary since it is difficult for vehicles to travel at high speed although of course there will be some exceptions, 20mph limit or not. Overall I think the money could be better spent by making sure that potholes and road surfaces in general are repaired properly and maintained to a higher level.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Whilst a reduction in speed limit should in theory reduce vehicle speeds within the village, its unlikely to make an actual difference. With the 30mph speed limits currently in place, vehicles are regularly exceeding this limit, endangering lives of other road users and pedestrians. It's imperative that drivers are forced to slow down within the village by appropriate and consistent means. A reduction in speed limits alone will have little impact on behaviours and fail to deliver the overall goal, along with considerable expense incurred implementing the changes. Please invest more wisely, in other proven approaches.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I agree with 20mph speeds near schools. Not on other roads. Lowering the speed limit won't necessarily reduce people speeding. What evidence is there to demonstrate that lowering the speed limit to 20 mph reduces accidents? Wales had to rescind some of the 20mph speed restrictions due to the number of complaints. The cost of installing signs will be expensive is this decision evidence based on the number of lives saved or just an expensive idea? Lowering speeds will reduce productivity, delivery vans, workman etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| - Diligent drivers will be distracted by attempting to adhere to such a low (uncommon) speed vs focusing on the risks around them e.g. cyclist or pedestrian on/in the road. - It will not change non-diligent driver behaviour, who drive at the speed they want to, as the current speed limits are hardly enforced. - The new signage etc will be a complete waste of valuable council funds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Not proved beneficial in other areas e.g Wales. Likely 'Mission creep' will result in this being introduced across West Berkshire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| It will cost too much and not be enforced anyway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| It has been proven to be detrimental both to the economy of the car and to the gases that are released. There really is not much evidence that it helps. From the studies that have been run it seems that the roads are "safer" but that's only because fewer people are driving on them! And it's not far to restrict the roads in Berkshire as we mood to be able to drive through places like Coldash.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I think it will be a complete waste of money and would be better spent maintaining the roads that they want to make 20mph. Reducing speed does not change driver behaviour, and the drivers would not know when they are coming and going more sign to distract drivers from the road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| lack of police enforcement, concerns about longer journey times, questioning effectiveness without traffic calming increasing costs, 30mph is slow enough, Frustration from drivers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| I believe 30 mph is perfectly adequate for road safety. Failure to enforce even existing limits is more of a concern. The council should not be able to complain of lack of funds if they are happy to spend OUR money on a pointless exercise.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| I object in the strongest terms to the imposition of 20mph speed limits anywhere in the area other than outside schools around the start and end times of the school day. Existing speed limits are adequate if enforced. 20mph causes traffic to bunch into long lines that don't permit joining or crossing traffic whether on foot, on a bike or in a car. We already have too much ugly road furniture to blight our countryside. We must prevent urbanisation of our current, rural environment. 20mph speed limits do not change peoples driving habits. Respectful, law abiding drivers will continue to be so and others will continue in their own ways. Resulting in nothing being achieved. A dreadful waste of money and resources that can be better used elsewhere on meaningful, long desired alternatives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I live on XXXXX. 30mph speed limit and the motorists go much faster than this. Similarly along roundfields and broad lane. I would rather the money to be spent to keep the motorists to 30mph rather than an unrealistic 20mph. Get the motorists going at the current speed limits should be a priority. If you can't do that now what is the point in making it less. it won't work. Some of the proposed 20mph speed limits (little lane, mortons lane, blacklands road and berrys road are too small/short or narrow and built up to get much more than 20mph anyway. It seems like a waste of money. I am unsure that you have actually looked at the roads in question to see if there is a problem.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Reducing speed does not change driver behaviour, the 30mph current speed limit is already not enforced. Sides roads off of the main roads should not be 20mph. Trying to urbanise our rural parish with these signs which will have little impact is a waste of public spending.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| No evidence for need. Waste of money                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Focus on traffic calming and enforcing along main route which has significant pedestrian and cycle use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| The proposal is for 20 MPH on the side roads. This means that there would be an increase in urbanisation, by putting more signs in. For example at the entrance to Berrys Road there would have to be 20mph signs. Apart from the increase in signage, this is for side roads where people rarely exceed 30 mph and more usually only travel at 20mph. These roads don't need 20mph limits as people don't travel greater than 20mph. WBC have failed to collect any EVIDANCE that people exceed 20mph, so this proposal is not based on facts and should be "thrown out". Looking at the maps, a lot of the roads are cul-de-sacs, again pointless to make them 20mph, with the increased signage. Taking the wider 20mph proposal in mind, there is no evidence to support this plan. The funds allocated to this scheme could be better spent with more traffic calming, in areas where a speeding problem has been identified or in driver education. I don't believe that this proposal has been thought through, I have heard that consultants used were URBAN traffic planners and not RURAL traffic planners. This proposal is not supported by any evidence, has been badly planned by consultants who have no experience of the area and ultimately will not provide any benefits to local residents.                                                                                                                         |
| Traffic already exceeds the speed limit currently. This will just continue with drivers exceeding the speed limit to a greater extent. Policing the current limits would seem more appropriate rather than spending more money reducing the limit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I live in XXXXXXfor the last XXX years. I can see no point in going to expense of changing speed limit. The road narrows at some parts which is its own speed reduction. Generally I am against reductions to 20 miles an hour as reduces the country's overall productivity (other than at school gates at morning or evening pick ups.) Reducing speed limit I do not think changes anything without police enforcement. In fact just enforce the 30 miles an hour limit is the way forward. Spend the money on speed cameras/ traffic calming measures. Also this was not mentioned when we went to the polls to vote in the present Councillors, where is the mandate bearing in mind these changes are across the district. I know you cannot vote on single issue , but no mention at all before being elected? I did not vote for these changes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Woodside close in Upper Bucklebury is so short you would really have to be trying to go over 20mph anyway. Berry's road in the same village doesn't have a speeding problem as most traffic isn't going over 20mph so changing the speed limits here would add extra unnecessary signage and would be a waste of money which would be better spent on filling in the potholes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| I think that it will be a good idea to reduce the speed limit on the main routes. I think that it will be a huge waste of money to put extra speed limit signs at the end of every road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Speed indicator sings should help.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| There is a real need to save lives and reduce accidents. These proposals only go some way to doing it but are a first step forward.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| The data on the imposition of a 20mph limit is very clear, it saves lives and injuries. There is now comprehensive information on available from several sources including Wales' ground breaking almost blanket application. For this alone it is worth doing. Arguments about the unreasonable slowing down of traffic are irrelevant when taking into account that it is to be applied in areas that traffic is slowed not by the speed limit but by factors such as volume of traffic, parked cars, schools, pedestrians, delivery vehicles, junctions, road width, visibility and bends. The change to journey times through the areas will be minimal. Seen without hold ups when travelling in quiet periods the journey time through the average village will lengthen by less than a minute with a 10mph slowing. I have also heard the argument that as the police and traffic control measures cannot effectively keep vehicles to 30mph it is a waste of time and money having a 20 mph limit. Whilst accepting the point it does ignores the fact that responsible drivers will conform to the new limit and overall speeds will drop.                  |
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| XXXXXX in Upper Bucklebury / Byles Green, and also know that cars drive too fast on the roads around Briff Lane and Little Lane, where we often walk with XXXX.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| There is no pavement along this road, which means pedestrians, including children, elderly residents, and dog walkers, are forced to walk on the on the road. Vehicles often travel at over 30mph, creating a significant safety risk. Reduced speed limits to 20mph would greatly improve safety, increase driver awareness, and reduce the likelihood and severity of accidents in an area where pedestrians and vehicles must share the road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Make the roads safer for walkers and cyclists                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I support the proposal in full - it's just a shame that the proposal does not include the whole of Bucklebury including the Broad Lane " Rat Run".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Increased traffic and pedestrians is leading to more potential accidents and more actual accidents. There is a significant reduction in damage and injury at 20 rather than 30 mph.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Small Rural Roads with lots of walkers (often with Dogs), lots of Children recently moved into Bucklebury Village and surrounding properties and lots of Horses in the area, this proposal will make it safer and more pleasant for all, with little delay to any through traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Again the outskirts of the village also need to be addressed, in the areas where 60mph is far too quick for the style of the road. People simply do not follow the existing limits and exceed them regularly and these have not been shown on the maps as part of the review.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I accept the proposal to have a 20mph limit in residential streets to protect children and family pets from fast vehicles close to their front doors. It is also likely to allow socialising in the residential area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| I support this 100% but it needs to go further to include Broad Lane and we need some sort of speed check in that area as drivers do not adhere to the 30 mph limit or respond appropriately to the priority over oncoming vehicles areas. Roundfield is terrible for speeding drivers and XXXXXX so I 100% back the 20mph limit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| As the Ward Member for XXXX (including the X villages in scope of this consultation: XXXXXXXX) I have previously taken surveys on road safety. Though views on speed controls are mixed it is clear that there is a desire for speed control but concern it won't be enforced. Hence I support the proposal (though sad more roads that I requested did NOT come into scope of the consultation - e.g. Broad Lane which has a shop, village Hall, garage and village School nearby). I see these as clearly 2 different topics. Residents should be allowed to decide democratically what speed limits should be in front of their door steps. Authorities should then enforce those speed limits and stop whinging about how expensive it is or we don't have the money. Westminster must find cheaper and more resource effective ways to enforce for Authorities. Surely a simple camera system with AI could work out average speeds through villages and issue FPN or "stop anti-social behaviour" warnings without impacting police resource. MPs must use their collective brains to think of a solution and truly empower communities and local authorities. |
| See previous answer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Safety for pedestrians                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| I live in XXXXX and support the proposal as the current 30 mile speed limit is ridiculous.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| The stretch from upper Bucklebury to cold ash is frequently by young teens who ride their bikes between the villages to visit friends etc. the speed of some cars on that stretch is terrifying and visibility is poor. There is no footpath that offers a safe place for walkers or cyclists.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| safer for non-motorised users especially horse riders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| As per my other comments to the other areas. Support 20mph                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| Cost outweighs the benefit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| I consider that the cost involved in implementing this proposal would be better spent on additional traffic calming initiatives along the main thoroughfare in Upper Bucklebury (Broad Lane). Currently Broad Lane is a 30mph zone but drivers frequently exceed this. I have witnessed cars racing along this road, with speeds that look like around 50mph. A speed camera on Broad Lane would be a useful introduction and would serve to slow traffic down. Regarding the 20mph zones suggested, I don't foresee these roads as posing a current issue. For example, on Berrys Road XXXX, it is virtually impossible to drive in excess of 30mph due to the number of vehicles parked on the road. I would suggest the same applies to roads such as Roundfields and Mortons Lane which are also included in the proposal. The main concern at the moment is the excessive speeding along Broad Lane in Upper Bucklebury - additional traffic calming measures and/or a speeding camera would be a better use of public funds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I am writing to register my opposition to the proposal to introduce 20mph speed limit signs in Upper Bucklebury. The current speed limit 30 is not adequately enforced and cannot see this new limit will change things. The cost of introducing this new limit signs is considerable. It would be far better to provide more effect ways of reducing speed such as speed humps. I don't consider the chicanes currently used are very effective in reducing speed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| XXXX on Burdens Heath but XXX just outside the 30 mph zone. Cars rarely drive at 30mph along Burdens Heath regardless of the direction in which they are going. There are no pavements or lighting along this road and on numerous occasions have almost been hit when walking to the postbox or to/from the village shop. Rather than spending a ridiculous amount of signage etc from 30 mph, money would be better spent on traffic calming measure and other enforcement actions on the existing 30mph roads. XXXX and were told it was too expensive to move just this one dig to the other side of our property.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I strongly object to this proposal, on at least the following three points. 1. The current fashion for reducing speed limits to 20mph demonstrates fundamental misunderstandings about the nature of motorists / human beings. Responsible drivers tend to be law-abiding individuals and will therefore aim to comply with whatever speed limit is set. But irresponsible drivers are, by their very nature, far less likely to take notice of speed limits, including reduced ones. Reducing speed limits to 20mph carries with it an inherent danger – that pedestrians, becoming accustomed to traffic generally moving more sedately, then inevitably become less alert and aware when, for instance, crossing roads. In that less-alert state they are more vulnerable, and most especially should a faster-moving vehicle approach. This has become quite noticeable in city centres. And it often involves an irresponsible cyclist or e-scooter rider, neither of whom need fear speed cameras. I have seen this frequently on the streets of London. A false sense of security is in no-one's interests. 2. I am concerned that WBC has I suspect already paid a considerable amount of local ratepayers' money to the consultants it has engaged in this matter. I would question the justification for employing a high-profile and no doubt high-charging global company for this, but that is money already spent (wasted)? What I would emphatically not wish to see is a further huge sum committed to taking the consultation yet further, nor indeed implementing the proposed scheme. I question the justification, at a time when WBC bleats about having to cut services. On the day that I first noticed the proliferation of laminated white signs strapped to posts all over the roads in this proposed scheme, I also noticed four sites of freshly dumped fly-tipping. It has been reported, but more than a week later it's still there. 3. 20mph is less fuel-efficient than 30mph for vehicles powered by internal combustion engines, therefore raising air-pollution levels. |
| Upper Bucklebury suffers from a certain number of drivers who blatantly ignore the current 30mph speed limit regularly driving at almost double the limit and one or two up to 3 times the limit, particularly on Burdens Heath and Broad Lane. Reducing the speed limit on certain roads in the Parish will do nothing to control these drivers as the current limits are not enforced. Adding additional speed limit signs across the Parish will have the affect of urbanising what is a country village and will have little or no effect on vehicle speeds and it is felt that the money spent on this project would be better spent elsewhere. There is a flashing school sign in Broad Lane which operates when school children are either going to or leaving school. If a 20mph speed limit is to be incorporated then it would be sensible to add the 20mph to the flashing sign as can be seen in other areas of Berkshire to help to reduce at these particular times of day during school terms. Bucklebury Parish Council have a regular of volunteers who regularly erect temporary S10's (Speed Indicator Device) and are Police trained in the use of a speed gun. These measures are slowly educating local drivers in keeping speeds down but they are limited to the time they are permitted to be used. This Parish needs permanent S10's, traffic calming and Speed cameras erected where speeding is at its worst i.e. Burdens Heath.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I see you are planning some speed limit changes for roads such as Berrys Road, Little Lane etc.... I do not think this addresses the problem. There is a good case for reducing the speed limit on the main Harts Will Road and Broad Lane which goes through the Upper Bucklebury village. The number of people speeding now (when it is a 30mph limit) also needs to be addressed. Here are the measures I think you should implement 1) Reduce the speed limit to 20mph through the whole of Upper Bucklebury 2) Install some further traffic calming measures (speed bumps/cameras) 3) On a separate matter the school pick up and drop off period has become worse than ever. The whole of Berrys Road should become a resident's only parking zone with the school parents forced to use the pub car park of the Memorial Hall car park. It will not be long before someone is badly hurt in our village unless some suitable speed reducing measures are taken                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Reducing the speed limits on so many side roads whilst leaving a 30 mph limit along Broad Lane is absurd. Broad Lane (and its Roundfield continuation) is the busiest road in the village by far. It is used as a "rat run" alternative to the A4 with vehicles frequently exceeding the 30 mph limit. It is also a residential street. The current proposal defies logic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Agree by school not the through road                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| The cost of making this change outweighs the benefit as these roads do not have a problem with speeding, but Broad Lane does. Where is your evidence that these proposed speed limits would reduce accidents. I dont think there have ever been any casualties on the roads where you propose 20mph, so how is it justified? The signage at the end of each road would be very unsightly. Please concentrate your efforts on the main road, Broad Lane, and leave these residential streets alone.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed 20mph speed limit as part of your consultation. While I am generally supportive of measures to improve road safety, I am concerned that the current approach will not address the most pressing safety issues. The selection of roads, such as cul-de-sacs in Chapel Row, focuses on areas with minimal through traffic, which are primarily used by residents. These changes will have little to no effect on improving overall safety. Instead, attention should be directed towards main roads where traffic speeds pose a significant danger to both drivers and pedestrians. In particular, Hatch Lane and The Avenue, especially around the Bladestone area, are high-risk locations where vehicles frequently travel at excessive speeds. These roads are heavily used and present a serious hazard to pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users. Without intervention, the risk of accidents and injuries remains unacceptably high. I strongly urge you to prioritize these main roads and implement not only a reduced speed limit but also additional traffic-calming measures to ensure compliance and enhance safety. Addressing these critical areas will have a far greater impact on improving road safety for the community. Thank you for considering this feedback.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| What a waste of time and money. Putting a 20mph on Hatch Close for example. Pavements on both sides and it's a short cul de sac. People don't and would be hard pressed to speed. Doubt very much that a reduction would do a thing other than add unnecessary street furniture and urbanise the countryside. What there is the occasional speeding through Chapel Row a new 20 limit is likely to make no difference if those involved don't already keep to 30. There is a pavement. Surely there are better ways to spend limited taxpayer funds as suspect these proposals will just result in expense and no cure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| This gimmick will do nothing to reduce speeding. Existing speed limits are not enforced and nor will this be. I have seen no evidence to suggest a 20 m.p.h. limit improves road safety.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| There is little point on spending money on this project when the speed restrictions will not be policed. People already ignore the 30mph limit for the same reason. Money would better be spent on introducing physical barriers to speeding such as the speed restriction scheme on Broad Lane.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| As previously, huge waste of money. 30mph isn't policed or observed, dropping to 20mph on side roads in upper Bucklebury will make no difference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1) reducing a speed limit does not change driver behaviour unless it is enforced. I live on XXX and witness speeding in this road daily. 2) main through routes in Bucklebury and neighbouring parishes do not meet the national guide lines for speed reduction. I'm in support of the introduction of part time 20mph speed limit displayed on the school warning signs when they're flashing. 3) in my opinion, implementing this scheme is a extremely unproductive and yet another wasteful use of the public funding that does not rip the intended result. The money would be better spent in reducing excessive speeds along BROAD LANE and CHAPEL ROW (speeding are witnessed daily) which is dangerous to disable individuals, children and elderly people who are using this road everyday. Speed indicators and traffic calming measures has been observed to be more effective.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Additional road signs create yet more unnecessary street furniture in our rural setting. I agree with Bucklebury Parish Council's views on driver behaviour: this changes only through enforcement of speed limits or education of drivers through the funding of more speed indicators and traffic calming measures. The latter are also much more cost-effective than the high cost of implementing the WBC scheme.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Totally over the top blanket coverage with little thought to the frustration and inconveniences caused with traffic build up during busy periods. In Europe they operate a considerably more restrained approach and actually implement where needed. The UK approach does not encourage observation as it is too far reaching instead it will be dis regarded as this proposal covers large areas where people will question why has this been done.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Pointless waste of money. No enforcement of existing speed limits and changes will make zero difference.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| I don't believe this will change the behaviour of those who speed and is a waste of money. In my experience as a resident the majority of people drive these roads responsibly and those that don't will not change their behaviour unless they are caught speeding and many of these roads are either not suitable to be set up for speed checks or would probably be manned so rarely they would be ineffective for the long term. I agree with the points made by the Bucklebury parish council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| These roads are small side roads with limited width and don't have a speeding problem ....in some cases they are very small cul de sacs where it is impossible to go over 20mph any way. For example Catherine Place has five properties and only residents and their visitors use it! Mortons Lane has just 40 properties and already has speed tables designed to slow traffic so why on earth does it need 20mph signs too, only residents and those visiting drive there. Upper Bucklebury is a small rural community and slapping urbanising signs all over our country roads is urbanisation by stealth, this is not Thatcham. In my opinion a strapped cashed West Berkshire Council is totally wasting its money on what is clearly making a political point at the expense of the tax payers. Please leave urbanisation where it belongs and leave our small rural roads alone. These 20mph speed limits are only enforceable if supported by our local police....are they on board with this project?...if not the whole scheme is pointless and a total waste of our money just to make a political point.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| My personal option is that the monies to be spent in the proposed speed reduction proposals would be better directed to other areas of road safety within Upper Bucklebury. I know that the proposed plan is linked with road safety. However, my experience is that the most urgent target in road safety should be the terrible state of the road surfaces found through the Parish and County. As a resident of Briff Lane, I know just how bad the potholes and general condition of the roads are. Vehicle drivers now avoid driving to the edges of the roads and drive in the middle of the roads to avoid potholes hidden by water, leaves etc., to reduce risks to tyre and wheel damage. In one way this does help reduce vehicle speed as cars etc. have to slow to pass. As a car driver I find that the introduction of the Speed Indicator Displays around the Upper Bucklebury area really helps in reducing speeds. They provide that instant reminder of a drivers speed and it works for me as well as others if you observe their reaction to these displays. Areas of Thatcham have permanent displays on some roads. Why not in the local areas? I find that if I miss the initial 20mph speed sign when entering a 20mph zone I have no idea that I'm in that zone. Pre 20mph zones, the rule of thumb would be 30mph if there were no additional speed signs. With the introductions of 20mph zones is the speed limit 20 or 30mph? Check this out. Go into Thatcham and enter a 20mph zone. Then as you continue count how many 20mph speed signs you see.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| Lower speeds significantly reduce injuries if someone is hit by a vehicle. Lower speeds reduce pollution. Lower speeds make walking and cycling safer and more pleasant. 100% support this proposal.   |
| 20mph would be the most appropriate speed                                                                                                                                                              |
| I would like Stanford Dingley where XXX included - cars travel over 30mph we have Tractors, horses, cyclists and a huge number of walkers in particular youngsters doing their Duke of Edinburgh treks |
| Safer environment for cyclists                                                                                                                                                                         |
| A village with a school , shop, pub, church - many cyclists and walkers - should not be fast speed areas                                                                                               |



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| Because effort should be made in enforcing the 30mph limit. I live on XXXXX and being a straight road it is frequently used by drivers to see how fast they can accelerate. Many Drivers coming from the Ridge through Cold Ash ignore the 30mph speed limit when entering Bucklebury. There are no paths along XXXX making it very Dangerous for pedestrians and I have difficulty in keeping the Hedge at the front of my property maintained as it requires standing in the Road to do it. Many times speeding cars have almost hit me when there are cars coming the other way due to their speed. Money would be better spent putting traffic calming measures and enforcement of the 30 mph before thinking about spend in reducing the 30mph limit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| The only sensible solution is to make Broad Lane, the only significant dangerous road a 20 mph limit as it is the only dangerous road in Upper Bucklebury. This measure would take care of all the adjoining roads eg. Mortons Lane, reducing the amount of unsightly signage required, thus reducing the cost.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| See above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| You cannot have a consultation based on the notices that have been posted in the areas to be affected as the notices that have do not come from West Berkshire Council, there is no such council as West Berkshire District Council. Detail matters. What a total waste of money from a council that says it is in debt. Incompetence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I object to the proposal to make the minor roads in my area reduce to 20mph speed limit. Any speed limit is only useful when the police can be seen to enforce the rule. This is a waste of time on Blacklands Road and Woodside Close because they are so short, it is nearly impossible to get a vehicle up to 20mph. Furthermore, I don't believe that the police have the resources to enforce the new speed limits in person. Therefore this scheme would mean the placement of traffic speed detection cameras as well as signage on poles and perhaps a painted sign on the road. I understand that the above measures may cost the council £100,000 and given the dire state of finance of West Berkshire Council, this expenditure cannot be justified. Even if it did not cost WBC any money, that budget would be better spent elsewhere on the many vital services that have been cut to save money. Please do not waste council time and money on ineffective measures that are expensive or difficult to enforce. |
| Unnecessary waste of money and yet another example of nanny state intervention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Too expensive to implement and unlikely to be consistently enforced. It would be more cost effective to install live speed indicators (as recently fitted in Thatcham and Beedon) as in most cases speeding drivers just need a reminder of the limit if not fully concentrating on their driving. I see it working in these 2 particular site regularly. Also some of the side roads mentioned are so short most vehicles would not even get to 10 mph let alone 20 mph! This indicates to me that the area hasn't been thoroughly surveyed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Why are you wasting tax payers money? Have you carried out a feasibility study and how many accidents have occurred caused by traffic? Who do you purpose will enforce the speed limit? TYP haven't go enough resources to Police 30MPH limits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| I object to all the side road limits as there is no history of problems and most of them are short roads eg Berry's Rd and Woodside Close, or they are narrow country roads where speeding is unlikely. And how would you police it? Speed cameras in Woodside Close???? The problem that I agree should be addressed is speeding on the main road through Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row, plus speeding across the common. This could be done by traffic calming devices. The Parish Council comments on this are much more sensible and a much better use of money. Stop wasting money on roads that are not accident problems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I feel 20mph limit in residential roads is unnecessary. I am not aware of any evidence of speeding or dangerous driving on the proposed roads. The cost of new signage would be better invested in pothole repair. New street furniture would be unsightly. Upper Bucklebury already has extensive street furniture connected to speed control. I support the 20mph limit related to school flashing warning lights                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I think the additional signage will be detrimental to the village.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| There is a problem with speeding vehicles in Upper Bucklebury. However, it will not be addressed by any of the measures set out in this proposal. As such, if these measures are implemented they would be a complete waste of tax payers money and create an unnecessary and extremely unsightly litter of road signage and markings. It seems that as far as any data collection so far undertaken shows, there is no evidence the roads listed in this proposal have a speeding problem. On the contrary, the road not mentioned, Broad Lane, does have issues and this is supported by existing evidence. The bulk of this evidence I believe has been collected and submitted using SID. Also there may be evidence from speed camera activity held by Thames Valley Police. Please can someone who has a respect for the rural environment and knowledge of the area be involved in making decisions that mainly affect the villagers themselves.                                                                         |
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| The current speed limit is sufficient                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Traffic incidents accidents and injuries have been extremely low in the area over the last 5 years (circa 5 low level incidents in 5 years) and I consequently cannot understand the need to reduce speed limits further disrupting traffic flow and slowing people going about their daily lives. This feels like a money making exercise (through increased levels of fines) that will further worsen the cost of living crisis for ordinary working people. I can see no requirement or justification.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| See previous page                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| You are not addressing the key road issues that we face in these areas. The urbanisation of residential roads is not something we see any benefit in doing in comparison to addressing the speeding issues on our main through routes. However these main through routes are excluded from the proposal. The selection of the roads on the basis of them self enforcing the revised speed limit suggests little gain from the activity. No one will enforce these limits and in general traffic using them is already limited in speed due to parking and length of the roads in question. This is not good use of tax payers money. The proposal for time limited 20mph restrictions near the school on Broad Lane seem to have been ignored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| It's not required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I object to the part of the proposal which includes the main road through the village. This is currently 30mph and supported by priority chicanes and feels well adhered to. The main road is used by delivery drivers and through traffic with few pedestrians, and a 20mph limit will unnecessarily impact journeys.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Most drivers in Upper Bucklebury already slow down to 20mph especially if there are people in the road. If the 20mph speed limit comes with new road traffic signs, then let's save the cost of putting them up. Also, what is the proposed plan to enforce the speed limit, are we going to have speed cameras in cul-de-sacs?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| This proposal is not enforceable and therefore the cost of implementing a waste of money. How much has been spent on putting out signage in man hours, mileage and printing? A total waste of resources when we have a council that is under financial pressure. I believe the council will go ahead irrespective of the supposed consultation as in other cases.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I object to the proposals for a blanket 20mph speed restrictions in the villages (Ashmore Green, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury, Chapel Row, Cold Ash and Hermitage) because I believe the safety improvement is questionable, but would make driving along these roads more frustrating and time consuming. Also, during a cost of living crisis, the cost of replacing signs and the economic harm of increased journey times is not justifiable. I agree that some areas such as around schools, and cul-de-sacs may benefit but roads that serve as through routes should stay 30mph. Some of the roads mentioned (such as "the ridge" in cold ash) is a long, through-route road and would benefit far more from other measures, such as cutting back trees to improve visibility, and building a footpath for pedestrians.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 20 mph pass the school during school hours is a sensible proposal and would I believe receive a lot of support. Currently the road layout does not me the legal requirements for a 20 mph enforcement zone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Research indicates that 20mph limits are more unsafe than 30mph limits, when including more factors than merely the impact of a collision (i.e. driver awareness, etc).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| The proposals are unenforceable. Many of the roads proposed is Morton's lane it is almost impossible to do more than 20mph. Many roads in Upper Bucklebury are already designated quiet lanes giving equal rights to pedestrians and horses etc, this has had limited effect and was a waste of BPC money. This would be exactly the same. There is no evidence of the need to reduce speed in accident rates so what is the purpose of this ? The is no rationale proposed as to why this is being proposed other than purely political reasons. It is a complete waste of WBC money.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 30mph is a sufficient speed limit for these areas. Reducing the speed limit to 20mph creates more congestion and discourages people from following the law as people are more likely to ignore it as they find it frustrating as many Welsh drivers have experienced. If there is a concern for pedestrian safety then there are other ways this can be achieved such as more pavements, footpaths that run parallel to roads or safe crossings. Perhaps a 20mph limit could be enforced during term time on Berry's road to ensure the safety of children, but this road is very quiet anyway I don't see why it would be necessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Only relevant at school pick-up and drop off.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| There are 30mph speed limits extensively in Upper Bucklebury (and other areas included in this consultation) which are not enforced at all. In these areas, most people abide by the speed limits but a small number do not. Reducing speed limits further will achieve nothing at the taxpayers expense. It would be far more effective to invest in enforcement of the existing speed limits than in reducing limits further. As a resident of Upper Bucklebury (XXXXX) I think the current limit of 30mph is sufficient for safety purposes. This proposal does not bring any measurable benefit but costs the taxpayer money for it to be implemented. As a result I strongly object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| It won't make a difference.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| It's hard enough to do 30 on these roads as it is. There are minimal accidents that happen on these road. I cannot see why a 20 should be imposed. It's highly unlikely to be enforceable - they already struggle to enforce the 30 mph on Broad Lane. People race between the pinch points instead of slowing down.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| The roads in Upper Bucklebury that you wish to apply these new limits to are totally unnecessary due to the width of the roads and the visibility that is available, you would be a fool to drive at 30 MPH and in any case who is going to police the new 20 MPH limit, reading the responses from TYP they do not have the resources to enforce the new limit, which I can believe as in the 30 years that I have lived here I have never seen TYP carrying out any speed enforcement measures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 20 per hour limits would be more effective just for short lengths of road, e.g. outside schools. Feel money would be better spent enforcing the current limits with more cameras as they are regularly broken with no consequence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Too widespread and too limiting of maintenance thoroughfares                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| There is no point in setting a 20mph speed limit unless there is a means of enforcing it! Thames Valley Police do not have the resources to do so, so unless speed cameras (which are active 24 hrs a day with networked reporting to a control centre) are installed, then the whole process is a money wasting farce! With the Council already struggling to meet it's budget the cost of this is a hairbrained scheme that should be dropped forthwith.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| XXX Woodside Close which is accessed via Berrys Rd. There has never been a problem with the speed of vehicles so the speed limit change is unnecessary. There is access to the primary school via Berrys Rd. At times when children are walking to and from school the major use is from the parked cars of parents taking children to or from school. These vehicles reduce site lines, are often parked on the pavement and manoeuvred around pedestrians. At these times driving at even 20 mph is impossible. The danger to people comes from the parking not from vehicles speed. Introducing a 20 mph limit is a waste of the money that would be spent on new signage. If the council wants to make the road safer it would do better to control access to Berrys Rd as it has around Francis Baily School.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| I object to the proposal on the grounds that it is a waste of money for the council to spend money on, and that it won't improve the safety. I now live in XXXX, which is very short and not possible to get a vehicle up to an unsafe speed. I lived in XXXX from XXXX to XXXX and with cars parked on the road as there usually are, it isn't possible to drive at an unsafe speed. The main danger to school children / their preschool siblings is the parked cars. If a child pops out into the road between parked cars then at less than 20mph they'll still come to grief. The dangerous part of Upper Bucklebury is Broad Lane where as you know from SID readings, some drivers ignore the speed limit and drive at unsafe speeds. Changing the speed limit doesn't work - people who ignore the limits will ignore whatever it is. They need physical obstacles. The two traffic calming measures we have on Broad Lane help. Parking cars along the road to slow them down that way would do more than speed limits. Don't waste council money - it won't achieve anything.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| The vehicle commuters will be unfairly penalised by this nonsensical policy. They are the ones who pay for the upkeep of the roads. All this will do is increase pollution and traffic volume at rush hour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| As a road user and one that has driven in other 20mph limited roads, 20mph is not an appropriate speed to be driving at and can make driving less safe rather than more safe. At such a low limit you spend most of your time watching the speedometer and constantly changing gears to avoid exceeding 20mph, instead of being able to concentrate fully on hazards, pedestrians and other road users and drivers who already choose to exceed current limits will not be deterred by an additional reduction the only people affected will be responsible drivers. A lower limit risks creating frustration and distraction without achieving meaningful safety benefits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| This is an unnecessary proposal and I question how it is to be enforced. There is no evidence that reducing the speed limits in these areas is going to force more people to use cycles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 20 mph limit will unnecessarily impact my travel time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| - Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row are all rural communities. The addition of 20mph speed limits will just add to the urbanization these communities are already experiencing. We need to protect rural villages. - you have no way of enforcing this change in speed limit - you currently don't even enforce 30mph - you haven't listened to locals, hardly anyone has requested this and BPC have been working hard with the community on their existing speed watch program which is yielding successful results. - the suggested roads to change is quite frankly ridiculous and shows the lack of consultation with the community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Waste of money Show stats to support it being needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| See previous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Unnecessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1. This has not been asked for by local people and is a large over step by West berks Council. 2. The roads are perfectly safe as they are, there are no accident black spots. 3. We have much better things to spend money on.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| No reason to lower the speed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Too sweeping and needs to be more selective.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| I drive, cycle and walk, but only cycle on these particular roads. There is no reason for 20mph in general anywhere, but in these roads there is literally no issue with speed and cycling safety, which is reportedly one of the perceived benefits: in 20 years I have never once felt unsafe or intimidated on any of these roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Feels like council wanting to get money as it's very difficult to stick to 20mph- loads of research has now been done to support this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I feel that some roads warrant a 20mph limit if they pass a school or local Post Office shop for example. However, the blanket rule of 20mph being proposed on the long list of roads is excessive, will not contribute to less accidents, and will cost the council an enormous amount of money that West Berkshire can ill afford. As we have seen across Wales, these blanket 20mph road limits have not been successful, and we have seen a reversal of them there. West Berkshire Council never listens to residents when a consultation takes place, and will push through with their plans regardless of the outcome. However, I feel it's important to have a say on local changes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| It would be better to have targeted Speed Limits for Specific Areas Instead of imposing a blanket 20mph speed limit across these roads, it would be more effective to implement targeted speed limits in areas where pedestrians are actually present or more likely to cross. For example, speed limits could be lowered near schools, parks, or bus stops, where pedestrians are most active. At certain times of the day, in areas with very few pedestrians, a higher speed limit could be maintained, ensuring traffic flows smoothly without unnecessary restrictions. This approach would prevent the frustration of a universally slow speed limit while still ensuring safety in areas where pedestrian traffic is common. 2. Enhanced Signage and Awareness In locations with low pedestrian traffic, more visible signage could be a great solution. Signs that warn drivers of "Pedestrian Crossing" or "Low Pedestrian Traffic Area" could help maintain awareness without the need to reduce speed limits across the entire road network. Additionally, better road markings or the use of technologies like speed cameras could help maintain safe speeds, rather than relying solely on blanket speed reductions that are increasing environmental issues, causing anger and frustration and also being ignored by the very locals that are asking for them to be introduced. |
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| 20mph speed limits are ridiculous. They are an expensive was of council funds and do not serve any possible benefit. It is nearly impossible to drive in Oxfordshire and I now avoid the area this is what will happen to West Berkshire. Do not waste my tax money on this pointless initiative. Spend the money on social care and important areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 20mph won't impact systemic speeders, it just makes a misery for local residents going about their business. No no no no! Please consider alternative traffic calming measures. Please do NOT implement this overly restrictive and ridiculous plan. (cold ash resident)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| The reduction from 30mph to 20mph will not change the standard of living, noise will be very similar, quantity of traffic will not be effected. A better use of council funds would be to enforce the current speed limit rather than reducing it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| In truth there are far more important things for the council to concentrate and spend tax payers money on than reducing the existing acceptable speed limit on countless roads that do not need it. The current speed limits are not enforced so how will a blanket lower limit work? Or be enforced? Have we seen multiple accidents and deaths across the parish? I recognise speed invariably contributes to many road traffic accidents but reducing the speed limit to a level that will create more issues with traversing the area is unlikely to have any major impact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Complete waste of money, far too much money has already been wasted on this proposal. Those that drive dangerously (not just speed) will continue to do so regardless of the speed limit changes. Money could be better spent placing safe crossing places near schools and on main roads on school bus stops. According to planning applications none of these roads are considered unsafe and no accidents ever happen so I cant see why this money is being wasted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Cars are safer than ever with improved stopping distances. Driving at 20mph is distracting as you have to study the Speedo more. Cyclists can go quicker and overtake you                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| No need for new limits on these roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| There is no need the village is very small and you can't go faster than 30mph so just keep it the same                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I believe it is unnecessary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Living in the area a reduced speed limit will significantly increase my journey times and I am strongly opposed to this proposed change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I am concerned that this change has not adequately considered the character and usage of the road, nor the potential consequences for traffic flow, safety, and local residents. In particular: Road design and conditions: The road well-maintained, and has good visibility, which supports the current speed limit. Safety record: To my knowledge, there is no clear evidence of a collision history or safety issues that would justify a reduction/increase in the limit. Traffic flow and congestion: The proposed change is likely to increase congestion, driver frustration, and inconsistent speeds, which may paradoxically reduce safety. Community impact: The change may negatively affect residents, commuters, and local businesses who rely on efficient travel along this route. I respectfully request that the council reconsider this proposal, or at minimum publish the data, assessments, and justification used to support the decision. I would also welcome further consultation with local residents before any permanent changes are implemented. Thank you for taking the time to consider this objection. I look forward to your response.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| I would like to see published the imperial data that shows the speed/time and frequency for this location. Additionally the specific data set that demonstrate the actual accident reduction in other adopted sites, rate than just 'we believe it's a good idea and we believe we know better than you. This endless pursuit of controlling everybody's life is unacceptable and can only be justified if you can actually Demonstrate the cost benefit analysis. As I have to everyday in the trillion dollar business I work in. Of course in an ideological sense it makes sense to the liberal left but we live in a real world with real impact to people/business etc. Also there is no point having it without any means to resource enforcement, which of courts the council doesn't have the funds to do. And there is no way the police will.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 20 is not plenty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Object Our money is better spent on services people need. Nobody voted for this                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Unnecessary and frustrating                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| As a local XXXXXcompany this is going really damage our business our whole delivery area will now be 20mph and we expect a 25% reduction in daily delivery's costing us a extra day per week in lost delivery slots. Also not sure if you aware how hard it is to drive a lorry at 20mph they are not designed to drive at consistent speed it's between gears i hope you scrap this ridiculous proposal and use the cash to put back in the pot to keep you afloat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 20mph limits are just too extensive. Why not limit them to near schools and busy village centres, not through roads, without good reason. I don't see good reason for most of this. I seems to be the fashion for councils to do this and it doesn't work. Please don't become like Oxfordshire council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 20mph limits should be reserved for areas around schools and children's play areas, not for general use everywhere. You are reducing the impact and risking children's lives by placing them everywhere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Install speed cameras at current limits as these are already not adhered to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| This is not needed and a waste of money when the council is almost bankrupt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| There are already traffic calming measures in place which are perfectly adequate and provide natural crossing points for school bus stops and Peach's Stores.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

Altering the existing speed limits to 40, 30, and 20 is over complicated and leads to an information overload for drivers which in turn leads to diminished attention to driving. Why not extend 40 mph road sections of concern to 30 mph and do NOT introduce any 20 mph sections. Everyone then knows the advised safe speed limit and can still reduce their speed to a lower safe speed when necessary to reflect the prevailing traffic and environment conditions. Bad drivers of which there are too many will still ignore the speed limit whatever it is. This is a very pressing and different problem which tinkering with speed changes on small sections of road will not change.

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| <p>The proposal does not address the issue of vehicles driving too fast in Chapel Row. The proposal is for a reduction in speed limit on roads that would typically only be used by residents, who would be much less likely to drive at &gt; 20 mph anyway. The costs that would be incurred in providing the speed limit signs etc. would be better used for traffic calming measures on the main roads through Chapel Row (Hatch Lane, Broad Lane, etc.).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>I support the widespread adoption of 20 mph limits in built up or villages roads for the sake of road safety- the safety of children pedestrians in particular. I have recently moved to Streasley and hope that 20 mph limits are considered there. An added reason for reducing speed limits in Streasley is the protection of grade 2 listed buildings.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>I understand that setting 20mph speed limits was a manifesto commitment from Liberal Democrat Councillors in the 2023 elections for West Berkshire District Council and included "Introducing life-free zones and 20mph speed limits outside schools, and enabling 20 mph limits for residential streets where residents want it." Thames Valley Police welcome the opportunity to engage on plans for road safety improvement and acknowledge that 20mph limits can be a useful tool in road safety. There is little point in reducing a speed limit that is not respected without any plan to bring it into compliance. There are no road safety benefits in these circumstances. The policy of Thames Valley Police is to use sound practical and realistic criteria set in the Department for Transport (DfT) Circular Roads 1/2013 - Setting local speed limits - GOV.UK (revised in March 2024) when responding to Highway Authorities in an effort to promote consistency and to reduce the burden of constant and unnecessary enforcement. I understand that it is also the policy of West Berkshire District Council use the advice given in DfT guidance when deciding on and implementing reduced speed limits. Advice shown in Circular Roads 1/2013 states: key factors that should be taken into account in any decisions on local speed limits are the history of collisions, the road geometry and engineering, the road function, the composition of road users (including existing and potential levels of vulnerable road users), existing traffic speeds, road environment and driver perception. It is also clear about implementing 20mph speed limits as a blanket measure: "20mph schemes should be considered on a road-by-road basis based on the safety case to ensure local support, not as blanket measures." Thames Valley Police are not opposed to lowering speed limits providing they are appropriate to the road environment and likely to have causally reduction benefits. Evidence shows that changing to a lower speed limit on its own will not necessarily be successful in reducing the speed of traffic if the prevailing mean speeds are much higher than the proposed lower speed limit. If a speed limit is set too low and is ignored then this could result in the majority of drivers criminalising themselves and could bring the system of speed limits into disrepute. If a speed limit is set too low this could result in an unreasonable additional demand on police resources. Thames Valley Police have no policy to enforce based on arbitrary speed limits alone but will enforce based on threat of harm, risk and resourcing. 20mph limits are not excluded from this and will be enforced where appropriate. Setting local speed limits is clear that there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity, unless this has been explicitly agreed. In this case it isn't, there are no additional resources available to support extra enforcement. DfT Guidance states: "Schemes need to aim for compliance with the new speed limit. Where new limits are put in, they should be in places where most drivers are likely to comply. We know that compliance is better on smaller, narrower roads than on wider roads where the layout gives drivers a clear run." "Successful 20mph zones and 20mph speed limits are generally self-enforcing: that is, the existing conditions of the road together with measures such as traffic calming or signing, publicity and information as part of the scheme, lead to a mean traffic speed compliant with the speed limit. To achieve compliance, there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity unless this has been explicitly agreed." 20mph limits without traffic calming: "Research into signed-only 20mph limits shows that they generally lead to only small reductions in traffic speeds – less than 1mph on average. Signed-only 20mph limits are, therefore, most appropriate for areas where vehicle speeds are already low. This may, for example, be on roads that are very narrow, through engineering or on-road car parking. If the mean speed is already at or below 24mph on a road, introducing a 20mph limit through signing alone is likely to lead to general compliance with the new speed limit." The document also states – "DfT's comprehensive 3-year evaluation of the effect of 20mph signed-only limits was published on 22 November 2018 (Akinin 2018). It substantially strengthened the evidence base on perceptions, speeds and early outcomes associated with 20mph speed limits. It is the only major UK study to consider multiple case study areas and provide a national view. The headline findings are: • there is insufficient evidence to conclude that there has been a significant change in collisions and casualties following the introduction of 20mph limits in residential areas • in one city centre case study, there has been a significant reduction in collisions and casualties • there has been a small reduction in median speed (less than 1mph) • compliance is better on smaller, narrower roads than on roads where the layout gives drivers a clear run • vehicles travelling at higher speeds before the introduction of the 20mph limit have reduced their speed more than those already travelling at lower speeds" Collision history I have researched the personal injury collision history for Hatch Close and Paradise Way, Chapel Row. This shows there are no personal injury collisions on either of these roads, or indeed the village, within the last five year recorded period. Evidence from Thrale – 20mph pilot scheme 20mph speed limits in the village of Thrale</p> |
| <p>I strongly object to the proposal. I have not seen any evidence to suggest that excessive speed has caused significant numbers of major traffic accidents in the area. There are a small number of drivers who habitually drive at speeds much greater than the limit, but most drivers abide by speed limits. You will not deter the habitual offenders by reducing speed limits, it will require a significant deterrent such as numerous speed cameras. Where is the money to pay for enforcement coming from? Many of the residential areas off the B4009 and Cold Ash Hill do not lend themselves to drivers reaching speeds of 30 mph or more anyway so there seems to be little point in introducing a 20mph speed limit for those areas. As far as the B4009 and Cold Ash Hill are concerned, with the exception of areas immediately next to the primary schools, 20mph restrictions will achieve nothing other than disrupt and delay journeys of many drivers, for no obvious benefit. West Berkshire Council allegedly is close to bankruptcy, any money available should be spent on more important tasks, than paying for the installation of 20mph signs and enforcement, for example, there are many significant areas of damage to local roads which need proper repairs not the temporary cheap fixes favoured by many Local Authorities. As stated earlier in the survey</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Slower speeds are safer for all users and will make the road more pleasant by reducing noise pollution, encouraging drivers to use alternative routes if they're in a hurry and increase the perception of safety for cyclist and other vulnerable road users. This should lead to more short distant active travel trips and reduced pollution.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>I am impartial to the specific proposal for Chapel Row because the proposed 20 mph zones are not through roads for which the only way to stop this is a problem. 20 or 30 mph is fine. However, the one real problem in Chapel Row is speeding between the Avenue and Broad Lane - the main through route. The only speed to stop this is with traffic calming road furniture, similar to that already exists in Upper Bucklebury - where it has totally solved the problem of speeding. I genuinely worry about a serious accident involving a pedestrian or cyclist and a speeding vehicle happening in Chapel Row.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         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| <p>There is no evidence that a 20mph zone has a positive impact on the area</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>XXX I help deliver our parish magazine XXX. I once (never, ever again) did the deliveries in Hatch Lane. It was bad enough having to flatten myself against hedges and fences to get away from cars speeding down the narrow road. It was downright lethal when cars speeding in both directions met each other on bends and had no option but to swerve over right to each side to avoid each other at the last minute - leaving absolutely no space for a pedestrian to get out of the way. Had they been going at sensible speeds they would have had time to slow sufficiently to avoid last minute violent swerves and been able to pass each other safely and not risk hitting a pedestrian with nowhere safe to get out of their way.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>I support the proposal but would like to see the main route past the Bladebone included in the proposed 20mph zone. The junction for the road down to Bucklebury is in a blind corner and there are often people on the road walking from the pub, or local residents like ourselves.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    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| <p>Only 2 roads are in this proposal and BOTH have no speeding problems whatsoever so why are they being included? Do you have data about vehicle speeds to support this idea as, surely, you need hard evidence to make these changes in these hard financial times...this is a COMPLETE WASTE of public money where the real speeding problem is on through routes in the parish and not on country lanes and small residential roads. Please send OUR money more wisely!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>I support this proposal. There are narrow roads, some of which do not have pedestrian pavements in this area. A 20 MPH speed limit will encourage walking and cycling and will discourage dangerous or antiscocial fast driving and as such potentially lowering the risk of collisions. I occasionally drive through these roads, and would very much appreciate a more appropriate speed limit such as 20mph.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   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| <p>I live in XXX XXX in Chapel Row. The imposition of a 20MPH limit in this road is ridiculous and a complete waste of time and money. XXX XXX is a cul de sac with only 10 houses (5 each side) facing onto the main part of the close - all the others are on small tracks leading off the close. Due to a sharp bend in the close about halfway down, I suggest it would be impossible to drive at a speed higher than 10-15mph within the close. As it's a right hand turn into the close from Hatch Lane, there is nowhere to build up speed prior to entry. Why waste council money on something that is completely unnecessary? It would be far better to spend the funding putting traffic calming measures in along Broad Lane and the Common, where I often find myself jumping into a hedge to prevent myself being run over by traffic speeding through the village. I also walk regularly in Paradise Way in Chapel Row. As above, imposing a 20MPH limit is complete waste of time and money, as no vehicle has the room to increase speed above 20MPH. The road is very narrow with cars and vans parked both sides. Even lorries bound for the sewage works struggle to get down this road without travelling over the grass verges or the pavements consistently causing damage which is never repaired, by the council or Sovereign.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   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| <p>I live on the major route through Chapel Row linking to Upper Bucklebury and have got NO problem with the current speed limit of 30mph and the speed that drivers drive through my village. I have found that drivers are courteous and are always aware of myself and other pedestrians walking along the pavement and when crossing the road. The budget of 100k that it will cost to make changes could be far better spent on other more important things for West Berkshire Council and Bucklebury Parish Council. I am NOT in favour of any reduction of speed limits to 20mph on any of the roads in Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>The volume of traffic has increased massively since I moved here over 30 years ago and walking on the roads can be challenging. There are a lot of vehicles that manoeuvre in and out of the area round the Bladebone pub and it's on a blind bend, feel 20mph would be safer.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                          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The village centre has become very busy recently and Lorries, cars etc continue to speed through I We have lived on XXX XXX in Chapel Row for a long time and have experienced dangerous driving speeds regardless of the present speed limit outside our house in the centre of the village! We would appreciate a 20mph limit through the village centre and more importantly Traffic Calming as is in place in Upper Bucklebury which would have more affect. This needs to be put in place sooner rather than later to avoid any more accidents or fatalities!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              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| <p>20mph limit is overly restrictive.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>I live in the centre and would like to see 20mph in the village square where there is a higher population of people from the three businesses there. I routinely witness cars speeding and have nearly been knocked over a few times</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                               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| <p>The proposal for 20 mph limits appears to be Council's policy being imposed on residents in many parts of the country. Thatcham appear to be taking a thoughtful approach where residents are leading the discussion as opposed to it being driven by Council's desire. Except perhaps outside schools during drop off and pick up times, it is an unnecessary expense and there is no transparency regarding safety concerns and statistics to support these initiatives (I would even propose a 15mph limit near schools at these times as they do in France where 20km/h is becoming more commonplace). I am both a driver and cyclist and it is much safer as a cyclist to be overtaken quickly by a car travelling at 30mph than have a car creep past at 20mph especially on narrower country roads. From a driving perspective, and having driven in many 20mph zones, your concentration is split between constantly monitoring your speed (often with other vehicles tailgating or being indecisive with slower moving road users), and paying the necessary attention to your surroundings. Ratepayer funds are already very limited, potholes abundant (just drive up our High Street) and it is all about priorities and choice how money is spent on our roads. If there is no safety need on the roads in question, but they are dangerous for all road users due to their condition (as they are currently), then our money should be spent wisely not on ideological policy. The very few people who speed over 30mph will not stop speeding if the limit is lower. If speeding is the issue then enforce the current limits. It is improper and undemocratic that the council will decide for residents and spend thousands of ratepayers money on this over the coming years. Lastly, there is also the issue of "creeping urbanisation of our rural villages and communities. If the residents want to see this change then there needs to be full and proper consultation in the roads in question house by house as this consultation has been poorly publicised and raises the question why? The Council should also recognise that some roads do not have an alternative route that people can take and therefore traffic calming to enforce 30mph would be a far more realistic option to secure the public's support and compliance.</p> | <p>I support this change as I believe that 20mph limits DO change driver behaviour: lowered speeds ( albeit still above the 20mph limit) are recorded. However I wish to record my disappointment that Hatch Lane is not included in the review. It's currently 30 MPH and then 60 MPH which is directly past our (and others) gate and front door. This needs to be reviewed and my request would be for a 20 MPH for the whole length of hatch lane, the argument to lower the speed limit on Hatch Lane (in addition to Hatch Close) is strong. Our thriving pub and walking groups at the top, together with the traffic of heavy lorries eg relating to oil deliveries and the lumber works, render Hatch Lane a one way road at several points. We are also used frequently as a cut through for the A4 and M4 by work vehicles, who speed (and as an aside have been seen to discard litter on the road). Drivers slow, then accelerate. The road is shared with pedestrians, yet they are regularly forced to take to the bushes. We cannot wait for an accident to happen before something is done.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 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| <p>Whilst a 20mph limit on Hatch Close and Paradise way would appear to be good idea, in practice it would not achieve any practical difference in traffic speed. The roads are quite narrow and always have cars parked in them making it dangerous to drive above 20mph anyway. Even delivery vans don't speed as they are looking for house numbers. They are confusing in Hatch close. The cost of implementing this pointless change appears to be considerable and there are plenty of potholes in the area that should take priority.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    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| <p>Congestion, frustration, cost of signage on all roads. Money would be better spent on potholes and doing all the faded white lines, getting our roads up to a high standard and not like a third world country. Hope this applies to cyclists and illegal scooters also deliveroo riders</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>As a resident I would like to see 20 mph put in place in Hatch Lane from main road right through to Paradise Way. At 80 years old I am not as quick at jumping out of the way when tending the eroding bank of my garden.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            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| I haven't got all day to go about my business. Greater pollution, more noise, greater aggravation. This is just another excuse to keep a person in a desk job at our expense. Let alone cost of resigning all these roads. Those involved with this in West Berks are simply unfit for purpose. Even against opposition West Berks will still go ahead to justify your position. Simply appalling as expected                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I don't believe 20mph works. It creates greater pollution as most cars are revving in the wrong gear, it creates more noise due to revs too high. I believe 20mph are great near hospitals, schools, town/village centres and suchlike, they can be very damaging to certain businesses where time frames are a factor. In essence, vehicles struggling to maintain 20mph are more of a nuisance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I am writing to share my feedback on the proposed 20 mph speed limit as part of your consultation. While I support initiatives aimed at improving road safety, I am concerned that the current plan does not tackle the areas where the risks are greatest. The choice of streets—such as cul-de-sacs like Chapel Row—targets locations with very low through-traffic, used almost exclusively by local residents. Changes in these areas are unlikely to deliver any meaningful improvement in overall safety. Instead, attention should be focused on the main roads where higher traffic speeds present a genuine danger. In particular, Hatch Lane and The Avenue, especially around the Bladestone area, are well-known hotspots where vehicles often travel far above safe speeds. These roads are busy, heavily used by drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. In particular, children walking to their school buses at the Bladestone! Without targeted intervention, the likelihood of serious accidents remains unacceptably high. I strongly urge you to prioritise these key routes and introduce not only a lower speed limit but also appropriate traffic-calming measures to ensure drivers comply. Addressing these high-risk areas will deliver a much more meaningful improvement to road safety for the whole community. Thank you for considering my comments                                                          |
| In all but a very few exceptional cases, like an area just outside a school or in a residential street, 20mph is too slow. It is very difficult to drive most vehicles at this speed as vehicle's gear ratios are not suited to operate for any length of time at 20mph. 20mph is usually at the top end of the lowest gear and the very bottom of the next highest gear. Also most engine management units are not designed to operate at this speed, being optimized for 30mph. No only do vehicles find it difficult to operate at these low speeds for any length of time, engines are very inefficient at this speed using more fuel than they would at 30 mph. There is a strong push to extend 20mph limits to seemingly just about everywhere. My main objection is that I feel there are too many inconsistencies in road speed limits, with variable speed limits on main roads and rapidly changing speed limits on other roads, as a driver I find I am paying more attention to what the speed is currently than what is happening around me. I am sure I am not alone. I am convinced that the attention demanded of the driver trying to avoid heavy punitive fines and points from ever changing speed limits greatly detracts from that attention demanded to drive safely. For these reasons I do not support the expansion of 20mph speed limits unless the reasons for them meet very specific and narrow criteria. |
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| I agree with 20mph speeds near schools. Not on other roads. Lowering the speed limit won't necessarily reduce people speeding. What evidence is there to demonstrate that lowering the speed limit to 20 mph reduces accidents? Wales had to rescind some of the 20mph speed restrictions due to the number of complaints. The cost of installing signs will be expensive is this decision evidence based on the number of lives saved or just an expensive idea? Lowering speeds will reduce productivity, delivery vans, workman etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| - Diligent drivers will be distracted by attempting to adhere to such a low (uncommon) speed vs focusing on the risks around them e.g. cyclist or pedestrian on/in the road. - It will not change non-diligent driver behaviour, who drive at the speed they want to, as the current speed limits are hardly enforced. - The new signage etc will be a complete waste of valuable council funds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| It has been proven to be detrimental both to the economy of the car and to the gases that are released. There really is not much evidence that it helps. From the studies that have been run it seems that the roads are "safer" but that's only because fewer people are driving on them! And it's not fair to restrict the roads in Berkshire as we mood to be able to drive through places like Coldash.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 30 is adequate especially if cars keep to the limit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| The 20 mph limit in Hatch Close is completely irrelevant. Having lived in XXX XXX for almost 40 years, I cannot recall seeing cars ever travelling at more than 20 mph. The length of the Close, the sharp bend and the incline makes speeds naturally limiting. Pedestrian traffic is rare. Children play in gardens not in the Close. Money spent on signage is a waste as speed limits at any limit are only relevant if policed, which they never will be in the Close. At best the proposed speed limit will probably drop vehicle average speeds by about 0.1 mph. Councils should not enforce anti-car policies without hard data on benefits. Do you even know how many cars a day use the Close and the supporting speed data? Spend the money repairing potholes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| lack of police enforcement, concerns about longer journey times, questioning effectiveness without traffic calming increasing costs, 30mph is slow enough, Frustration from drivers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I believe 30 mph is perfectly adequate for road safety. Failure to enforce even existing limits is more of a concern. The council should not be able to complain of lack of funds if they are happy to spend OUR money on a pointless exercise.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| I object in the strongest terms to the imposition of 20mph speed limits anywhere in the area other than outside schools around the start and end times of the school day. Existing speed limits are adequate if enforced. 20mph causes traffic to bunch into long lines that don't permit joining or crossing traffic whether on foot, on a bike or in a car. We already have too much traffic in our countryside. We must prevent urbanisation of our current, rural environment. 20mph speed limits do not change peoples driving habits. Respectful, law abiding drivers will continue to be so and others will continue in their own ways. Resulting in nothing being achieved. A dreadful waste of money and resources that can be better used elsewhere on meaningful, long desired alternatives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Zero evidence of need and wouldn't be enforced either                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Both Hatch Close and Paradise Way are very minor roads with no through traffic. Speeding is not a problem. I think money would be wasted putting up signs. Id rather the potholes and uneven pavements were repaired.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| This is used as a through route and current 30 speed restriction is not adhered to in the village and many drivers enter and leave at much higher speeds than necessary or desirable. There are often parked cars and no pavement in sections (in Upper Bucklebury direction) where there is 30 mph and bends obscure view.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I object to hatch lane being excluded. It is an accident waiting to happen trying to walk anywhere down or up hatch lane with drivers travelling at 60+ miles an hour. It's a ridiculous speed limit for a road that in parts has only room for one vehicle at a time to pass on several parts. It is also extremely busy with the pub at the top - parents doing school runs and delivery drivers. Please don't wait till there is a fatality before the speed limit is lowered                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed 20mph speed limit as part of your consultation. While I am generally supportive of measures to improve road safety, I am concerned that the current approach will not address the most pressing safety issues. The selection of roads, such as cul-de-sacs in Chapel Row, focuses on areas with minimal through traffic, which are primarily used by residents. These changes will have little to no effect on improving overall safety. Instead, attention should be directed towards main roads where traffic speeds pose a significant danger to both drivers and pedestrians. In particular, Hatch Lane and The Avenue, especially around the Bladestone area, are high-risk locations where vehicles frequently travel at excessive speeds. These roads are heavily used and present a serious hazard to pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users. Without intervention, the risk of accidents and injuries remains unacceptably high. I strongly urge you to prioritize these main roads and implement not only a reduced speed limit but also additional traffic-calming measures to ensure compliance and enhance safety. Addressing these critical areas will have a far greater impact on improving road safety for the community. Thank you for considering this feedback. |
| Any reduction of speed in Chapel Row is most welcome. BUT please, more importantly, include the area that passes The Bladestone, I Interiors and the Cafe. This area is extremely dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders with huge numbers of cars parked using the facilities. There is also a blind junction whereby vehicles turning right (towards Bucklebury Village) cut off the corner and end up on the wrong side of the road heading straight for anyone/anything coming up from that direction to join the main road. There have already been a number of accidents at this corner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Safer for walkers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| The data on the imposition of a 20mph limit is very clear, it saves lives and injuries. There is now comprehensive information on available from several sources including Wales' ground breaking almost blanket application. For this alone it is worth doing. Arguments about the unreasonable slowing down of traffic are irrelevant when taking into account that it is to be applied to the speed limit but by factors such as volume of traffic, parked cars, schools, pedestrians, delivery vehicles, junctions, road width, visibility and bends. The change to journey times through the areas will be minimal. Even without hold ups when travelling in quiet periods the journey time through the average village will lengthen by less than a minute with a 10mph slowing. I have also heard the argument that as the police and traffic control measures cannot effectively keep vehicles to 30mph it is a waste of time and money having a 20 mph limit. Whilst accepting the point it does ignore the fact that responsible drivers will conform to the new limit and overall speeds will drop.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I support the proposal in full - it's just a shame that the proposal does not include the whole of Bucklebury including the Broad Lane " Rat Run".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Increased traffic and pedestrians is leading to more potential accidents and more actual accidents. There is a significant reduction in damage and injury at 20 rather than 30 mph.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Small Rural Roads with lots of walkers (often with Dogs), lots of Children recently moved into Bucklebury Village and surrounding properties and lots of Horses in the area, this proposal will make it safer and more pleasant for all, with little delay to any through traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Again the 60 mph zones have not been addressed, where many houses have driveways and find it difficult to leave their properties, particularly at rush hour. This area is used as a 'rat run' at peak times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| There are often children playing out in the street and many old folk and dog walkers around as well as an abundance of wildlife. There is no need for anybody to drive faster than 20 mph in the area and doing so will likely result in accidents, injury or death                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| As the Ward Member for XXX (including XXXXXXXXX) I have previously taken surveys on road safety. Though views on speed controls are mixed it is clear that there is a desire for speed control but concern it won't be enforced. Hence I support the proposal (though sad more roads that I requested did NOT come into scope of the consultation - e.g. Hatch Lane that has no pavement but is used by pedestrians - particularly school children going from Paradise Way to the Bladestone for school bus collection). I see there as clearly 2 different topics. Residents should be allowed to decide democratically what speed limits should be in front of their door steps. Authorities should then enforce those speed limits and stop whinging about how expensive it is or we don't have the money. Westminster must find cheaper and more resource effective ways to enforce for Authorities. Surely a simple camera system with AI could work out average speeds through villages and issue FPN or "stop anti-social behaviour" warnings without impacting police resource. MPs must use their collective brains to think of a solution and truly empower communities and local authorities.                                                                                                                                  |
| See previous answer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Lots of walkers, children, horse riders and cyclists. Pedestrians cross the road to pub/cafe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| safer for non-motorised users especially horse riders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| As per my previous comments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I support 20 mph area because of the number of people that walk/live in the area and the volume of traffic that uses the road. The roads through Stanford Dingley are probably more urgent for 20 mph, due to greater intensity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I don't drive so walking the roads in Chapel Row is not pleasant, so I can't understand why Hatch Lane is not included. There is no pavement along this road and a lot of narrow spots. Cars have no concern for pedestrians, and are often going at speeds in excess of 60 mph                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I would also like to strongly suggest that Carbinswood Lane - I am not sure whether you class this as Chapel Row or Upper Bucklebury or maybe Midgham - is included in your review - it is currently open speed limit and badly needs to be restricted to at least 30mph if not less. As daily walkers along this route, we often have to throw ourselves and our dogs into ditches or hedges to avoid speeding cars. Much traffic - including school run traffic to Elstree - travels at 40-50mph on a road whose surface and blind corners require less. We had a dog killed on this road by a BUS who should never have taken the road. Thank you.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Proposal should be extended to include a short section of 20 mph through the centre of Chapel Row. Parish led surveys reveal the extent of speeding through the village. Lower speeds significantly reduce injuries if someone is hit by a vehicle. Lower speeds reduce pollution. Lower speeds make walking and cycling safer and more pleasant. 100% support this proposal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| I support the recent objections highlighted by XXX Parish Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I support the introduction of a 20mph limit on Hatch Close BUT I believe that Hatch Lane should also be included. My arguments for this inclusion: The thriving pub, cafe and walking groups constitute a significant hazard to through traffic at the top, while increasingly heavy lorries, associated with oil deliveries and the logging industry half way down occupy over half the road width. Most vehicles reduce to 20mph anyway as the road (especially the top) is effectively one-way for several stretches. Many, however, will accelerate in the intervening stretches. They then have to suddenly brake eg if one of those living in the houses on that road edges out to see if the way is clear. The road is also patently unsafe for pedestrians, yet there are no pavements so all walkers must take to the road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| It seems to be an expensive overkill exercise to limit the speed in Hatch Close and Paradise Way, Chapel Row to 20mph when both roads are short cul-de-sacs and all vehicle movements are already of necessity slow. These roads are limited to 30mph anyway. So far as traffic in Chapel Row is concerned there are two main problems namely, speed is excessive of 30mph of through traffic on the main road and parking in the vicinity of the Blade Bone public house. The main road through Chapel Row has a 30mph limit but many vehicles exceed this and the road should be provided with traffic speed restriction measures to ensure safety through the complex junctions on an S bend in the centre of Chapel Row.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I strongly object to this proposal, on at least the following three points. 1. The current fashion for reducing speed limits to 20mph demonstrates fundamental misunderstandings about the nature of motorists / human beings. Responsible drivers tend to be law-abiding individuals and will therefore aim to comply with whatever speed limit is set. But irresponsible drivers are, by their very nature, far less likely to take notice of speed limits, including reduced ones. Reducing speed limits to 20mph carries with it an inherent danger – that pedestrians, becoming accustomed to traffic generally moving more sedately, then inevitably become less alert and aware when, for instance, crossing roads. In that less-alert state they are more vulnerable, and most especially should a faster-moving vehicle approach. This has become quite noticeable in city centres. And it often involves an irresponsible cyclist or e-scooter rider, neither of whom need fear speed cameras. I have seen this frequently on the streets of London. A false sense of security is in no-one's interests. 2. I am concerned that WBC has I suspect already paid a considerable amount of local ratepayers' money to the consultants it has engaged in this matter. I would question the justification for employing a high-profile and no doubt high-charging global company for this, but that is money already spent (wasted?). What I would emphatically not wish to see is a further huge sum committed to taking the consultation yet further, nor indeed implementing the proposed scheme. I question the justification, at a time when WBC bleats about having to cut services. On the day that I first noticed the proliferation of laminated white signs strapped to posts all over the roads in this proposed scheme, I also noticed four sites of freshly dumped fly-tipping. It has been reported, but more than a week later it's still there. 3. 20mph is less fuel-efficient than 30mph for vehicles powered by internal combustion engines, therefore raising air-pollution levels.          |
| It's already a 30 mph                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| There is little point on spending money on this project when the speed restrictions will not be policed. People already ignore the 30mph limit for the same reason. Money would better be spent on introducing physical barriers to speeding such as the speed restriction scheme on Broad Lane.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Current limit not observed or policed, this is a huge waste of money                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1) reducing a speed limit does not change driver behaviour unless it is enforce. I live on Broad Lane and witness speeding in this road daily. 2) main through routes in Bucklebury and neighbouring parishes do not meet the national guide lines for speed reduction. I'm in support of the introduction of part time 20mph speed limit displayed on the school warning signs when they're flashing. 3) in my opinion, implementing this scheme is a extremely unproductive and yet another wasteful use of the public funding that does not rip the intended result. The money would be better spent in reducing excessive speeds along BROAD LANE and CHAPEL ROW (speeding are witnessed daily) which is dangerous to disable individuals, children and elderly people who are using this road everyday. Speed indicators and traffic calming measures has been observed to be more effective.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| See the reasons given above for Upper Bucklebury.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Totally over the top blanket coverage with little thought to the frustration and inconveniences caused with traffic build up during busy periods. In Europe they operate a considerably mor restrained approach and actually implement where needed. The UK approach does not encourage observation as it is too far reaching instead it will be dis regarded as this proposal covers large areas where people will question why has this been done.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Whilst I support the proposal as far as it goes, I fail to understand why you would bother to go to the cost of enforcing a 20mph in a short residential road where you'd be hard pushed to exceed 20mph anyway, eg Hatch close, and Paradise way. I would also question how that could be policed. And you'd leave Hatch lane as half 30mph and the rest at national speed limit. Hatch lane is a rat run for parents going to the local schools and also to the A4. It is a dangerous road, drivers consistently speed down it. It has no pavement and there appears to be no plan to address that situation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| The same thing applies as in Upper Bucklebury, small cul de sacs with no speeding issues in the heart of a rural community and again unnecessary unurbanisation and will have no effect what so ever as you can't drive beyond 20mph anyway.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Why put a 20 mph speed limit on Hatch Close and Paradise way when the main problem area for speeding is Hatch lane and the main road going through Chapel Row. It would be a waste of time and money putting up the necessary signage to the two roads you have proposed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Proposed Speed Limit Order - Reference 2526HERM20 I wish to formally object to the proposed Speed Limit Order as it relates to Chapel Row, on the grounds that it does not adequately address the known and documented road safety issues in this area. Over a number of years, Chapel Row and the surrounding roads have experienced several serious incidents, including multiple occasions where vehicles have left the carriageway, collided with the public house, and come off the road onto the common. These incidents demonstrate that excessive speed and loss of vehicle control have been ongoing and material safety concerns in this location. The current proposal for Chapel Row appears to prioritise speed reductions on roads where I am not aware of any serious accidents, while failing to address the areas within Chapel Row where significant incidents have demonstrably occurred. As such, the proposal risks being misaligned with the actual safety issues on the ground. In addition, excluding key connecting roads within Chapel Row from the proposed reductions will likely create driver confusion and inconsistent behaviour, potentially exacerbating rather than mitigating risk. Police speed van data has consistently shown that vehicles travel at excessive speeds through the village, yet the proposal does not appear to respond proportionately to this evidence. This consultation represented an opportunity for the Council to take a more comprehensive and evidence-led approach, including: Consistent speed reductions across affected roads within Chapel Row. Consideration of traffic calming measures Targeted interventions at known accident locations. Without addressing the areas of repeated and serious incidents, the proposal does not fully meet its stated objectives of improving safety and reducing vehicle speeds. I therefore ask the Council to reconsider the scope of the proposal for Chapel Row, to ensure it properly reflects historic accident data, police speed monitoring evidence, and the real risks experienced by residents. |
| I am totally against this as I was in Thatcham                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Unnecessary waste of money and yet another example of nanny state intervention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I object to the proposal because the police are too stretched to enforce the speeding restriction effectively and West Berkshire funding is in crisis so I think that the money would be better spent on community schemes that have been proven to be effective to improve people's lives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Why are you wasting tax payers money? Have you carried out a feasibility study and how many accidents have occurred caused by traffic? Who do you suppose will enforce the speed limit? TVP haven't go enough resources to Police 30MPH limits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| The current speed limit is sufficient                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Traffic incidents accidents and injuries have been extremely low in the area over the last 5 years (circa 5 low level incidents in 5 years) and I consequently cannot understand the need to reduce speed limits further disrupting traffic flow and disrupting people going about their daily lives. This feels like a money making exercise (through increased levels of fines) that will further worsen the cost of living crisis for ordinary working people. I can see no requirement or justification.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| See objections 2 pages back                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I do not feel that there is an issue with speeding on the two proposed roads, perhaps some delivery vans do go too fast, however making this change WILL NOT change this, unless you intend to police the new speed limit and I am not in favour of having a speed camera vehicle parked on a residential street. It creates another blind spot. I am not in favour of using precious council resources and funds to make no difference. I do not want money wasted on pointless new signage. I would have supported a reduction to the speed limit at the top end of Hatch Lane and The Avenue as it passes through Chapel Row in front of the Bladebone and to the Dr's surgery. This, I feel would have made a considerable impact to safety and it is already periodically policed with speed cameras. Spending funds to the right thing is a much better approach.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| It's not required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| Cars are often doing more than 30mph and the proximity of the coffee shop, pub and shop in Chapel Row means there are often people close to the road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| This section incorporates the roads around the village centre where a cafe shop and pub are situated. Pedestrians and walkers who park around the village to use these facilities and to walk on the common are put in serious danger by drivers and a 20mph speed limit will slow those who are less inclined to slow from the national speed limit section currently.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| The current 30mph limit is widely ignored and walking along the footpath to the doctors surgery can be a bit of an intimidatory experience.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| I would like Stanford Dingley where I live included - cars travel over 30mph we have Tractors, horses, cyclists and a huge number of walkers in particular youngsters doing their Duke of Edinburgh treks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| I think the current proposal is not ambitious enough. The two residential roads affected are almost impossible to drive through at 30 mph already. However Hatch Lane which is a walking route for people in Hatch Lane and Paradise Way including school children going to and from school buses is unsafe with the current speed limit. I feel strongly that the speed limit should be reduced to 20mph along Hatch Lane.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Agree, the bend by the bladebone is tight and cars regularly go over the line at 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Safer environment for cyclists                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| People speed through this area on their way to the train station                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Chapel Row is at the end of two fast straight roads where cars often exceed 60mph. We often observe people slowing to 40-50 through that junction but not down to 30. This is especially concerning when people branch off the main road. Dropping the limit to 20mph sends a message. We live in Stanford Dingley and just like Bucklebury - our neighbouring village - and Chapel Row - our roads are 'mixed spaces' without pavements where cars, lorries, children, walkers, cyclists and horses all frequently interact. We and they often have non villagers (and some villagers) travelling at or over the 30mph limit which brings great danger to non vehicular users. This was the number one issue cited in the Stanford Dingley Village survey undertaken in 2022 - and so we are very disappointed to see that our neighbouring villages of Chapel Row and Bucklebury have been brought forward into this consultation but we have been told that we are scheduled for 2028/29. Given the safety issues here, this is deeply concerning to us. |
| Villages in rural area - with increased development along the A4 increasingly being used as fast cut through to Reading.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| I object to the part of the proposal which includes the main road through the village. This is currently 30mph and feels well adhered to. The main road is used by delivery drivers and through traffic with few pedestrians, and a 20mph limit will unnecessarily impact journeys                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I have lived in XXX XXX for 30 years. I would like to make the following observations: 1. Speeding has never been an issue on Hatch Close. 2. Hatch Close is too short to make enforcement of a new speed limit possible. 3. There are better uses of the funds for any extra signage needed if the speed limit was changed. E.g. repairs to the road surface.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| I object to the proposals for a blanket 20mph speed restrictions in the villages (Ashmore Green, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury, Chapel Row, Cold Ash and Hermitage) because I believe the safety improvement is questionable, but would make driving along these roads more frustrating and time consuming. Also, during a cost of living crisis, the cost of replacing signs and the economic harm of increased journey times is not justifiable. I agree that some areas such as around schools, and cat-de-sacs may benefit but roads that serve as through routes should stay 30mph. Some of the roads mentioned (such as "the ridge" in cold ash) is a long, through-route road and would benefit far more from other measures, such as cutting back trees to improve visibility, and building a footpath for pedestrians.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| I lived in Chapel Row for thirty years and full well know the problems we had in the village when it was the National Speed Limit. 30 mph is a sensible speed but it need to be enforced. The BPC survey has proved that the speeds are not been adhered to and enforcement is the only sensible solution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Research indicates that 20mph limits are more unsafe than 30mph limits, when including more factors than merely the impact of a collision (i.e. driver awareness, etc).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| The proposals are unenforceable. Many of the roads proposed is Morton's lane it is almost impossible to do more than 20mph. Many roads in Upper Bucklebury are already designated quiet lanes giving equal rights to pedestrians and horses etc, this has had limited effect and was a waste of BPC money - this would be exactly the same. There is no evidence of the need to reduce speed ie accident rates so what is the purpose of this ? The is no rationale proposed as to why this is being proposed other than purely political reasons. It is a complete waste of WSC money.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 30mph is a sufficient speed limit for these areas. Reducing the speed limit to 20mph creates more congestion and discourages people from following the law as people are more likely to ignore it as they find it frustrating as many Welsh drivers have experienced. If there is a concern for pedestrian safety then there are other ways this can be achieved such as more pavements, footpaths that run parallel to roads or safe crossings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Only relevant between the doctor's surgery and the last house. Would support that.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| It won't make a difference.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| It's hard enough to do 30 on these roads as it is. There are minimal accidents that happen on these road. I cannot see why a 20 should be imposed. It's highly unlikely to be enforceable - they already struggle to enforce the 30 mph on Broad Lane. People race between the pinch points instead of slowing down.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 20 per hour limits would be more effective just for short lengths of road, e.g. outside schools. Feel money would be better spent enforcing the current limits with more cameras as they are regularly broken with no consequence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| This unfairly demonises drivers who are the very people who pay for the roads. It will cause more pollution and traffic at rush hour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| As a road user and one that has driven in other 20mph limited roads, 20mph is not an appropriate speed to be driving at and can make driving less safe rather than more safe. At such a low limit you spend most of your time watching the speedometer and constantly changing gears to avoid exceeding 20mph, instead of being able to concentrate fully on hazards, pedestrians and other road users and drivers who already choose to exceed current limits will not be deterred by an additional reduction the only people affected will be responsible drivers. A lower limit risks creating frustration and distraction without achieving meaningful safety benefits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 20 mph limit will unnecessarily impact my travel time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| - Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury and Chapel Row are all rural communities. The addition of 20mph speed limits will just add to the urbanization these communities are already experiencing. We need to protect rural villages. - you have no way of enforcing this change in speed limit - you currently don't even enforce 30mph (bar the occasional police van in chapel row, but that is TYP and they've already said they won't provide additional resources) - you haven't listening to locals, hardly anyone has requested this and BPC have been working hard with the community on their existing speed watch program which is yielding successful results. - the suggested roads to change is quite frankly ridiculous and shows the lack of consultation with the community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Waste of money Show stats to support it being needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| See previous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Unnecessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1. This has not been asked for by local people and is a large over step by West berks Council. 2. The roads are perfectly safe as they are, there are no accident black spots. 3. We have much better things to spend money on.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Too sweeping and needs to be more selective.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| I drive, cycle and walk, but only cycle on these particular roads. There is no reason for 20mph in general anywhere, but in these roads there is literally no issue with speed and cycling safety, which is reportedly one of the perceived benefits: in 20 years I have never once felt unsafe or intimidated on any of these roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| This is not about keeping the roads safe, this will only benefit cyclists that will not stick to the 20mph restrictions and be more of a danger.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Feels like council wanting to get money as it's very difficult to stick to 20mph- loads of research has now been done to support this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| I feel that some roads warrant a 20mph limit if they pass a school or local Post Office shop for example. However, the blanket rule of 20mph being proposed on the long list of roads is excessive, will not contribute to less accidents, and will cost the council an enormous amount of money that West Berkshire can ill afford. As we have seen across Wales, these blanket 20mph road limits have not been successful, and we have seen a reversal of them there. West Berkshire Council never listen to residents when a consultation takes place, and will push through with their planes regardless of the outcome. However, I feel it's important to have a say on local changes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| It would be better to have targeted Speed Limits for Specific Areas Instead of imposing a blanket 20mph speed limit across these roads, it would be more effective to implement targeted speed limits in areas where pedestrians are actually present or more likely to cross. For example, speed limits could be lowered near schools, parks, or bus stops, where pedestrians are most at risk. At certain times of the day, in areas with very few pedestrians, a higher speed limit could be maintained, ensuring traffic flows smoothly without unnecessary restrictions. This approach would prevent the frustration of a universally slow speed limit while still ensuring safety in areas where pedestrian traffic is common. 2. Enhanced Signage and Awareness In locations with low pedestrian traffic, more visible signage could be a great solution. Signs that warn drivers of "Pedestrian Crossing" or "Low Pedestrian Traffic Area" could help maintain awareness without the need to reduce speed limits across the entire road network. Additionally, better road markings or the use of technologies like speed cameras could help maintain safe speeds, rather than relying solely on blanket speed reductions that are increasing environmental issues, causing anger and frustration and also being ignored by the very locals that are asking for them to be introduced. |
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| 20mph speed limits are ridiculous. They are an expensive was of council funds and do not serve any possible benefit. It is nearly impossible to drive in Oxfordshire and I now avoid the area this is what will happen to West Berkshire. Do not waste my tax money on this pointless initiative. Spend the money on social care and important areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 20mph won't impact systemic speeders, it just makes a misery for local residents going about their business. No no no no! Please consider alternative traffic calming measures. Please do NOT implement this overly restrictive and ridiculous plan. [cold ash resident]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| The reduction from 30mph to 20mph will not change the standard of living, noise will be very similar, quantity of traffic will not be effected. A better use of council funds would be to enforce the current speed limit rather than reducing it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| In truth there are far more important things for the council to concentrate and spend tax payers money on than reducing the existing acceptable speed limit on countless roads that do not need it. The current speed limits are not enforced so how will a blanket lower limit work? Or be enforced? Have we seen multiple accidents and deaths across the parish? I recognise speed invariably contributes to many road traffic accidents but reducing the speed limit to a level that will create more issues with traversing the area is unlikely to have any major impact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Complete waste of money, far too much money has already been wasted on this proposal. Those that drive dangerously (not just speed) will continue to do so regardless of the speed limit changes. Money could be better spent placing safe crossing places near schools and on main roads on school bus stops. According to planning applications none of these roads are considered unsafe and no accidents ever happen so I cant see why this money is being wasted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Cars are safer than ever with improved stopping distances. Driving at 20mph is distracting as you have to study the Speedo more. Cyclists can go quicker and overtake you                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| no need to change the limits here                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| I believe it is unnecessary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| Living in the area a reduced speed limit will significantly increase my journey times and I am strongly opposed to this proposed change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| I am concerned that this change has not adequately considered the character and usage of the road, nor the potential consequences for traffic flow, safety, and local residents. In particular: Road design and conditions: The road well-maintained, and has good visibility, which supports the current speed limit. Safety record: To my knowledge, there is no clear evidence of a collision history or safety issues that would justify a reduction/increase in the limit. Traffic flow and congestion: The proposed change is likely to increase congestion, driver frustration, and inconsistent speeds, which may paradoxically reduce safety. Community impact: The change may negatively affect residents, commuters, and local businesses who rely on efficient travel along this route. I respectfully request that the council reconsider this proposal, or at minimum publish the data, assessments, and justification used to support the decision. I would also welcome further consultation with local residents before any permanent changes are implemented. Thank you for taking the time to consider this objection. I look forward to your response. |
| I would like to see published the imperial data that shows the speed/time and frequency for this location. Additionally the specific data set that demonstrate the actual accident reduction in other adopted sites, rate than just 'we believe it's a good idea and we believe we know better than you. This endless pursuit of controlling everybody's life is unacceptable and can only be justified if you can actually Demonstrate the cost benefit analysis. As I have to everyday in the trillion dollar business I work in. Of course in an ideological sense it makes send to the liberal left but we live in a real world with real impact to people/ business etc. Also there is no point having it without any means to resource enforcement, which of courts the council doesn't have the funds to do. And there is no way the police will.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 20 is not plenty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Object Our money is better spent on services people need. Nobody voted for this                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Unnecessary and infurating ..... 30mph is adequate....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| As a local XXX company this is going really damage our business our whole delivery area will now be 20mph amd we expect a 25% reduction in daily delivery's costing us a extra day per week in lost delivery slots. Also not sure if you aware how hard it is to drive a lorry at 20mph they are not designed to drive at consistent speed its between gears I hope you scrap this ridiculous proposal and use the cash to put back in the pot to keep you afloat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 20mph limits should be reserved for areas around schools and children's play areas, not for general use everywhere. You are reducing the impact and risking children's lives by placing them everywhere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Current 30mph not adhered too - money would be better spent on speed restrictions/cameras                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Not needed no schools nearby                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 20mph is too slow, unnatural and unnecessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Altering the existing speed limits to 40, 30, and 20 is over complicated and leads to an information overload for drivers which in turn leads to diminished attention to driving. Why not extend 40 mph road sections of concern to 30 mph and do NOT introduce any 20 mph sections. Everyone then knows the advised safe speed limit and can still reduce their speed to a lower safe speed when necessary to reflect the prevailing traffic and environment conditions. Bad drivers of which there are too many will still ignore the speed limit whatever it is. This is a very pressing and different problem which tinkering with speed changes on small sections of road will not change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



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| <p>I understand that setting 20mph speed limits was a manifesto commitment from Liberal Democrat Councillors in the 2023 elections for West Berkshire District Council and included "introducing idle-free zones and 20mph speed limits outside schools, and enabling 20 mph limits for residential streets where residents want it." Thames Valley Police welcome the opportunity to engage on plans for road safety improvement and acknowledge that 20mph limits can be a useful tool in road safety. There is little point in reducing a speed limit that is not respected without any plan to bring it into compliance. There are no road safety benefits in these circumstances. The policy of Thames Valley Police is to use sound practical and realistic criteria set in the Department for Transport (DfT) Circular Roads 1/2013 - Setting local speed limits - GOV.UK (revised in March 2024) when responding to Highway Authorities in an effort to promote consistency and to reduce the burden of constant and unnecessary enforcement. I understand that it is also the policy of West Berkshire District Council use the advice given in DfT guidance when deciding on and implementing reduced speed limits. Advice shown in Circular Roads 1/2013 states: key factors that should be taken into account in any decisions on local speed limits are the history of collisions, the road geometry and engineering, the road function, the composition of road users (including existing and potential levels of vulnerable road users), existing traffic speeds, road environment and driver perception. It is also clear about implementing 20mph speed limits as a blanket measure. "20mph schemes should be considered on a road-by-road basis based on the safety case to ensure local support, not as a blanket measure."</p> <p>Thames Valley Police are not opposed to lowering speed limits providing they are appropriate to the road environment and likely to have causally reduction benefits. Evidence shows that changing to a lower speed limit on its own will not necessarily be successful in reducing the speed of traffic if the prevailing mean speeds are much higher than the proposed lower speed limit. If a speed limit is set too low and is ignored then this could result in the majority of drivers criminalising themselves and could bring the system of speed limits into disrepute. If a speed limit is set too low this could result in an unreasonable additional demand on police resources. Thames Valley Police have no policy to enforce based on arbitrary speed limits alone but will enforce based on threat of harm, risk and resourcing. 20mph limits are not excluded from this and will be enforced where appropriate. Setting local speed limits is clear that there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity, unless this has been explicitly agreed. In this case it isn't, there are no additional resources available to support extra enforcement. DfT Guidance states: "Schemes need to aim for compliance with the new speed limit. Where new limits are put in, they should be in places where most drivers are likely to comply. We know that compliance is better on smaller, narrower roads than on wider roads where the layout gives drivers a clear run." "Successful 20mph zones and 20mph speed limits are generally self-enforcing: that is, the existing conditions of the road together with measures such as traffic calming or signing, publicity and information as part of the scheme, lead to a mean traffic speed compliant with the speed limit. To achieve compliance, there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity unless this has been explicitly agreed."</p> <p>20mph limits without traffic calming. "Research into signed-only 20mph limits shows that they generally lead to only small reductions in traffic speeds – less than 2mph on average. Signed-only 20mph limits are, therefore, most appropriate for areas where vehicle speeds are already low. This may, for example, be on roads that are very narrow, through engineering or on-road car parking. If the mean speed is already at or below 24mph on a road, introducing a 20mph limit through signing alone is likely to lead to general compliance with the new speed limit." The document also states – "DfT's comprehensive 3-year evaluation of the effect of 20mph signed-only limits was published on 22 November 2018 (Jiskin 2018). It substantially strengthened the evidence base on perceptions, speeds and early outcomes associated with 20mph speed limits. It is the only major UK study to consider multiple case study areas and provide a national view. The headline findings are: • there is insufficient evidence to conclude that there has been a significant change in collisions and casualties following the introduction of 20mph limits in residential areas • in one city centre case study, there has been a significant reduction in collisions and casualties • there has been a small reduction in median speed (less than 2mph) • compliance is better on smaller, narrower roads than on roads where the layout gives drivers a clear run • vehicles travelling at higher speeds before the introduction of the 20mph limit have reduced their speed more than those already travelling at lower speeds" Collision history I have researched the collision history for the roads where the speed limit is being reduced and can find only two personal injury collisions.</p> <p><i>07/05/2021 – the wine mirror of a coach that was travelling northwest to southeast at slow speed collided with the shoulder of a 41 year old pedestrian who was walking two</i></p> <p>The Ridge is a through village route, providing access to the neighbouring villages and has no compelling reason to be reduced to 30mph. There is a school along this road and time specific limits of 20mph might be considered, but I don't think this would be of any benefit as most of those picking up and dropping off children block the road and hence the speed is well below 20mph (so the limit is unnecessary). If there is a genuine desire to improve road safety, it would be better to prevent motorists parking/queuing around school time and weaving around the queuing cars, placing a greater risk to children. The route along Hermitage Road is again, part of a through-village route. It has adequate pavements at the side and there is a fence/hedge between the fields and the road, thereby protecting anyone using the facilities. Further, there is already adequate "traffic calming" schemes on this road. (Or are you planning to remove those if the 20mph scheme goes ahead?) Again, there is no compelling reason to reduce the speed limit below the standard 30mph.</p> <p>I am submitting this comment in my capacity as Chair of XXX Local Access Forum. A Local Access Forum is a statutory advisory body, having no executive functions. It is a statutory advisor to its appointing authority or authorities, and other relevant bodies, on the improvement of public access to land within the area, for open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area. Local Access Forums are required to be appointed under Section 94 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 ("CROW"). Reading Borough Council, West Berkshire Council and Wokingham Borough Council have appointed a forum jointly – the XXX Local Access Forum. I object to this proposed TRO because of the omission of the section of Lawrences Lane between Lawrences Way and The Ridge from the list of roads that would be subject to a 20MPH speed limit. The section of Lawrences Lane between Lawrences Way and The Ridge is important for Thatcham residents to access the countryside of Buckenbury Common on foot and cycle. However, it is extremely narrow, and in many places a motor vehicle cannot safely pass even a pedestrian. The new speed limits proposed in the draft TRO for other roads in Cold Ash and Buckenbury will increase the journey time on those alternative and preferable routes between Cold Ash and Thatcham, whereas Lawrences Lane has the national speed limit of 60mph. As a result, sat navs (which may not know the true nature of the lane) will be more likely to recommend it as the fastest route. In 2023, West Berkshire Council made an experimental traffic regulation order prohibiting motor vehicles from Lawrences Lane. The Local Access Forum submitted formal advice in support of the Experimental TRO (attached). We were very disappointed when the Council decided not to make it permanent. In response to questions that I have asked at meetings of the Council, the Portfolio Holder for Highway has said that the Council would investigate alternative measures to make Lawrences Lane safer for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders (see for example attached). This proposed TRO is an opportunity to improve the safety of Lawrences Lane for pedestrians and cyclists, by applying a speed limit of 20mph. This would be relatively straightforward, because the draft TRO already proposes a 20mph speed limit at either end of this section of the lane.</p> <p>I strongly object to the proposal. I have not seen any evidence to suggest that excessive speed has caused significant numbers of major traffic accidents in the area. There are a small number of drivers who habitually drive at speeds much greater than the limit, but most drivers abide by speed limits. You will not deter the habitual offenders by reducing speed limits, it will require a significant deterrent such as numerous speed cameras. Where is the money to pay for enforcement coming from? Many of the residential areas off the B4009 and Cold Ash Hill do not lend themselves to drivers reaching speeds of 30 mph or more anyway so there seems to be little point in introducing a 20mph speed limit for those areas. As far as the B4009 and Cold Ash Hill are concerned, with the exception of areas immediately next to the primary schools, 20mph restrictions will achieve nothing other than disrupt and delay journeys of many drivers, for no obvious benefit. West Berkshire Council allegedly is close to bankruptcy. Any money available should be spent on more important tasks than paying for the installation of 20mph signs and enforcement, for example, there are many significant areas of damage to local roads which need proper repairs not the temporary cheap fixes favoured by many Local Authorities. As stated earlier in the survey</p> <p></p> <p>With regard to the proposed introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Cold Ash (Ref: 2526HERM20), I would like to give my views on this proposal as follows. I have lived in the same house on XXX XXX in Cold Ash for 49 years. Our house is situated XXXX. From your plan, the 20mph speed limit stops at the Acland Hall. I fully endorse the introduction of the speed limit, but strongly feel it should be for the full length of the Hermitage Road ending at the top of Slanting Hill. Otherwise this will only encourage drivers to speed up immediately after the Acland Hall, again exceeding the 30mph speed limit. The reasons for this are: Over the past 49 years there has been around 35 accidents at the crossroads, many crashing into XXX. A lot of these have been at night and the vast majority have been single vehicle accidents, the main cause being.... driving too fast! XXX in 1977 there was a bus stop XXX on the Hermitage Road, with a speed limit of 30mph that finished at the bus stop. The bus stop was destroyed by a car losing control, also destroying XXX. Shortly after this the 30mph speed limit was extended to the bottom of Red Shute Hill, but this did not make any difference to the speed of vehicles driving through Cold Ash. Later, five double chicanes were placed along the length of the straight. This gave relief for a while, but one-half of each of the chicanes was then removed, reducing double chicanes to single, has led to vehicles being on the wrong side of the road before and after the chicane, which is particularly hazardous at the Buckenbury Alley/Fishers Lane junction. Downe House School paid to have the double chicane by the school reinstated to protect their pupils. Many new housing estates have been and are being built in Thatcham, additionally the creation of a slip road giving access to the M4, have all increased the volume and speed of vehicles travelling through Cold Ash. There is a 7.5T weight restriction at the bottom of Cold Ash Hill, but this does not stop articulated vehicles and buses travelling along the Cold Ash Hill and along the Hermitage Road, especially in the morning and early evening travelling to and from Colthrop. The only restriction these vehicles encounter in Cold Ash is getting through the double chicane at Downe House School. Under no circumstances should any of the existing chicanes be removed, they help in a small way to slow vehicles down. The measures introduced so far have made little or no difference to the speed of vehicles travelling along the Hermitage Road, less than 10% actually keep to the 30mph speed limit. Unless there is an actual deterrent also put in place (i.e. speed cameras, speed bumps or making it an average speed area) the 20mph speed limit will be a fruitless exercise and a waste of time and money.</p> <p></p> <p>There is no evidence that a 20mph zone has a positive impact on the area</p> <p></p> <p>This scheme was heavily trialed in Wales and it caused such a backlash that many of the imposed 20mph speed limits there are gradually being removed. Too many unnecessary 20mph speed limits make journeys longer, cause more local pollution (as cars take longer to get through areas), increase drivers' anger and take away accountability from those who should be taking some (such as looking before crossing a road instead of walking blindly around having their heads buried in their phones). There are also quite a few steep hills in Cold Ash that several vehicles would struggle to climb at 20mph.</p> <tr><td>Ditto</td></tr> <tr><td>See previous message</td></tr> | Ditto | See previous message |
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| <p>XXX Parish Council broadly supports the proposal but suggests the following amendments: •Ashmore Green Road - reduce to 20mph in its entirety •Stoney Lane - reduce to 20mph in its entirety •Cold Ash Hill near Southend - reduce from 40mph to 30mph</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Traffic frequently exceeds 30mph along the whole of Hermitage Road. This is unpleasant for residents and is dangerous for the nubser of schooin children who move along the road. This includes St Marks and Downe House Schools. Hopefully the 20mph hour would have the effect of reducing the speed of a busy road.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>I support the widespread adoption of 20 mph limits in built up or villages roads for the sake of road safety- the safety of children pedestrians in particular. I have recently moved to Strealey and hope that 20 mph limits are considered there. An added reason for reducing speed limits in Strealey is the protection of grade 2 listed buildings.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>slower speeds are safer for all users and will make the road more pleasant by reducing noise pollution, encouraging drivers to use alternative routes if they're in a hurry and increase the perception of safety for cyclist and other vulnerable road users. This should lead to more short distant active travel trips and reduced pollution.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Cold Ash hill is unsafe and needs speed restrictions</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>The traffic needs slowing down to protect the pedestriand cyclists also using these roads</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>I live on XXX and have seen an increase in both volume and speed of traffic. In places there is no pavement or a very narrow pavement. Buses and trucks speed past terrifyingly close. Trying to cross the road by The Castle pub is a nightmare. Traffic coming down the hill at speed cannot be seen because of the trees. Traffic coming up the hill cannot also not be seen because of the blind bend/ apex of hill. I wear a fluorescent jacket to try to avoid being run over. I would support consideration of extending the area covered by the new speed limit. The current speed signs are very small. Please increase the prominence of signage. The Ridge is also a road that would benefit from a speed restriction. It appears to be a rat run. Thank you.</p> |
| <p>The improvements in road safety statistics from Wales (28% overall reduction in incidents) speak for themselves, they are not a statistical blip. It is important to keep residents "onboard" and possibly the Welsh implementation went too far initially including some roads which were perceived by many to be an unnecessary reduction but I think that has now been largely resolved. It is important that people support the new limits as they then act as mobile traffic calming which keeps others within the limit. Hopefully this should make the local roads safer and more pleasant for pedestrians and cyclists and so encourage more people to walk and cycle.</p>                                                                                           |
| <p>I support this proposal. There are narrow roads, (some of which do not have pedestrian pavements) in this area. A 20 MPH speed limit will encourage walking and cycling and will discourage dangerous or antisocially fast driving and as such potentially lowering the risk of collisions. I occasionally drive through these roads, and would very much appreciate a more appropriate speed limit such as 20mph.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>I support any measures that make our village roads more safe for pedestrians, cyclists and riders. This is achievable with the proposed 20 mph speed restriction (provided that it can be enforced). A reduction in air pollution and an increase in sustainable travel are happy side effects.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <p>Whilst I agree that reducing speed limits on the majority of these roads is sensible, I fail to see how it is workable. The levels of speeding at the current speed limit on the main hill in Cold Ash and the Ridge are unbelievable and that is not policed enough. How will the new speed limit be enforced? I think the money would be better spent on enforcing the current speed limit.</p> |

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| <p>i think this idea of 20mph limits on main routes through our village are because of the 2 schools in the village. Has anyone visited the village at school pickup time?... the problem is not speeding traffic but total gridlock due to inconsiderate parking so the idea of a permanent limit makes no sense. Why can't you put a 20 limit in for when children are going to and coming out from school, perhaps linked to the flashing school signs? My worry is that a permanent 20 will not be enforceable (the current 30 isn't!) and will lead to drivers overtaking those who do comply...I've seen this already in the 30 area and overtaking is much more dangerous to pedestrians than as now. As for the side roads there's really no problem now most of the time, the dangerous drivers will continue to be dangerous and need police action ...will 20 limits really help, I doubt it! This is a terrible proposal that hasn't been thought through REDUCING A SPEED LIMIT DOESN'T SLOW TRAFFIC DOWN UNLESS IT'S ENFORCED... this isn't London!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>I object to the proposed traffic order as I see it as a complete waste of our money and it will not make our area more attractive and accessible for any highway users. There are plenty of things that could be done to make our area more attractive and accessible by non-motorised highway users. Clearing overgrown pavements along the busier roads, where lack of maintenance by the highway authority, make pedestrians feel intimidated by large vehicles and child buggies difficult to navigate would be useful. Saving the money wasted on road signs etc could provide a lot of pavement maintenance to start with. I know of at least 1 disabled person that tried to use her electric carriage to go to Thatcham and has given up due to the state of the pavements. It wasn't the speed of vehicles that put her off, it was the fact that the pavement was overgrown and sloping into the road! The plan to make my own road a 20mph is totally pointless. It is a col-de-us where it would be a real effort to reach more than 20mph and highly unlikely that anyone will get that fast. It will have to have 20MPH signs at the entrance with all the cost involved and there is no chance of the limit being enforced by anyone! Total waist of our money!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>As a resident of Bucklebury Alley, beyond the Drove Lane junction, I am appalled that this plan could possibly be conceived as an improvement to the local traffic safety. To reduce the speed limit at the junction with Hermitage Road is very necessary &amp; long overdue, as is the speed limit extension down to the footpath on the right. However, thereafter to consider that the remaining road (which becomes single track and a blind end) should have a 60MPH limit beggars belief. Are you seriously recommending a derestricted zone at this most dangerous straight stretch of Bucklebury Alley, before the critical blind bend? Its suicidal and urgently needs REVIEWING PLEASE!!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>20mph limit is overly restrictive. I have no issues with vehicles travelling at 30mph down the ridge. The problem is the excessive speed of vehicles, sometimes at around 60mph. Effective enforcement of the existing speed limit is required. Residents have requested this and been ignored. Another priority should be the width restrictions on the Hermitage Road. These result in cars accelerating way beyond the speed limit and directly towards oncoming vehicles to avoid having to stop.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Because in its detail Bucklebury Alley is inadequately dealt with, indeed farcical.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>The proposal for 20 mph limits appears to be Council's policy being imposed on residents in many parts of the country. Thatcham appear to be taking a thoughtful approach where residents are leading the discussion as opposed to it being driven by Council desire. Except perhaps outside schools during drop off and pick up times, it is an unnecessary expense and there is no transparency regarding safety concerns and statistics to support these initiatives (I would even propose a 15mph limit near schools at these times as they do in France where 20Kmh is becoming more commonplace). I am both a driver and cyclist and it is much safer as a cyclist to be overtaken quickly by a car travelling at 30mph than have a car creep past at 20mph especially on narrower country roads. From a driving perspective, and having driven in many 20mph zones, your concentration is split between constantly monitoring your speed (often with other vehicles tailgating or being indecisive with slower moving road users), and paying the necessary attention to your surroundings. Raterpayer funds are already very limited, potholes abundant (just drive up our High Street) and it is all about priorities and choice how money is spent on our roads, if there is no safety need on the roads in question, but they are dangerous for all road users due to their condition (as they are currently), then our money should be spent wisely not on ideological policy. The very few people who speed over 30mph will not stop speeding if the limit is lower. If speeding is the issue then enforce the current limits. It is improper and undemocratic that the council will decide for residents and spend thousands of ratepayers money on this over the coming years. Lastly, there is also the issue of "creeping urbanisation of our rural villages and communities. If the residents want to see this change then there needs to be full and proper consultation in the roads in question house by house as this consultation has been poorly publicised and raises the question why? The Council should also recognise that some roads do not have an alternative route that people can take and therefore traffic calming to enforce 30mph would be a far more realistic option to secure the public's support and compliance.</p> |
| <p>Congestion, frustration, pollution, cost of signage on all roads. Money would be better spent on potholes and doing all the faded white lines, getting our roads up to a high standard and not like a third world country. Hope this applies to cyclists and illegal &amp; scooterists also delivero riders</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>Pot hokes, white line etc, you could go on Money would be best spent elsewhere. Ie crime rate</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>Same reasons as to the previous proposal</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>I haven't got all day to go about my business. Greater pollution, more noise, greater aggravation. This is just another excuse to keep a person in a desk job at our expense. Let alone cost of resigning all these roads. Those involved with this in West Berks are simply unfit for purpose. Even against opposition West Berks will still go ahead to justify your position. Simply appalling as expected</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>I don't believe 20mph works. It creates greater pollution as most cars are revving in the wrong gear, it creates more noise due to revs too high. I believe 20mph are great near hospitals, schools, town/village centres and suchlike, they can be very damaging to certain businesses where time frames are a factor. In essence, vehicles struggling to maintain 20mph are more of a nuisance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>Existing speed limits are sufficient.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <p>I support the reduction of speed to 20 MPH for reasons of safety and pollution.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p>We live on XXX and often traffic drives down the hill too fast. I have two teen boys who ride bikes and I fear for them when cycling on the main road through cold ash.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>This is a long, straight piece of road along which vehicles are regularly travelling at 40 rather than 30. In six years of living in Cold Ash I have never seen it policed (they have regular speed traps on Cold Ash Hill, but never along this part of the road). The stretch has relatively narrow pavements, a reasonable level of pedestrian activity, including young children (particularly at school times and, due to the busy recreation ground, at the weekends). Even if the 20 limit means that people drive at 30 instead of 40 this will be an important achievement with respect to the safety of everyone, and especially children, in Cold Ash. Despite it containing the school, the recreation ground, the church, and a busy crossroads, the stretch is relatively short, and the impact on journey times will be immaterial, but the potential for increased safety is significant.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>I support the proposal, as evidence shows that drivers do not respect the current 30 mph limit. Many vehicles travel well above this speed on a road where children walk daily and wait for the bus. Residents, pedestrians, dog walkers, and visitors to the area would all benefit from calmer traffic. Also reducing the speed, the road would need less maintenance. Reducing the speed limit to 20 mph consecutively would likely encourage drivers to travel closer to 30 mph, as many currently drive at 35–40 mph or more.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Living in Cold Ash on XXX, I support the proposal, however wish to make a comment and challenge why the proposed 20mph speed limited is not extending all the way down Cold Ash Hill to just south of Hatchgate Close. This part of the road regularly attracts speedsters (up and down the hill) and with the pavement on the west-side of the road being fairly narrow it feels dangerous to walk on. XXX live directly on this section (as do quite a few more elderly residents) and find the speed of passing traffic quite frankly scary and it is deterring them from walking up the hill to the Post Office. Given there are numerous side roads along Cold Ash Hill (from Hatchgate Close, Collaroy Road, Strouds Meadow, Spring Lane and Gladstone Lane upto Harwood Drive, that are subject to the proposed 20MPH limit, and Cold Ash Hill itself reduces to 20mph just north of Harwood Drive until north of Sewel Close, it seems ridiculous that the southern part of Cold Ash Hill will remain at 30mph (I stress, cars regularly exceed this existing limit). Please can consideration be given to exte d the 20mph limit to the Southern section of Cold Ash Hill? Many thanks</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>I have lived here beside the XXX for over 40 years and during that time the volume and speed of traffic has increased significantly. There have been at least 3 accidents at the Bucklebury Alley crossroads and 3 fatalities of 2 people crossing the road, one near the Acland Hall and one near St Mark's School and one motorcyclist was killed in a head on collision in a chicane. I fear for the lives of anyone, particularly children walking to school along the narrow pavement or walking down from the garage where there is a bus drop off from Downs School. I no longer walk to the Post Office given the speed of the traffic, it is terrifying! I also worry about other road users, eg cyclists or horse riders. The volume of traffic, with coaches, buses, lorries, vans and cars, has increased beyond measure and with this the noise level. The noise level is also higher because vehicles frequently exceed the speed limit of 30 mph and regularly travel between 40 and 50 mph. The poor road surface with potholes and lack of any recent resurfacing (not since Gigaclar put in the broadband cable), adds to the problem. I have given up sitting in the garden, nowhere in it am I free from noise. Despite double and triple glazing in some places the traffic noise is audible in the house, and I can no longer have a bedroom window open at night due to traffic using the road and going even faster through the night. There are some vehicles which even cause my house to shake during the night. I see from your map that the 20 starts between Sewell Close and Bucklebury Alley, why not the other side of the crossroads? The pavement from the garage is very narrow and the pupils from the Downs have to walk down it from the bus stop beside the garage. Visibility at the Fishers Lane/Bucklebury Alley crossroads remains poor.</p> |
| <p>I support the proposal owing to the statutory requirement to decrease air pollution and also the benefit of reducing noise and risks to pedestrians. What I do not understand why the 20 limits are not blanket and apply to the whole village from the boundaries. This would then ensure the speed is consistent and drivers understand the limit is 20mph on all roads in the village. There would also then be less unnecessary braking and accelerating which is bad and less confusion and more likelihood of sticking to the limit. It would also reduce the cost of implementing with only new signs required at the roads leading into the village &amp; not multiple throughout the village which would save the council lots of money. If there is a valid argument to introduce the limit then there can be no argument as to why the limits would be different and changes.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>I live on XXX and the speed that cars go through at is shocking.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>We live in XXX opposite the junction with XXX. Last week a car ran into and demolished a section of our garden wall whilst trying to avoid another car in the middle of the road coming up XXX. The road is used as a cut through from st finians school and people come down the road far too fast round the blind corner in front of our house. Reducing it to 20mph is a start but won't stop people speeding. I would like to request a no parking line on some of the road as well as cars parked near the Gladstone lane junction are very dangerous with the volume of traffic coming down the road at speed. The 20mph will not be enough.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>The data on the imposition of a 20mph limit is very clear, it saves lives and injuries. There is now comprehensive information on available from several sources including Water ground breaking almost blanket application. For this alone it is worth doing. Arguments about the unreasonable slowing down of traffic are irrelevant when taking into account that it is to be applied in areas that traffic is slowed not by the speed limit but by factors such as volume of traffic, parked cars, schools, pedestrians, delivery vehicles, junctions, road width, visibility and bends. The change to journey times through the areas will be minimal. Even without hold ups when travelling in quiet periods the journey time through the average village will lengthen by less than a minute with a 10mph slowing. I have also heard the argument that as the police and traffic control measures cannot effectively keep vehicles to 30mph it is a waste of time and money having a 20 mph limit. Whilst accepting the point it does ignores the fact that responsible drivers will conform to the new limit and overall speeds will drop.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <p>In all but a very few exceptional cases, like an area just outside a school or in a residential street, 20mph is too slow. It is very difficult to drive most vehicles at this speed as vehicle's gear ratios are not suited to operate for any length of time at 20mph. 20mph is usually at the top end of the lowest gear and the very bottom of the next highest gear. Also most engine management units are not designed to operate at this speed, being optimised for 30mph. No only do vehicles find it difficult to operate at these low speeds for any length of time, engines are very inefficient at this speed using more fuel than they would at 30 mph. There is a strong push to extend 20mph limits to seemingly just about everywhere. My main objection is that I feel there are too many inconsistencies in road speed limits, with variable speed limits on main roads and rapidly changing speed limits on other roads, as a driver I find I am paying more attention to what the speed is currently than what is happening around me. I am sure I am not alone. I am convinced that the attention demanded of the driver trying to avoid heavy punitive fines from ever changing speed limits greatly detracts from that attention demanded to drive safely. For these reasons I do not support the expansion of 20mph speed limits unless the reasons for them meet very specific and narrow criteria.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p>My concern is this is an necessary cost when we are aware of many services being cut. I have no concerns for the smaller roads within any of west berkshire being reduced however I do have objections to the main roads within hermitage and cold ash as this will reduce progres. From the experiment in wales, I believe that many of the speed limits have reverted back. I would like a better explanation of why we are looking to do this activity as I haven't heard of any accidents or near misses in these areas.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>There doesn't seem to be a problem with the speed of traffic in on this road.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p>A waste of time and money</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>I agree with 20mph speeds near schools. Not on other roads. Lowering the speed limit won't necessarily reduce people speeding. What evidence is there to demonstrate that lowering the speed limit to 20 mph reduces accidents? Wales had to rescind some of the 20mph speed restrictions due to the number of complaints. The cost of installing signs will be expensive is this decision evidence based on the number of lives saved or just an expensive idea? Lowering speeds will reduce productivity, delivery vans, workman etc.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Absence of evidence that 20mph limits have the desired effect and also absence of evidence that, even if the former were not true, the speed or safety in Cold Ash demands a reduction. You are literally finding things to waste money on when there is so much more need for infrastructure improvements with issues such as potholes, parking, highway obstructions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>- Diligent drivers will be distracted by attempting to adhere to such a low (uncommon) speed vs focusing on the risks around them e.g. cyclist or pedestrian on/in the road. - It will not change non-diligent driver behaviour, who drive at the speed they want to, as the current speed limits are hardly enforced. - The new signage etc will be a complete waste of valuable council funds.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>Not beneficial and hard to maintain such a low speed in such a hilly area</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>I've experienced 20mph in Oxfordshire around various villages and it's very frustrating. I think the cost is extensive and money should be used to fix pot holes in our roads instead.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p>It will cost too much and not be enforced anyway</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>It has been proven to be detrimental both to the economy of the car and to the gases that are released. There really is not much evidence that it helps. From the studies that have been run it seems that the roads are "safer" but that's only because fewer people are driving on them! And it's not fair to restrict the roads in Berkshire as we mood to be able to drive through places like ColdAsh.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Make cars travel at 30</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>lack of police enforcement, concerns about longer journey times, questioning effectiveness without traffic calming increasing costs, 30mph is slow enough, Frustration from drivers</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>I don't see a need to reduce the speed limit and it's not going to be policed in any of the estates or closes</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>I believe 30 mph is perfectly adequate for road safety. Failure to enforce even existing limits is more of a concern. The council should not be able to complain of lack of funds if they are happy to spend OUR money on a pointless exercise.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>I object in the strongest terms to the imposition of 20mph speed limits anywhere in the area other than outside schools around the start and end times of the school day. Existing speed limits are adequate if enforced. 20mph causes traffic to bunch into long lines that don't permit joining or crossing traffic whether on foot, on a bike or in a car. We already have too much ugly road furniture to blight our countryside. We must prevent urbanisation of our current, rural environment. 20mph speed limits do not change peoples driving habits. Respectful, law abiding drivers will continue to be so and others will continue in their own ways. Resulting in nothing being achieved. A dreadful waste of money and resources that can be better used elsewhere on meaningful, long desired alternatives.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>No evidence of need.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>It is unnecessary, will cause a large increase in harmful pollution due to vehicles operating even more inefficiently and cause delays. It is probably being proposed as a means to raise revenue through fines as it is very hard to drive modern vehicles as slowly as 20MPH. Instead of revising the speed limit down you should effectively enforce the current limits as the vast majority of the traffic exceeds the current limit and enforcement is only occasional.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>The traffic calming measures whereby one lane of traffic gives way to the other have caused more issues. Traffic speeds up to get through. Traffic already exceeds the speed limit currently. This will just continue with drivers exceeding the speed limit to a greater extent. Policing the current limits would seem more appropriate rather than spending more money reducing the limit</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>I strongly object to this proposal, on at least the following three points. 1. The current fashion for reducing speed limits to 20mph demonstrates fundamental misunderstandings about the nature of motorists / human beings. Responsible drivers tend to be law-abiding individuals and will therefore aim to comply with whatever speed limit is set. But irresponsible drivers are, by their very nature, far less likely to take notice of speed limits, including reduced ones. Reducing speed limits to 20mph carries with it an inherent danger – that pedestrians, becoming accustomed to traffic generally moving more sedately, then inevitably become less alert and aware where, for instance, crossing roads. In that less-alert state they are more vulnerable, and most especially should a faster-moving vehicle approach. This has become quite noticeable in city centres. And it often involves an irresponsible cyclist or e-scooter rider, neither of whom need fear speed cameras. I have seen this frequently on the streets of London. A false sense of security is in no-one's interests. 2. I am concerned that WBC has I suspect already paid a considerable amount of local ratepayers' money to the consultants it has engaged in this matter. I would question the justification for employing a high-profile and no doubt high-charging global company for this, but that is money already spent (wasted?). What I would emphatically not wish to see is a further huge sum committed to taking the consultation yet further, nor indeed implementing the proposed scheme. I question the justification, at a time when WBC bleats about having to cut services. On the day that I first noticed the proliferation of laminated white signs strapped to posts all over the roads in this proposed scheme, I also noticed four sites of freshly dumped fly-tipping. It has been reported, but more than a week later it's still there. 3. 20mph is less fuel-efficient than 30mph for vehicles powered by internal combustion engines, therefore raising air-pollution levels.</p> |
| <p>By the schools, is ok already slow enough</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>There is little point on spending money on this project when the speed restrictions will not be policed. People already ignore the 30mph limit for the same reason. Money would better be spent on introducing physical barriers to speeding such as the speed restriction scheme on Broad Lane.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>Totally over the top blanket coverage with little thought to the frustration and inconveniences caused with traffic build up during busy periods. In Europe they operate a considerably more restrained approach and actually implement where needed. The UK approach does not encourage observation as it is too far reaching instead it will be dis regarded as this proposal covers large areas where people will question why has this been done.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <p>I support this proposal mainly for pedestrian safety since some of the roads, such as The Ridge and Collaroy Road in part, do not have pavements. Also, on some busier roads, notably Cold Ash Hill, reduced speed will also reduce noise levels. This is important since many of the homes are close to the road. However, safety is the main reason and I would favour extending 20mph on Cold Ash Hill down to Hatchgate Close. We should note that early results in Wales suggest a lower accident rate with 20mph in built up areas.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>It will enhance the tranquility of the village and reduce the twice-daily invasion of speeding parents driving their children to and from schools. It will also reduce the noise level of vehicles driving through the village.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Speeding traffic through chicanes endangers pedestrians including children using pavements progressing to school and the Acland Common play facilities</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>The Ridge - high volume of peak traffic, very fast vans and cars especially in the evening. There are no street lights or footpaths. I personally have had a few near misses. Foot computers include elderly, school children dog walkers and horse riders.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>I support the proposal in full - it's just a shame that the proposal does not include the whole of Bucklebury including the Broad Lane "Rat Run".</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>Increased traffic and pedestrians is leading to more potential accidents and more actual accidents. There is a significant reduction in damage and injury at 20 rather than 30 mph.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>I think there are a huge amount of vehicles travelling around the village far faster than the current set 30mph limit and with the large amount of children walking into the schools an enforced slower speed limit is a great idea. As the site manage for XXX on Ashmore Green Road just below Thirtover would it be possible for the speed limit reduction to 20 also cover our entrance? This would enable us to help keep the young people that use out facility safer.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>I support it, but would like Cold Ash Hill to include the junctions with Spring Lane and Gladstone Lane to also be included in the 20mph zone. Trying to cross the road from Spring Lane to the pubs at Gladstone lane on that corner is very dangerous. Trying to get in and out of Spring Lane is also difficult by car.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>To reduce the average speed and noise over the very poor road surface and around bollard restrictions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>While I support the proposal, it is on in the basis that the 20mph limit is also extended further down Cold Ash Hill to at least Spring Lane. This includes the dangerous bend and beyond the public houses. This is an area where there have been repeated near misses and actual accidents due to the speed of vehicles and the risks of vehicles emerging on to the road along this stretch. It is also particularly dangerous due to the number of adults and children who cross along this stretch of road. I can see no logical reason why this residential stretch is any different to The Ridge and other roads in Cold Ash.</p>                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>I live on XXX opposite XXX and speeding is a constant problem. Current traffic calming measures along Hermitage Rd only appear to make drivers rush and increase speed to get through and then continue above the speed limit. I witness cars and bikes often traveling past XXX at 50+ mph. Every day. Very dangerous. I would also welcome speed cameras.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>The map does not indicate what the pink lines mean. What is the speed there? Again Cold Ash is a 'rat run' and 20 mph on Cold Ash Hill is a vast improvement, if people actually keep to that limit.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>It is far overdue. It's a huge safety concern of the speed of traffic, many in excess of 50mph. There should be speed cameras and speed humps or something to reduce the speed of increasing traffic before a fatal tragedy occurs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>The present limits are regularly ignored and this puts all road users at risk. There are well-know instances of vehicles being driven at excessive speeds past the Cold Ash and Hermitage schools during times when students are arriving or leaving. Whilst supporting these proposals, it must be recognised that enforcement will be a problem as it is for the existing speed limits. It would be worth considering an intensive road safety campaign to try to get more compliance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <p>I live on XXX (no pavements) and walk along The Ridge daily (no pavements) so anything to make these roads safer for non-car users is welcomed</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>Busy road with parked cars.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>I have lived in Cold Ash for 20 years.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>In general terms I support the proposal, however, the area at the bottom of Cold Ash Hill is remaining at 40mph - this section should be reduced to 30mph in line with Cold Ash Hill and Heath Lane.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <p>We moved to XXX 4 years ago and our children walk to school at XXX. We simply cannot understand how a road surrounding a busy primary school has no footpath, no speed reduction zone, no street lighting, no speed ramps or other street architecture, no pedestrian crossing. We have witnessed first hand how dangerous some drivers can be on that road. As our children grow they will need to walk along XXX to catch the bus to secondary school, to take part in sports and social activities in the village centre. The Ridge is frequented by walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders. We must do everything we can to make this stretch of road safe for healthy, sustainable travel around the village and prevent some of the reckless behaviour of some through drivers.</p> |
| <p>safer for non-motorised users especially horse riders</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p>The side roads such as The Ridge and Colleroy Road have multiple risk factors which make 30mph dangerous. This includes; no pavement, several schools, multiple type of roadusers such as horses, dogs, children and old people. Further, there are several sharp bends which exacerbate the risks. In addition, to the poor visibility, there are no streetlamps which all combine to make it very uncomfortable for pedestrians to walk on these roads. Most cars seem to think 30mph is the minimum speed and cause problems for the pedestrians. Introducing the 20mph zone, if also followed with enforcement, would significantly improve road safety for all the community.</p>                                                                                                         |
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| <p>As previously stated - to improve safety for pedestrians especially families walking children to school along the ridge.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Fully support. Would also suggest but appreciate beyond the scope for the 20s proposal at this stage along stoney lane near. Ashmore Green.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <p>I am concerned at the cost of signage for any 20mph restrictions on such a widespread basis throughout the parish. Particularly as Thames Valley Police have already stated in response to similar proposals in Thatcham that they have no intention of increasing traffic enforcement. It appears a waste of money. In France 20mph limits are short in length and placed at strategic points such as outside schools or hospitals. Frequently these are reinforced with the construction of substantial speed humps across the whole width of the road which are very successful in reducing speed This targeted approach seems to me to be a much better use of scarce resources in a way that will have a big impact where it matters most.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>The ridge doesn't need 20mph limit. Just enforce existing 30 limit. Utter waste of money</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p>An expensive exercise which will not address the problems of speeding traffic. Waste of time and resources much better spent elsewhere. Inevitable reversal of policy when it comes will be hugely expensive too. Support this for areas immediately near schools and very low traffic flow areas but not most of Cold Ash</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Unnecessary waste of money and yet another example of nanny state intervention.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Hermitage Road already has a successful road-narrowing scheme through Cold Ash and this further expenditure is not effective unless the police can enforce it. Our police force has serious recruitment and image issues and their services are too stretched to enforce speed limits. WBC funds are in crisis so I think that the money would be better spent on other community schemes to promote a sense of community in an increasingly isolating world.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>Why are you wasting tax payers money? Have you carried out a feasibility study and how many accidents have occurred caused by traffic? Who do you purpose will enforce the speed limit? TVP haven't go enough resources to Police 30MPH limits.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>I see no need to introduce a 20mph limit on the main road. If its for school reasons it should only be for times when children are entering and leaving schools. Outside of these hours is un-necessary and unrealistic</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Cold Ash should remain at 30mph - reducing limits to 20mph causes frustration to the majority of drivers who already adhere to the existing limits and will have no effect on the drivers who already exceed the existing limits. Even more frustrating and makes no sense to change speed limits up and down on short stretches of road - drivers are more likely to adhere to a limit that is consistent. The exception to this should be in the vicinity of schools which should be 20mph as standard including where cars park on surrounding roads for drop off and pick</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>There appears to be no valid reason for these speed reductions other than a hidden "net zero" motive that is in itself an entirely objectionable, costly and misguided objective that serve no purpose</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>I really don't see these speed restrictions as helpful indeed exactly the opposite and just another way of generating income</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>The current speed limit is sufficient</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>I object the proposal because it's already difficult to travel anywhere around the local area &amp; whilst I do condone speeding this is making traveling even more difficult bearing in mind there is already a 30mph limit in force.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>Existing speed restrictions are adequate.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>Consistent enforcement will not be possible, and 20 mph will frustrate sensible drivers. Risky drivers will continue to take risks!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <p>See objections 3 pages back</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>It's not required</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>I object to the part of the proposal which includes the main (Hermitage) road through the village. This is currently 30mph and supported by priority chicanes. The main road is used by delivery drivers and through traffic with few pedestrians except around school start/end times, and a 20mph limit will unnecessarily impact journeys.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p>There is no safety issue. No evidence of car crashes or injuries to personal. Its purely a political choice</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p>I object to the proposals for a blanket 20mph speed restrictions in the villages (Ashmore Green, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury, Chapel Row, Cold Ash and Hermitage) because I believe the safety improvement is questionable, but would make driving along these roads more frustrating and time consuming. Also, during a cost of living crisis, the cost of replacing signs and the economic harm of increased journey times is not justifiable. I agree that some areas such as around schools, and cul-de-sacs may benefit but roads that serve as through routes should stay 30mph. Some of the roads mentioned (such as "the ridge" in cold ash) is a long, through-route road and would benefit far more from other measures, such as cutting back trees to improve visibility, and building a footpath for pedestrians.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>I see no evidence whatever being presented to make a case that the new limits will benefit anyone. These communities are rural and the overwhelming majority of residents will use motor vehicles to make even local journeys. Very few residents (and my guess is as good as yours unless you can show evidence to the contrary) will use bicycles for even local journeys, and cycling is likely to be very much a leisure activity, not a necessity. The reduction in speed limit from 30 mile/h to 20 in most residential streets off the main thoroughfares will have no practical effect as speeds are relatively low in such areas. However, reducing the speed of through traffic on eg B4009 in Hermitage or Hermitage Rd and The Ridge in Cold Ash will mean drivers of vehicles finding it much more difficult and risky (with greater time exposed to danger) to overtake cyclists along those arteries. In relation to pedestrians, on the existing thoroughfares there is generally adequate pavement width, so the safety benefit to that group is probably very low. If your proposal were able to demonstrate a safety enhancement it might have some merit, but I see none being claimed, merely a general and unfounded ambition "to reduce the speed of vehicular traffic to make the local area more attractive and accessible by non-motorised highway users". In my view this is a badly conceived proposal with no likely benefits to the overwhelming majority of residents; indeed, it makes life more difficult and arguably risky for drivers, who are likely in my judgement to be the large majority of residents affected by the scheme. I suggest the Council canvasses the views of residents in a much more statistically valid manner than through a "survey" in which very few are likely to participate. It might then have an argument for reducing local speed limits but I see one whatever at present. This makes the proposal an ongoing waste of public time and money.</p> |
| <p>Research indicates that 20mph limits are more unsafe than 30mph limits, when including more factors than merely the impact of a collision (i.e. driver awareness, etc).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>The proposals are unenforceable. Many of the roads proposed is Morton's lane it is almost impossible to do more than 20mph. Many roads in Upper Bucklebury are already designated quiet lanes giving equal rights to pedestrians and horses to cars and was a waste of BIC money - this would be exactly the same. There is no evidence of the need to reduce speed ie accident rates so what is the purpose of this ? The is no rationale proposed as to why this is being proposed other than purely political reasons. It is a complete waste of WBC money.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>30mph is a sufficient speed limit for these areas. Reducing the speed limit to 20mph creates more congestion and discourages people from following the law as people are more likely to ignore it as they find it frustrating as many Welsh drivers have experienced. If there is a concern for pedestrian safety then there are other ways this can be achieved such as more pavements, footpaths that run parallel to roads or safe crossings, especially on the Ridge and around Ramsbury corner as this currently dangerous to walk along, especially as there are two primary schools in Cold Ash. Perhaps 20 mph limits could be enforced near the schools but only during term times to ensure the safety of school children.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p>Speed limit is currently fine with the traffic chicanes slowing vehicles down there will always be drivers ignoring the limits so instead of reducing them why not enforce existing regulations</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <p>I strongly agree with these proposals to change to 20 mph speed limit. Cold Ash Village is used by heavy traffic as a shortcut to the M4 junction, putting the village at risk from the speeding traffic already exceeding the current 30 mph limit. There is no current signage on any lamp posts except when you enter the village from the bottom of Cold Ash Hill from the speed limit change from 40 mph to 30 mph speed limit. There are no markings on the road in Cold Ash to confirm what the speed limit currently is, and the speed camera at the top of the hill the only deterrent was removed. The very few footpaths in the village are very narrow, making it very scary and dangerous for residents and school children walking so close to the roads with speeding vehicles passing. It is very difficult to cross the road from one side to the other especially at the top of Cold Ash Hill on the blind bend. We live at the top of Cold Ash Hill (XXX), where the proposed 20 mph speed limit has not been proposed. We are on the brow of the XXX (no signage to show the current 30 mph speed limit on any lamp posts at the top of the hill or on any road markings) between the two blind bends of XXX and the junction with XXX (both of which will have the new 20 mph limit). Cold Ash Hill is an extremely dangerous road to cross from one side to the other, especially at the top of the hill when trying to visit the two local Public Houses or to cross slightly further down the hill to the Cold Ash Village Stores/Post Office. There have been many occasions when I have tried to cross the road with my grandchildren, and we have had near misses. The traffic, once they reach the top of Cold Ash Hill, already speeding more than the current 30 mph limit, tends to accelerate further on this blind, dangerous bend. Also, once traffic has passed XXX current speed restrictions, the traffic tends to accelerate down XXX, exceeding the 30 mph current speed limit. This also makes it extremely difficult to exit and enter our driveway to and from our property. We strongly request that the whole of Cold Ash Village is changed to 20 mph (already all of the village, except the rest of Cold Ash Hill, is part of the new 20 mph proposals. Please can you consider this request when reviewing the traffic speed limits for Cold Ash Village?</p> |
| <p>We walk along the Ridge twice daily with our dogs. Many other people do the same and also walk their children to St Finians School. There are no footpaths along the length of the Ridge. We have long thought that the speed of traffic along the Ridge is too high, as the current 30mph limit is very often ignored. A good proportion of drivers also feel they have full right of the use of the road and often do not give a wide enough space between their car and the pedestrian. There are also no traffic calming measures along the length of The Ridge too. I fully support this initiative and would welcome police speed enforcement too. XXX</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>I fully support this as cars are driven very fast down The Ridge where I walk my dog twice a day and are regularly not given enough space by drivers who show no interest in slowing down, there are no pavements so it is very dangerous.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>Lower speeds significantly reduce injuries if someone is hit by a vehicle. Lower speeds reduce pollution. Lower speeds make walking and cycling safer and more pleasant. 100% support this proposal.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>A compelling reason to support a 20 mph speed limit in the community is that it saves lives while making streets safer, calmer, and more liveable for everyone. At 20 mph, drivers have significantly more time to react, stopping distances are much shorter, and the likelihood of a collision being fatal is dramatically reduced. A person hit by a car at 20 mph is far more likely to survive than at 30 mph. This isn't theoretical — it's a proven public-safety measure that directly reduces serious injuries and deaths, especially for children, older people, and those walking or cycling. Beyond safety, 20 mph streets encourage healthier, more connected communities. People feel safer letting children walk or cycle, residents are more likely to spend time outside, and local high streets benefit from increased footfall. Traffic noise and pollution are also reduced, improving air quality and wellbeing for those who live nearby. Crucially, 20 mph limits don't significantly increase journey times, especially in residential areas where traffic is already slowed by junctions, crossings, and congestion. What they do change is behaviour — creating streets that prioritise people, not just vehicles. In short: 20 mph isn't about penalising drivers — it's about protecting lives, supporting local communities, and creating streets that work for everyone.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Puts 20mph in the right roads.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>I would like Stanford Dingley where I live included - cars travel over 30mph we have Tractors, horses, cyclists and a huge number of walkers in particular youngsters doing their Duke of Edinburgh treks</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| 20 per hour limits would be more effective just for short lengths of road, e.g. outside schools. Feel money would be better spent enforcing the current limits with more cameras as they are regularly broken with no consequence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| On many of the side roads in Cold Ash it makes sense to reduce the speed limit to 20mph, it is generally difficult to go much faster. However, I do not feel that this is necessary, even in part, on the main roads such as The Ridge, Cold Ash Hill and Hermitage Road. The main problem on these roads is people driving in excess of 30mph.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Again far too limiting on key routes Will traffic calming be removed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I object to the proposals mainly due to the fact i can see no supporting evidence that the changes will improve life for the local communities. I also object on the grounds of finance, how can WBC with it's current finances support the funding required for this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I do not think this is necessary and will achieve safer roads. The roads are safe and accidents tend to happen at junctions due to lack of visibility. Further there will be a cost to this - having a consultation alone will cost too - at a time when budgets are shrinking, some may believe that the money could be spent elsewhere such as by increasing visibility displays.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| See comment above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I wish to object because I think this is going to be an expensive exercise and the money could be better spent elsewhere. I also think that rather than reducing to 20mph, time and effort would be better spent enforcing the 30mph zone. It's also slightly ridiculous to spend money on turning small cul de sacs and roads to 20mph when they realistically aren't even long enough to reach 20mph. Given how much the council is struggling to lead currently, I do think that it really should just focus on doing a better job, spending less money on ineffective projects and perhaps even listening to residents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| A 20mph limit in Cold Ash will be detrimental to the growth of the local economy and the parish in general. Having lived in Cold Ash for 20+ years, I agree that traffic on Cold Ash Hill and the Hermitage road can be dangerous, but this is usually due to breaking of the existing 30mph limits and frustration caused by traffic calming measures. As a regular pedestrian in the area, the poor state of the road, especially Hermitage Road (including overgrown pavements) is also more likely a contributor to pedestrian danger. I believe a 20mph limit is a blunt tool which will cause more harm than good for the local community, similar safety improvements can be achieved by more carefully considered measures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| It will clog up roads and cause more pollution at rush hour. This will unfairly demonise drivers, who are the ones who pay for the roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Collaroy Road, Cold Ash should be made residents only as the restrictions on the Ridge will encourage drivers to use Collaroy Road to a greater extent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| You are restricting the top of the hill, but no mention on any restrictions for the large volume of traffic that exceed 40mph on the hill. You have chicanes at the top of cold ash hill/hermitage road that already controls the speed of traffic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| As a road user and one that has driven in other 20mph limited roads, 20mph is not an appropriate speed to be driving at and can make driving less safe rather than more safe. At such a low limit you spend most of your time watching the speedometer and constantly changing gears to avoid exceeding 20mph, instead of being able to concentrate fully on hazards, pedestrians and other road users and drivers who already choose to exceed current limits will not be deterred by an additional reduction the only people affected will be responsible drivers. A lower limit risks creating frustration and distraction without achieving meaningful safety benefits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 20 mph limit will unnecessarily impact my travel time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Waste of money. Show stats to support it being needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| What's the benefit of introducing a 20mph speed restriction on roads such as Hatchgate Close, Strouds Meadow and Willis Court where traffic doesn't get anywhere near 20mph? What's the cost of implementing a safety gain? Will the introduction of a 20mph limit on Hermitage Road and Cold Ash Hill negate the requirements for the congestion causing, traffic calming chicanes on these roads? I'd support a 20mph limit here if the chicanes were to be removed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| This will grind traffic flow to a halt and is just a step too far. Especially along the ridge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Unnecessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1. This has not been asked for by local people and is a large over step by West berks Council. 2. The roads are perfectly safe as they are, there are no accident black spots. 3. We have much better things to spend money on.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| unnecessary and will not be enforced so pointless                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| No reason to lower the speed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Too sweeping and needs to be more selective.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| I drive, cycle and walk, but only cycle on these particular roads. There is no reason for 20mph in general anywhere, but in these roads there is literally no issue with speed and cycling safety, which is reportedly one of the perceived benefits: in 20 years I have never once felt unsafe or intimidated on any of these roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Same as previous.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Feels like council wanting to get money as it's very difficult to stick to 20mph- loads of research has now been done to support this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I feel that some roads warrant a 20mph limit if they pass a school or local Post Office shop for example. However, the blanket rule of 20mph being proposed on the long list of roads is excessive, will not contribute to less accidents, and will cost the council an enormous amount of money that West Berkshire can ill afford. As we have seen across Wales, these blanket 20mph road limits have not been successful, and we have seen a reversal of them there. West Berkshire Council never listens to residents when a consultation takes place, and will push through with their plans regardless of the outcome. However, I feel it's important to have a say on local changes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| It would be better to have targeted Speed Limits for Specific Areas. Instead of imposing a blanket 20mph speed limit across these roads, it would be more effective to implement targeted speed limits in areas where pedestrians are actually present or more likely to cross. For example, speed limits could be lowered near schools, parks, or bus stops, where pedestrians are most active. At certain times of the day, in areas with very few pedestrians, a higher speed limit could be maintained, ensuring traffic flows smoothly without unnecessary restrictions. This approach would prevent the frustration of a universally slow speed limit while still ensuring safety in areas where pedestrian traffic is common. 2. Enhanced Signage and Awareness. In locations with low pedestrian traffic, more visible signage could be a great solution. Signs that warn drivers of "Pedestrian Crossing" or "Low Pedestrian Traffic Area" could help maintain awareness without the need to reduce speed limits across the entire road network. Additionally, better road markings or the use of technologies like speed cameras could help maintain safe speeds, rather than relying solely on blanket speed reductions that are increasing environmental issues, causing anger and frustration and also being ignored by the very locals that are asking for them to be introduced. |
| Specifically on Cold Ash Hill / Hermitage Road, I see little point in spending a load of money on signage for the principle of a speed limit change when the reality is that it will be unenforceable, will not be obeyed and is actually likely to cause more dangerous driving as impatient drivers attempt to overtake law abiding or slower traffic. Further many vehicles simply do not have the gearing or torque to successfully get up Cold Ash Hill in a steady or controlled way at such a low speed of 20mph. In addition, I do not feel it is value for money or will practically affect car speeds to put up signage or to try to reduce speed limits to 20 on all of the proposed short or dead end side roads, as most of these are too short, narrow or winding to achieve speeds in excess of 20/25mph anyway. Adding expensive eyesore signage will not improve or enhance the communities living there.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| This is an unnecessary restriction on roads that are mainly self regulated. The cost of this implementation outweighs poorly thought out and invented benefits and ignores the small number of roads (Buckebury Alley, Fishers Lane etc.) that would benefit from such a would restriction. This is yet another politically driven agenda item that will produce little benefit other local councillors being able to trumpet their "green" credentials and claim it's all about road safety. All of this needs to be set against the possible impending bankruptcy of WBC when it should be reducing expenditure rather than increasing expenditure on vanity projects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 20mph speed limits are ridiculous. They are an expensive waste of council funds and do not serve any possible benefit. It is nearly impossible to drive in Oxfordshire and I now avoid the area this is what will happen to West Berkshire. Do not waste my tax money on this pointless initiative. Spend the money on social care and important areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 20mph won't impact systemic speeders, it just makes a misery for local residents going about their business. No no no no! Please consider alternative traffic calming measures. Please do NOT implement this overly restrictive and ridiculous plan. (cold ash resident)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| A lot of people don't stick to the current 30mph limit reducing the limit will make no difference to those who choose not to obey the limit, more effort in enforcing the current limit should be looked into. Other road safety features should also be investigated for particular areas such as outside schools.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| The reduction from 30mph to 20mph will not change the standard of living, noise will be very similar, quantity of traffic will not be effected. A better use of council funds would be to enforce the current speed limit rather than reducing it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| In truth there are far more important things for the council to concentrate and spend tax payers money on than reducing the existing acceptable speed limit on countless roads that do not need it. The current speed limits are not enforced so how will a blanket lower limit work? Or be enforced? Have we seen multiple accidents and deaths across the parish? I recognise speed invariably contributes to many road traffic accidents but reducing the speed limit to a level that will create more issues with traversing the area is unlikely to have any major impact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Disproportionate affect on the b4009 through route for surrounding communities to the safety benefit. Similarly for Cold Ash hill. Otherwise I fully support the proposal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Because what's needed is better management of the traffic that blocks the road at school time in the ridge making it 20 is NOT going to make it less dangerous. STOPPING cars blocking the road junctions and blind corners will make it safer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Complete waste of money, far too much money has already been wasted on this proposal. Those that drive dangerously (not just speed) will continue to do so regardless of the speed limit changes. Money could be better spent placing safe crossing places near schools and on main roads on school bus stops. According to planning applications none of these roads are considered unsafe and no accidents ever happen so I cant see why this money is being wasted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| I'm not supportive of the reduction to 20mph at the top of Coldash Hill near the Acland Hall as this already has traffic calming measures. Have you looked into the impact on congestion in the morning / evening at peak road use times to see how lowering the speed limit may impact this due to also having traffic calming measures? If you were to drop this section to 20mph then the traffic calming measures seem redundant and should be removed at the same time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Car drivers switch off when travelling at 20mph. As a keen runner I am always aware of vehicle movement - making cars drive slower doesn't necessarily equate to them being safer. More should be done to teach people which side of the road to walk on and to stop drivers using their phones                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Cars are safer than ever with improved stopping distances. Driving at 20mph is distracting as you have to study the Speedo more. Cyclists can go quicker and overtake you During term time and school times a reduction could be acceptable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| I do not support the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit. On many roads it feels unnecessary and poorly targeted, particularly where road design, visibility and traffic flow already support safe driving at higher speeds. A blanket reduction risks increasing congestion, lengthening journey times and frustrating drivers, which can reduce compliance and respect for speed limits more generally. A one size fits all approach does not reflect how different roads are actually used and is unlikely to deliver meaningful safety benefits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| An absolutely crazy waste of money for the blindingly obvious reason that as the police will not enforce these limits so the majority of drivers will ignore them. Yet we the residents will find our roads cluttered with even more street furniture. We will also have the absurd situation given the hilly nature of parts of Cold Ash that 20mph abiding drivers can legally be overtaken by cyclists. Whoever came up with this daft proposal should think again and determine specific places eg by schools where 20mph would be sensible and thus accepted by people who drive properly. Ideas like these make many people think the council is full of lunatics and thus sensible ideas also get derided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Creates more pollution due to engines not operating at their optimum revs and is simply not required as 30mph is a suitable speed limit. Also who is enforcing it??? The Police are not interested so what is the point of wasting yet more taxpayer cash on new signs. An utter waste of time and money                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I have not heard about how this will be enforced. Cars whose drivers are smoking drugs are frequently driving along The Ridge without any chance of them being stopped, so how are cars speeding going to be discovered? I object to the speed reduction as without proper enforcement, most cars will continue to exceed the speed limit, and it's more likely that locals/residents (who use this road every day) will get caught doing 21mph on their way to work because of a momentary lapse of concentration or inaccurate speedometer, while other drivers will continue dangerously speeding past me walking my dog causing a real danger. It's my view that going ahead with this will just be a box ticking exercise to say that you're concerned about road safety while doing nothing about it that actually helps; if you don't police the 30mph limit, it would be surprising if you policed the 20mph limit. Can I also ask, that if you get a majority of views against the proposals that you will not go ahead with them, rather than ignoring the views of the people that you claim to be helping.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I believe it is unnecessary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Being a cold ash resident a reduced speed limit will significantly increase my journey times and I am strongly opposed to this proposed change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| I am concerned that this change has not adequately considered the character and usage of the road, nor the potential consequences for traffic flow, safety, and local residents. In particular: Road design and conditions: The road well-maintained, and has good visibility, which supports the current speed limit. Safety record: To my knowledge, there is no clear evidence of a collision history or safety issues that would justify a reduction/increase in the limit. Traffic flow and congestion: The proposed change is likely to increase congestion, driver frustration, and inconsistent speeds, which may paradoxically reduce safety. Community impact: The change may negatively affect residents, commuters, and local businesses who rely on efficient travel along this route. I respectfully request that the council reconsider this proposal, or at minimum publish the data, assessments, and justification used to support the decision. I would also welcome further consultation with local residents before any permanent changes are implemented. Thank you for taking the time to consider this objection. I look forward to your response.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I would like to see published the imperial data that shows the speed/time and frequency for this location. Additionally the specific data set that demonstrate the actual accident reduction in other adopted sites, rate than just 'we believe it's a good idea and we believe we know better than you. This endless pursuit of controlling everybody's life is unacceptable and can only be justified if you can actually Demonstrate the cost benefit analysis. As I have to everyday in the trillion dollar business I work in. Of course in an ideological sense it makes send to the liberal left but we live in a real world with real impact to people/ business etc. Also there is no point having it without any means to resource enforcement, which of courts the council doesn't have the funds to do. And there is no way the police will.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 20 is not plenty                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Object. Our money is better spent on services people need. Nobody voted for this                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| As a local XXX company this is going really damage our business our whole delivery area will now be 20mph and we expect a 25% reduction in daily delivery's costing us a extra day per week in lost delivery slots. Also not sure if you aware how hard it is to drive a lorry at 20mph they are not designed to drive at consistent speed it's between gears I hope you scrap this ridiculous proposal and use the cash to put back in the pot to keep you afloat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| While I support genuine efforts to enhance road safety where needed, I believe this specific proposal is unnecessary and potentially counterproductive for the following reasons:<br>Traffic Flow and Congestion: The roads in question the current 30 mph limit allows for a smooth and appropriate flow of traffic. Reducing the limit to 20 mph will likely cause unnecessary congestion and delays, affecting daily routines and local commerce. Alternative Measures: I believe more effective and less disruptive measures could be explored to improve safety, such as: targeted police enforcement of the existing limit, improved signage at specific junctions, education campaigns for all road users. Environmental Impact: Driving at consistently lower speeds often means vehicles remain in lower gears for longer periods, which can increase fuel consumption and lead to higher levels of vehicle emissions (noise and chemical pollution). Lack of Demonstrated Need: There is currently a low rate of serious road traffic collisions in the area that can be directly attributed to vehicles travelling between 20-30 mph. The proposal seems to be a blanket approach rather than one addressing specific, proven safety concerns. Enforcement Concerns: The existing 30 mph limit is already difficult to enforce effectively at times. A 20 mph limit, where most drivers might naturally feel 30 mph is safe, could be widely ignored, undermining respect for speed limits in general and creating a disparity between different types of road users e.g., cyclists potentially exceeding the limit. |
| 20mph limits should be reserved for areas around schools and children's play areas, not for general use everywhere. You are reducing the impact and risking children's lives by placing them everywhere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Vehicles don't bother sticking to existing 30mph limits, so no chance a 20mph limit will be observed. No doubt there will be zero enforcement leaving law abiding drivers attempting to keep to 20 jostling with those who are not, creating possible conflict and dangerous road situations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Implement monitoring of current speed limits - current 30 limits are not adhered to. 20mph won't be either                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| I have lived on XXX XXX for 45 years and while there is the occasional speeding car, I do not see the speed limit on this road as a problem. Slowing the length of the Ridge to 20mph is going to seriously increase my journey times and fuel consumption, as I have to travel to Mortimer and back twice daily. Combined, these speed limits will impact my already stretched finances. They are completely unnecessary and penalising motorists in semi-rural areas where there is no choice but to depend on cars.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Altering the existing speed limits to 40, 30, and 20 is over complicated and leads to an information overload for drivers which in turn leads to diminished attention to driving. Why not extend 40 mph road sections of concern to 30 mph and do NOT introduce any 20 mph sections. Everyone then knows the advised safe speed limit and can still reduce their speed to a lower safe speed when necessary to reflect the prevailing traffic and environment conditions. Bad drivers of which there are too many will still ignore the speed limit whatever it is. This is a very pressing and different problem which tinkering with speed changes on small sections of road will not change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| The speed limits in place today are adequate to ensure safe driving. Focus instead should be applied on making junctions more safe and teaching other road/footpath users how to walk on/cross roads safely. Slowing the speeds down further will only cause drivers to be more prone to distraction and also is less efficient so will release more pollution into the environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| XXX proposes that a 20mph speed limit is applied to the section of Lawrences Lane between Lawrences Way and The Ridge. This lane is important for Thatcham residents to access the countryside of Bucklebury Common on foot and cycle. However, it is extremely narrow, and in many places a motor vehicle cannot safely pass even a pedestrian. In 2023, West Berkshire Council made an experimental traffic regulation order prohibiting motor vehicles from Lawrences Lane. XXX was disappointed that this was not made permanent.<br>The proposed TRO is an opportunity to improve the safety of Lawrences Lane for pedestrians and cyclists, by applying a speed limit of 20mph. This would be relatively straightforward, because the draft TRO already proposes a 20mph speed limit at either end of this section of the lane.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Yes, I know people have to make changes but on no through roads. Hermitage Road, Cold Ash Hill. I can not see how it is going to work. Unless someone is there 24hrs a day. So I can not see how it will work. Van drivers and motorbike to deliver take away food they dont care they just have to get there fast. I drive this route and other routes at different times of the days. I get over taken Cold Ash Hill and the stretch from Fishers Lane to the crossing over to the palying field for Downe House School and from main entrance. 5 What i class as Wills entrance. I get over taken not many times but enough to say why do they have speed limits. The only way i would say it would be stopped by double lines. Drivign has got worse. I say i would be worse angrier and morning runs will work and kids going to school.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             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| I understand that setting 20mph speed limits was a manifesto commitment from Liberal Democrat Councillors in the 2023 elections for West Berkshire District Council and included "introducing de-free zones and 20mph speed limits outside schools, and enabling 20 mph limits for residential streets where residents want it." Thames Valley Police welcome the opportunity to engage on plans for road safety improvement and acknowledge that 20mph limits can be a useful tool in road safety. There is little point in reducing a speed limit that is not respected without any plan to bring it into compliance. There are no road safety benefits in these circumstances. The policy of Thames Valley Police is to use sound practical and realistic criteria set in the Department for Transport (DfT) Circular Roads 1/2013 - Setting local speed limits - GOV.UK (revised in March 2024) when responding to Highway Authorities in an effort to promote consistency and to reduce the burden of constant and unnecessary enforcement. I understand that it is also the policy of West Berkshire District Council use the advice given in DfT guidance when deciding on and implementing reduced speed limits. Advice shown in Circular Roads 1/2013 states: key factors that should be taken into account in any decisions on local speed limits are the history of collisions, the road geometry and engineering, the road function, the composition of road users (including existing and potential levels of vulnerable road users), existing traffic speeds, road environment and driver perception. It is also clear about implementing 20mph speed limits as a blanket measure. "20mph schemes should be considered on a road-by-road basis based on the safety case to ensure local support, not as blanket measures." Thames Valley Police are not opposed to lowering speed limits providing they are appropriate to the road environment and likely to have casualty reduction benefits. Evidence shows that changing to a lower speed limit on its own will not necessarily be successful in reducing the speed of traffic if the prevailing mean speeds are much higher than the proposed lower speed limit. If a speed limit is set too low and is ignored then this could result in the majority of drivers committing themselves and could bring the system of speed limits into disrepute. If a speed limit is set too low this could result in an unreasonable additional demand on police resources. Thames Valley Police have no policy to enforce based on arbitrary speed limits alone but will enforce based on threat of harm, risk and rescoring. 20mph limits are not excluded from this and will be enforced where appropriate. Setting local speed limits is clear that there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity, unless this has been explicitly agreed. In this case it isn't, there are no additional resources available to support extra enforcement. DfT guidance states: "Schemes need to aim for compliance with the new speed limit. Where new limits are put in, they should be in places where most drivers are likely to comply. We know that compliance is better on smaller, narrower roads than on wider roads where the layout gives drivers a clear run." "Successful 20mph zones and 20mph speed limits are generally self-enforcing: that is, the existing conditions of the road together with measures such as traffic calming or signing, publicity and information as part of the scheme, lead to a mean traffic speed compliant with the speed limit. To achieve compliance, there should be no expectation on the police to provide additional enforcement beyond their routine activity unless this has been explicitly agreed." 20mph limits without traffic calming. "Research into signed-only 20mph limits shows that they generally lead to only small reductions in traffic speeds – less than 1mph on average. Signed-only 20mph limits are, therefore, most appropriate for areas where vehicle speeds are already low. This may, for example, be on roads that are very narrow, through engineering or on-road car parking, if the mean speed is already at or below 24mph on a road, introducing a 20mph limit through signing alone is likely to lead to general compliance with the new speed limit." The document also states – "DfT's comprehensive 3-year evaluation of the effect of 20mph signed-only limits was published on 22 November 2018 (Atkins 2018). It substantially strengthened the evidence base on perceptions, speeds and early outcomes associated with 20mph speed limits. It is the only major UK study to consider multiple case study areas and provide a national view. The headline findings are: • there is insufficient evidence to conclude that there has been a significant change in collisions and casualties following the introduction of 20mph limits in residential areas. • In one city centre case study, there has been a significant reduction in collisions and casualties • there has been a small reduction in median speed (less than 1mph) • compliance is better on smaller, narrower roads than on roads where the layout gives drivers a clear run • vehicles travelling at higher speeds before the introduction of the 20mph limit have reduced their speed more than those already travelling at lower speeds" Collision history I have researched the personal injury collision history for the roads the new 20mph speed limits will be located and can find two within the last five year recorded period. 10/05/2021 – a car that was travelling from north to south overtook a parked vehicle and moved into the opposing lane causing a bus to brake sharply. A bus passenger was injured as a result of the heavy braking. 30/09/2022 – a car that was travelling from south to north ran into the rear of a motorcycle which was stationary or moving very slowly and waiting to turn right. The motorcyclist fell from his machine causing injury serious arm injuries. Excessive or inappropriate speed is not listed as a contributory factor in either of these collisions. Evidence from Thames Valley Police shows that 20mph speed limits in the villages of Thames Valley were introduced in October 2014. Although not all roads have been monitored for compliance, a recent survey of compliance shows that compliance is generally good. I strongly object to the proposal. I have not seen any evidence to suggest that excessive speed has caused significant numbers of major traffic accidents in the area. There are a small number of drivers who habitually drive at speeds much greater than the limit, but most drivers abide by speed limits. You will not deter the habitual offenders by reducing speed limits. It will require a significant deterrent such as numerous speed cameras. Where is the money to pay for enforcement coming from? Many of the residential areas off the B4009 and Cold Ash Hill do not lend themselves to drivers reaching speeds of 30 mph or more anyway so there seems to be little point in introducing a 20mph speed limit for those areas. As far as the B4009 and Cold Ash Hill are concerned, with the exception of areas immediately next to the primary schools, 20mph restrictions will achieve nothing other than disrupt and delay journeys of many drivers, for no obvious benefit. West Berkshire Council allegedly is close to bankruptcy. Any money available should be spent on more important tasks than paying for the installation of 20mph signs and enforcement, for example, there are many significant areas of damage to local roads which need proper repairs, not the temporary cheap fixes favoured by many Local Authorities. As stated earlier in the survey, I would like to see the 20mph speed limit to also include the stretch of B4009 from Chieveley Motors and Station Road/Hermitage green. Vehicles and motorcycles use this as a racetrack and do not keep to the 30MPH speed limit. During term time children use this road to walk to the school bus pickup point. During other times people use the paths to get to dog walking places. There should also be permanent fixed speed cameras around the Curmidge road junction to enforce the speed limit. There have been many accidents on this stretch of road. In 2015 a car crashed into the wall of XXX, RG18 XXX. The extent of the damage and where the car ended up would indicate would indicate the car was travelling at a phenomenal speed. All the emergency service were in attendance. It was more by luck that the driver wasn't killed. I have attached some photo's and also emailed them to your department, I look forward to your response. Many Thanks XXX |
| There is no evidence that a 20mph zone has a positive impact on the area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               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| This scheme was heavily tried in Wales and it caused such a backlash that many of the imposed 20mph speed limit limits there are gradually being removed. Too many unnecessary 20mph speed limits make journeys longer, cause more local pollution (as cars take longer to get through areas), increase drivers' anger and take away accountability from those who should be taking some (such as looking before crossing a road instead of walking blindly around having their heads buried in their phones).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     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| I regularly drive through Hermitage from Cold Ash and my comments on Cold Ash apply here too. 20 on a through route will be abused as the 30 is now. Just put a 20 in when it's needed as school times linked to the school warning signs! All the side roads in this proposal don't have a speed problem as only residents really use them and those who do go too fast won't slow down...a complete waste of money!! Isn't Hermitage in the aonb? Residents really don't want all the extra signs which will make the village look very much more like a town....did anyone drive round the village and actually look at the roads???                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      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| 4 page document received by email on 25th Jan 2026 explaining objection in full. To summarise, this is a poorly conceived Proposal because it: • is based on a dubious Council Strategy of offering 20 mph speed limits and thereby seeks to ignore much of the DfT Circular which provides national guidance on the purpose of speed limits and how they should be set. That might mean the Proposal is not lawful, though that is not an argument or judgement I am competent to make. • is largely, if not wholly, unnecessary and offers no evidence to aid the judgement of us members of the public or other key information such as the view of TYP. • Spends money on a project without demonstration of an adequate cost/benefit analysis. • Has not first considered measures other than lower speed limits – a consequence of a Council Strategy which apparently seeks to bypass the issue. • Creates the potential for higher risks to safety than it is likely to reduce. • Must have the demonstrable support of the local community if it is to be implemented in full or part.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   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| The proposal for 20 mph limits appears to be Council's policy being imposed on residents in many parts of the country. Thatcham appear to be taking a thoughtful approach where residents are leading the discussion as opposed to it being driven by Council desire. Except perhaps outside schools during drop off and pick up times, it is an unnecessary expense and there is no transparency regarding safety concerns and statistics to support these initiatives (I would even propose a 15mph limit near schools at these times as they do in France where 20kmh is becoming more commonplace). I am both a driver and cyclist and it is much safer as a cyclist to be overtaken quickly by a car travelling at 20mph than have a car creep past at 20mph especially on narrower country roads. From a driving perspective, and having driven in many 20mph zones, your concentration is split between constantly monitoring your speed (often with other vehicles tailgating or being indecisive with slower moving road users), and paying the necessary attention to your surroundings. Raterspay funds are already very limited, potholes abundant (just drive up our High Street) and it is all about priorities and choice how money is spent on our roads. If there is no safety need on the roads in question, but they are dangerous for all road users due to their condition (as they are currently), then our money should be spent wisely not on ideological policy. The very few people who speed over 30mph will not stop speeding if the limit is lower. If speeding is the issue then enforce the current limits. It is improper and undemocratic that the council will decide for residents and spend thousands of ratespayers money on this over the coming years. Lastly, there is also the issue of 'creeping urbanisation' of our rural villages and communities. If the residents want to see this change then there needs to be full and proper consultation in the roads in question house by house as this consultation has been poorly publicised and raises the question why? The Council should also recognise that some roads do not have an alternative route that people can take and therefore traffic calming to enforce 30mph would be a far more realistic option to secure the public's support and compliance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               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| I support the widespread adoption of 20 mph limits in built up or villages roads for the sake of road safety- the safety of children pedestrians in particular. I have recently moved to Strealey and hope that 20 mph limits are considered there. An added reason for reducing speed limits in Strealey is the protection of grade 2 listed buildings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| slower speeds are safer for all users and will make the road more pleasant by reducing noise pollution, encouraging drivers to use alternative routes if they're in a hurry and increase the perception of safety for cyclist and other vulnerable road users. This should lead to more short distant active travel trips and reduced pollution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Very much needed since the number of motorists who speed has increased. The percentage who speed has probably not changed but as the volume of traffic has increased it feels as if more motorists speed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I would like to see the 20mph speed limit to also include the stretch of B4009 from Chieveley Motors and Station Road/Hermitage green. Vehicles and motorcycles use this as a racetrack and do not keep to the 30MPH speed limit. During term time children use this road to walk to the school bus pickup point. During other times people use the paths to get to dog walking places. There should also be permanent fixed speed cameras around the Curmidge road junction to enforce the speed limit. There have been many accidents on this stretch of road. In 2015 a car crashed into the wall of XXX, RG18 XXX. The extent of the damage and where the car ended up would indicate would indicate the car was travelling at a phenomenal speed. All the emergency service were in attendance. It was more by luck that the driver wasn't killed. I have attached some photo's and also emailed them to your department, I look forward to your response. Many Thanks XXX |
| The roads concerned are fairly busy at times and Hermitage has pedestrians on quite narrow pavements. At school times there can be many children also. The proposal should make this much safer. However, when driving through Hermitage from the G-rop towards The Fox one can often be stopped behind parked cars on the left for some time, while waiting for a gap in traffic coming towards you. I am not sure whether the continuous slower traffic stream will make that worse and may cause tail-backs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| To protect the cyclists and pedestrians                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| I live in the XX opposite XXX which is a straight piece of road. Traffic drives at above the speed limit lots of the time,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| People drive far too fast in residential areas where our children play and I'm all for trying to reduce those speeds.data from the Welsh initiative shows it's been very successful in reducing accidents, injuries and deaths and I wholeheartedly support this initiative                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| I largely support the proposal, given the potential improvements that could result for people walking, cycling and riding horses in the village and including parents and students walking, scooting etc to the Primary School. I would though like to encourage you to consider other, future improvements in the area of Priors Court Road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| The principal of 20mph near school areas at limited times I agree with, however I do not agree with a blanket 20mph at all times. Also in Hermitage some of the roads suggested would be difficult to achieve 20mph due to the short distance of the road. The other concern is how speed restrictions would be policed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| I agree with all the smaller side roads across the village having decreases to the speed limit (forest edge especially having lived there previously), however I's dont agree that the main road should be changed (Hamstead Norreys road, simple reasons being: 1) Creating further traffic in the mornings during rush hour and school pick up/drop off times. 2) Makes commuting take longer than it already does (more of a detriment than a benefit to the majority of residents). 3) Police presence in Hermitage is non-existent, likely not going to be enforced anyway, unless you set up speed cameras. 4) to drive at 20mph, your vehicle would likely need to be in a lower gear, meaning higher RPM, which would likely cause more emissions than spending less time in a lower RPM at a higher speed. 5) We rarely see vehicle-to-vehicle accidents in the village anyway, so this wouldn't change that figure much. The only real benefit to lowering the speed limit would be for the sake of the children during school hours as it is on Hamstead Norreys road, so I would propose a temporary limit, closer to the school. There are areas in Newbury where there are electric signs to show a reduced speed limit during School times, so I think changing this would be more beneficial to all residents instead of a blanket change to the whole of Hamstead Norreys road. As I mentioned, the other roads aren't such an issue, you'd struggle to do more than 20mph down most of them anyway. |
| Whilst I agree that reducing speed limits on the majority of these roads is sensible, I fail to see how it is workable. The speeding, parking and general unsafe driving around the primary school at the start and end of the day is shocking. How will the new speed limit be enforced? I think the money would be better spent on enforcing the current speed limit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| The reduction from 60 to 40 mph under the motorway bridge, increases the likely hood of overtaking accidents in the remaining 60 mph section of straight road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I thoroughly support the option of a 20mph speed limit to cover the area of, and the approaches to the Hermitage Primary School on the A4009, together with the provision of enforceable speed cameras. This should be the norm around any school, hospital and in densely populated housing estates etc. However, I object to the blanket proposal of 20mph across much of Hermitage and surrounding villages. Many of the roads listed are either ul-de-acs or roads where it is absolutely not possible to do any where near 30mph anyway.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| With the number of vehicles that stop along B4009 outside of the post office and that entire length of road there is little option to exceed 20mph. Also the lines of Deacon way is nigh on impossible to go anywhere near 20-30 mph anyway. I think council money could be better spent ensuring the actual road surfaces are repaired properly so they are safe to use for everyone including cyclists.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <p>Date: 21st January 2026    Re: Consultation Response – Hermitage, Bucklebury and Cold Ash 20mph Speed Limit (Ref: 2526HERM20)    Dear Sir/Madam,    I am writing to submit my formal response to the proposed 20mph speed limit, specifically in Hermitage. Having been a resident of the village for eight years, I am generally in favour of the proposal. I walk my dog twice daily along Newbury Road, High Street, Hampstead Norreys Road, Chapel Lane, Yattendon Road, Pond Lane, and Deacons Lane, and I regularly witness vehicles travelling well in excess of the current 30mph limit along the main arterial roads.    While I support the principle of the scheme, I believe the current proposal as drafted is somewhat fragmented, and therefore object to the implementation as it is currently proposed. I wish to offer the following counter-proposals to make the scheme more effective, consistent, and visually unobtrusive.    1. Focus on "Problem" Arterial Roads - In my daily experience, the most significant speeding issues occur on Yattendon Road, Newbury Road, High Street, and Hampstead Norreys Road. These are the areas that require the most robust traffic measures. Conversely, most of the smaller lanes included in the 20mph proposal (such as Pond Lane, Deacons Lane, Hermitage Green, etc) are narrow, single-track roads where traffic naturally struggles to exceed 20mph anyway. I do not understand why the arterial roads are not included in the proposal, given they are where speeding issues can be observed.    2. Proposal for a "Village-Wide" Boundary Limit - Rather than a patchwork of limits, I propose a simpler and more consistent 20mph zone that covers the village from "boundary to boundary" on the main routes. Specifically, I suggest:    • A continuous 20mph limit from the Priors Court roundabout to the M4 overbridge. This would encompass the entire stretch of Newbury Road, the High Street, and Hampstead Norreys Road within the village.    • Priors Court Road: Converting the current 30mph section (from Hilliers down to the mini-roundabout) to 20mph.    • Yattendon Road: A 20mph limit to start at the Chapel Lane junction (the current 30mph entry point).    • Marlston Road: Implementing a 20mph limit from the former railway overbridge to its junction with Newbury Road/High Street. This would effectively mean the addition of 20 mph limits for all the 30mph limits in the proposal, with the exception of Manor Lane towards Oare.    3. Benefits of this Counter-Proposal - By placing the 20mph entry points at the natural entrances to the village, all smaller residential side streets and lanes would automatically be "captured" within the zone. The benefits of this approach include:    • Consistency and Clarity: It is less confusing for motorists if the entire village environment shares a single limit.    • Reduced Street Clutter: Placing the limit change at the village boundaries reduces the need for large, unsightly change of limit signage at every junction, resulting in a tidier street scene.    • Cost Effectiveness: While more repeater speed limit signs would be needed, the reduction in full-size speed limit signs could make the scheme more economical to implement.    4. Concerns Regarding Enforcement - My concern regarding how these limits will be policed would still exist, and I'd be grateful to hear the view of the council and/or police on how they plan to do this. However, I believe that a clear, village-wide 20mph boundary - especially encompassing the main roads where speeding is most prevalent - will encourage more careful driving throughout the village than the current proposal for a fragmented 30mph/20mph mix. I hope you will consider these suggestions as a way to create a safer, more cohesive environment for the residents of Hermitage.    Yours faithfully,    XXX</p> |
| <p>Congestion, frustration, pollution, cost of signage on all roads. Money would be better spent on potholes and doing all the faded white lines, getting our roads up to a high standard and not like a third world country. Hope this applies to cyclists and illegal e-scooters also delivero riders</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Pollution, pot holes white lines. What is the premises for this - Sorting crime</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>There are real priorities that would make our local roads much safer. Speed is not the issue locally, potholes and almost invisible road markings are. We have been waiting nearly 1 year for line painting at the busiest, most complicated junction in Hermitage where a lorry recently, smashed through a garden fence, narrowly avoiding the house.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Same reasons as to the previous proposal</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>I haven't got all day to go about my business. Greater pollution, more noise, greater aggravation.    This is just another excuse to keep a person in a desk job at our expense. Let alone cost of resigning all these roads. Those moved with this in West Berks are simply units for purpose. Even against opposition West Berks will still go ahead to justify your position. Simply appalling as expected</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>I don't believe 20mph works. It creates greater pollution as most cars are revving in the wrong gear, it creates more noise due to revs too high. I believe 20mph are great near hospitals, schools, town/village centres and suchlike, they can be very damaging to certain businesses where time frames are a factor. In essence, vehicles struggling to maintain 20mph are more of a nuisance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>20 mph is not a comfortable speed to maintain in a modern car and distracts the driver from watching the road around them. Better enforcement of 30 limits would be preferable. Reducing limits blanket fashion for all times of day and away from schools etc is a backward step that leads to increased driver frustration.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>In all but a very few exceptional cases, like an area just outside a school or in a residential street, 20mph is too slow. It is very difficult to drive most vehicles at this speed as vehicle's gear ratios are not suited to operate for any length of time at 20mph. 20mph is usually at the top end of the lowest gear and the very bottom of the next highest gear. Also most engine management units are not designed to operate at this speed, being optimized for 30mph. No only do vehicles find it difficult to operate at these low speeds for any length of time, engines are very inefficient at this speed using more fuel than they would at 30 mph. There is a strong case to say 20mph isn't just about everywhere. My main objection is that I feel there are too many inconsistencies in road speed limits, with variable speed limits on main roads and rapidly changing speed limits on other roads, as a driver I find I am paying more attention to what the speed is currently than what is happening around me. I am sure I am not alone. I am convinced that the attention demanded of the driver trying to avoid heavy punitive fines and points from ever changing speed limits greatly detracts from that attention demanded to drive safely. For these reasons I do not support the expansion of 20mph speed limits unless the reasons for them meet very specific and narrow criteria.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>My concern is this is an necessary cost when we are aware of many services being cut. I have no concerns for the smaller roads within any of west berksheire being reduced however I do have objections to the main roads within hermitage and cold ash as this will reduce progres. From the experiment in wales, I believe that many of the speed limits have reverted back. I would like a better explanation of why we are looking to do this activity as I haven't heard of any accidents or near misses in these areas.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Object on the basis that it will won't be enforced, so a waste of resource (time &amp; £) to change numerous signs across West Berks. Furthermore I am totally unaware of any pedestrian injury, fatal or otherwise that has been caused by a vehicle in my time living here (16 years). I drive in London regularly where 20 Mph is normal, it is ignored by in large where the volume of traffic permits.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>Money would be better spent repainting 30mph on the B4009 where has worn off. Speed reminder signs are also very effective which we haven't got. My home is on XXX and I find it safe regarding speed. Creating a 20mph zone will cause frustration with motorists and encourage vehicles driving too close and overtaking. It's difficult to get down the road near the post office and chsod with parked vehicles. There should be 20mph with flashing signs outside the school when the kids are going and leaving (some councils have these). There are always idiots who speed what ever the speed limit. In Wales 20mph has proved to be very expensive and non effective with many councils reverting back to 30mph on some B roads. Accidents were about the same with it causing motorists to overtake in a 20mph zone along with aggressive driving close to rear bumpers. When West Berks Council is under financial strain, I can't see the point of spending a vast sum on money with something that doesn't need fixing. Improve the current signage and road surface (pot holes - very dangerous for cyclists) would be money better spent. I checked and there are no recorded accidents in Hermitage apart from XXXX motorist who crashed along Malston Road on a remote stretch late at night last year.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>As a resident of XXX in Hermitage I am a regular driver and walker on the roads around Hermitage. In doing so, I have not noticed any issue with traffic moving too fast. As a pedestrian, I am able to cross roads safely, and as a driver I see the roads to be clear with good visibility and safe at 30mph. In XXX in particular, cars move much slower, and changing to 20mph would make no difference to our driving habits, so any change would simply be a waste of time and money. Please don't waste time and money trying to fix a non-existing problem.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p>I object to the proposal in respect of 20mph restrictions on the cul de sacs in Hermitage in particular. The cost of such a proposal would appear prohibitive when compared with any benefit. The idea of any restriction is that it can be regulated and enforced adequately. It must also prove to be of some benefit to local residents within those areas affected and should not be seen as a means of increasing the Council's finances. Although without enforcement it is hard to see what financial incentive there is for the Council to pursue such restrictions or to make such Orders in the first place. Having lived in Hermitage for in excess of 30 years I can not recall any incident/accident etc that has occurred in those areas that would require the making of such a Road Traffic Order. It is quite clear that within this consultation the Council are prepared to make such Orders affecting a very large part of West Berkshire without having the necessary funding, or resources, to enforce such a large traffic restriction. This therefore renders the restrictions as a total waste of tax payers money. In any event the cost of enforcement, as any Councilor knows, is very costly compared to any financial return that can be awarded. I have no doubt that lack of enforcement will be another risk with what be best an already over burdened police force when any 'law breaking' is found to have taken place in the first instance. In respect of the 20mph restricted speed limit on the B4009 Hampstead Norreys Road between Yattendon Road and Manor Lane together with High Street between Yattendon Road and a point approx. 1.0km northeast of Marlston Road I am in total agreement. In the first instance the traffic passes the Hermitage Primary School and the High Street has issues with vehicles parking generally, not just to use the village shop. These two lengths of road will become even more difficult to navigate when construction works begin on housing developments in Compton.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>I agree with 20mph speeds near schools. Not on other roads. Lowering the speed limit won't necessarily reduce people speeding. What evidence is there to demonstrate that lowering the speed limit to 20 mph reduces accidents? Wales had to rescind some of the 20mph speed restrictions due to the number of complaints. The cost of installing signs will be expensive. Is this decision evidence based on the number of lives saved or just an expensive idea? Lowering speeds will reduce productivity, delivery vans, workman etc.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>I object because: There has been no evidence of speed or collision published. There is an absence of demonstrates safety. There is a risk of non compliance. There is a lack of published data. There is no demonstration of environmental benefit.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>- Diligent drivers will be distracted by attempting to adhere to such a low (uncommon) speed vs focusing on the risks around them e.g. cyclist or pedestrian on/in the road. - It will not change non-diligent driver behaviour, who drive at the speed they want to, as the current speed limits are hardly enforced. - The new signage etc will be a complete waste of valuable council funds.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p>It will cost too much and not be enforced anyway</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>It has been proven to be detrimental both to the economy of the car and to the gases that are released. There really is not much evidence that it helps. From the studies that have been run it seems that the roads are "safer" but that's only because fewer people are driving on them! And it's not fair to restrict the roads in Berkshire as we need to be able to drive through places like ColdAsh.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <p>The High Street near the village shop often has parked cars which does slow the traffic but the road is busy. There are a lot of houses with driveways onto the road and the pavements seem well used by pedestrians so a reduced speed limit would make it much safer and more pleasant.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>I support this proposal. There are narrow roads (some without pedestrian pavements) in this area. A 20 MPH speed limit will encourage walking and cycling and will discourage dangerous or antisocially fast driving and as such potentially lowering the risk of collisions. I occasionally drive through this area, and would very much appreciate a more appropriate speed limit such as 20mph.</p> <p>I support any measures that make our village roads more safe for pedestrians, cyclists and riders. This is achievable with the proposed 20 mph speed restriction (provided that it can be enforced). A reduction in air pollution and an increase in sustainable travel are happy side effects.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>As a pedestrian on, at certain points very narrow pavements, it can be extremely unpleasant. A large volume of traffic (cars, HGV, farm vehicles) pass through the village travelling at speeds in excess of the current speed limit. The lower speed limit will make it safer for parents and children, in addition I believe the current constant noise from traffic will be substantially reduced by this decrease in speed limit.</p> <p>As a resident living on XXX, I broadly support a 20mph limit in Hermitage. However, I feel there are shortcomings in what is proposed: (1)Thames Valley Police has been reported as saying that they will not undertake additional enforcement of 20mph limits in other parts of the council area. However, without such enforcement here, or significant investment in traffic calming measures, the speed of traffic on Hampstead Norreys Road is unlikely to come down significantly. Many vehicles exceed the existing 30mph limit, both day and night, and are very unlikely to adhere to the reduced limit. Simple traffic calming measures are difficult to introduce as the road is already nearly griddocked at school start and end times. (2)The 20mph boundary at the western end of High Street is illogical. A major part of the justification for the limit is presumably the number of pedestrians on narrow pavements and crossing the road. The proposed boundary is at a point where people cross to the churchyard, and where the road narrows to go down to the Marlston Road junction, which has very limited sight lines. There are many children walking along the narrow pavement, to and from school and the shops. The 20mph zone should be extended past the Co-operative store, to include the roundabout at Priors Court Road, and along Marlston Road to the junction with Slanting Hill as this road is busy and relatively narrow. It is similarly illogical not to include Yattendon Road to the Chapel Lane junction, for the same reasons. Implementation of the revised limit is also likely to cost less than if these roads are included at a later date.</p> |
| <p>I support the proposal for tge reduction on Hampstead Norreys Road but not the side roads.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>The data on the imposition of a 20mph limit is very clear, it saves lives and injuries. There is now comprehensive information on available from several sources including Wales' ground breaking almost blanket application. For this alone it is worth doing. Arguments about the unreasonable slowing down of traffic are irrelevant when taking into account that it is to be applied in areas that traffic is slowed not by the speed limit but by factors such as volume of traffic, parked cars, schools, pedestrians, delivery vehicles, junctions, road width, visibility and bends. The change to journey times through the areas will be minimal. Even without hold ups when travelling in quiet periods the journey time through the average village will lengthen by less than a minute with a 10mph slowing. I have also heard the argument that as the police and traffic control measures cannot effectively keep vehicles to 30mph it is a waste of time and money having a 20 mph limit. Whilst accepting the point it does ignore the fact that responsible drivers will conform to the new limit and overall speeds will drop.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Narrow roads mean very short range of visibility, and no room for passing. Predominantly residential area, where roadway is shared with pedestrians as there is no sidewalk. There is no reason for anyone exceeding a speed of 20mph.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>I support the proposal in full - it's just a shame that the proposal does not include the whole of Bucklebury including the Broad Lane "Rat Run".</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>Small villages should be quite and safe places to live.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>See response to previous question.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Slower speeds reduce pollution, risk of accident, noise. It must be policed properly not just signs or it will be ignored</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Support due to speeding in the area. Should be extended to include all current 30 mph zones along Long Lane and enforced with speed cameras.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Lots of speeding vehicles, cars and HGVs in Hermitage. However, the existing 30 mph roads e.g. Marlston Road from B4009 to disused railway bridge and Priors Court Rd from Hilliers to the B4009 need policing! Many vehicles are speeding here and there is never anything done to police it. They need speed cameras. Nearly getting run over by vehicles approaching Hermitage from the M4.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>Currently walking on Hampstead Norreys Road is an unpleasant and at times dangerous experience. A reduction to 20mph should significantly improve the situation. However, I fear that without effective speed restriction enforcement cars will continue to speed through the village.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Many cars drive too fast in Hermitage including around XXX where I live and when coming from Hampstead Norreys direction into the village where speed limit changes. I'm not sure how this will be enforced but it is a positive starting point.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>As someone who lives on the main road I'm just disappointed it doesn't cover the whole of the B4009 through hermitage from hermitage green roundabout to forest edge. Don't believe it should just start from Marlston road junction. I support this as I regularly witness cars speeding at over 30mph. Lower speeds will help with pedestrians both crossing the road and also where pavements very narrow. Also aware many cats have been hit on these roads which I believe a lower speed would help reduce and cut down the stopping distance by cars.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>In general terms I support this proposal, but feel that some areas should have been addressed here that have not. In particular the roundabout at junction of Priors Court Road, Station Road, Long Lane, Newbury Road - this is a dangerous roundabout and 20mph on the approach should have been proposed. Also Long Lane through Curridge is 30mph, then limit rises to 40mph and back to 30mph - this should have been a consistent 30mph all the way through.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Safety, environmentally better.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



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| <p>I am writing to formally object to the proposed 20mph speed limit in Hermitage under Traffic Regulation Order reference 2526HERM20. My objection is based not on opposition in principle to lower speed limits, but on the absence of adequate evidence and justification within the published consultation materials to support the imposition of a blanket 20mph limit on the roads concerned. 1. Lack of Published Speed and Collision Evidence: The consultation document does not include local speed survey data showing prevailing vehicle speeds on the affected roads, nor do they present recent collision or casualty data demonstrating a safety problem that a 20mph limit is intended to address. Without this information, it is not possible for consultants to assess whether the proposal is proportionate or evidence-led. 2. Insufficient Justification Against National Guidance: Department for Transport guidance on setting local speed limits states that limits should be appropriate, evidence-based, and self-enforcing. The Statement of Reasons lacks a general policy aims and aspirations rather than demonstrating how the physical road environment, traffic conditions, and existing speeds in Hermitage support a 20mph limit or make it likely to be self-enforcing. 3. Absence of Demonstrated Safety or Environmental Benefit: No quantified assessment has been provided to show that the proposed limit would lead to measurable improvements in road safety, reductions in vehicle speeds, or environmental benefits. In the absence of identified speed-related collision issues, it is unclear what specific problem this TRO is intended to solve. 4. Consultation Transparency: While the statutory process appears to have been followed procedurally, meaningful consultation requires that relevant supporting evidence be made available to the public. The lack of published data undermines the ability of residents and stakeholders to make informed representations. 5. Risk of Ineffective or Non-Compliant Implementation: Introducing a speed limit that is not supported by prevailing speeds or road characteristics risks poor compliance, unnecessary enforcement pressures, and reduced respect for speed limits more generally. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the proposed TRO not be progressed in its current form. At a minimum, I ask that the council publish the speed, traffic, and collision evidence relied upon, and demonstrate how the proposal complies with national guidance before proceeding further.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p>lack of police enforcement, concerns about longer journey times, questioning effectiveness without traffic calming increasing costs, 30mph is slow enough. Frustration from drivers</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>I believe 30 mph is perfectly adequate for road safety. Failure to enforce even existing limits is more of a concern. The council should not be able to complain of lack of funds if they are happy to spend OUK money on a pointless exercise.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>I object in the strongest terms to the imposition of 20mph speed limits anywhere in the area other than outside schools around the start and end times of the school day. Existing speed limits are adequate if enforced. 20mph causes traffic to bunch into long lines that don't permit joining or crossing traffic whether on foot, on a bike or in a car. We already have too much ugly road furniture to blight our countryside. We must prevent urbanisation of our current, rural environment. 20mph speed limits do not change peoples driving habits. Respectful, law abiding drivers will continue to be so and others will continue in their own ways. Resulting in nothing being achieved. A dreadful waste of money and resources that can be better used elsewhere on meaningful, long desired alternatives.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Extra cost to deliveries caused by extra time taken without any evidence of need volume</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>As a cyclist I far rather cycle in 30mph areas than 20mph roads. At 20mph cars are only moving a little faster than bikes, this makes them "hover" behind you, or overtake in poor places. Neither is desirable. I would favour making alternative routes through hermitage, where those wanting to avoid the 30 could. I would also address the end of the cycle path by the motorway where bikes, cars and pedestrians mix in both directions. My view on this is both as cycling as an adult and cycling with children. This position mainly applies to the B4009, the side roads have less of an issue as they have little traffic.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>What the consultants (in Glasgow) and WBC have chosen to ignore from suggestions at the meeting were: - extending the limit from Station Road to include the Prior's Court roundabout, which is the only accident hot-spot we have in the village. Residents will, I'm sure, be pleased to learn that you don't care about their cars being written off. Residents from Station Road have frequently expressed their concerns about the speed of vehicles and I personally would avoid turning right off there, preferring to walk from the Co-op car park. Before Chevelay Parish had its own CSM, the residents to the south asked if our CSM could check speeds on the approach because, since there is no pavement, they had significant concerns about the safety of their children walking to school and the bus park. I would also note that, once the development off Charlotte Close is built there will be even more traffic problems to the N of the roundabout. - placing a limit on Marlston Road to include the adjacent part of the B4009. I am interested to learn that your only concern is when there are large collections of people accessing a community facility. My concern is that, because the pavement goes from one side to another and visibility is poor at some crossing points, that all pedestrians and other vulnerable groups are at risk. This is even more significant now that the Elling Way has been extended and more people are going down Marlston Road to walk/cycle along there than ever before. - extending the 30 mph zone to the other side of the M4 underpass to slow traffic down, rather than creating a new 40mph zone. So why is there no such buffer zone on the Yattendon Road where we know traffic regularly exceeds the 30mph limit and probably 40mph outside the village? Some residents have twice expressed a desire to have the planned 20mph zone extended past the Duke turning, so that the current 30 mph zone would need extending anyway; hopefully improving safety for the travellers site where WBC cited concerns regarding speed as a reason for refusing planning permission. - reducing the speed limit between Hermitage and Curridge to 30mph. Again, this links to the idea of a 20mph zone around the roundabout, plus we have no idea what is to be proposed in Curridge regarding new limits but are aware that vehicles routinely fail to slow down when they meet that 30mph zone. Not allowing them to increase speed between the two villages might encourage compliance at both ends, even if they didn't stick strictly to the limit between the two. It is, after all, a relatively short stretch with little or no opportunity to overtake. It was also pointed out that we have extensive records of speeding near Dines Way so if (as claimed) the intention is to have limits only where 'self-enforcing' (i.e. a reasonable driver wouldn't speed anyway) the "school zone" began in an inappropriate place: as XXX resident I'd love to have the traffic going slower as visibility is poor, but I suspect there are lots of people who feel the same about their driveway along other parts of the B4009. It occurred to me that you might have extended the school 20mph zone down to Dines Way, because you were under the impression that parents were parking at the Fox and walking to school. If so, yet walking to school. If so, you should know that is no longer the case: parents park either on the road, in the school car park or at the Village Hall. As you will see, no explanation has been given as to why such suggestions haven't been followed through: I'm sure WBC Highways have good reasons, but it shows a lack of respect for the views of the people who really know about local traffic issues.</p> |
| <p>I strongly object to this proposal, on at least the following three points. 1. The current fashion for reducing speed limits to 20mph demonstrates fundamental misunderstandings about the nature of motorists / human beings. Responsible drivers tend to be law-abiding individuals and will therefore aim to comply with whatever speed limit is set. But irresponsible drivers are, by their very nature, far less likely to take notice of speed limits, including reduced ones. Reducing speed limits to 20mph carries with it an inherent danger – that pedestrians, becoming accustomed to traffic generally moving more sedately, then inevitably become less alert and aware when, for instance, crossing roads. In that less-alert state they are more vulnerable, and most especially should a faster-moving vehicle approach. This has become quite noticeable in city centres. And it often involves an irresponsible cyclist or e-scooter rider, neither of whom need fear speed cameras. I have seen this frequently on the streets of London. A false sense of security is in no-one's interests. 2. I am concerned that WBC has I suspect already paid a considerable amount of local ratepayers' money to the consultants it has engaged in this matter. I would question the justification for employing a high-profile and no doubt high-charging global company for this, but that it is money already spent. (wasted?) What I would emphatically not wish to see is a further huge sum committed to taking the consultation yet further, nor indeed implementing the proposed scheme. I question the justification, at a time when WBC bleats about having to cut services. On the day that I first noticed the proliferation of laminated white signs strapped to posts all over the roads in this proposed scheme, I also noticed four sites of freshly dumped fly-tipping. It has been reported, but more than a week later it's still there. 3. 20mph is less fuel-efficient than 30mph for vehicles powered by internal combustion engines, therefore raising air-pollution levels.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>No schools enough cars parked on road to slow speeds</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>Reducing the speed to as little as 20mph on the main roads through and around Hermitage seems disproportionate: responsible road users drive with due care and attention, including modulating their speed, in accordance with the hazards that they perceive or anticipate; and the headline speed limit has only an indirect impact on hazard perception; irresponsible road users are less likely to pay any attention to the speed limit anyway. Road users should be alerted to potential danger or specific black spots by other means if necessary (although I also don't advocate traffic disruption features such as speed bumps and chicanes). As for the residential estates, it is in practice very difficult to drive at 30mph as a result of the 'natural' traffic disruptions posed by cars parked on the road, and I'd say that reducing the speed limit to 20mph in these areas would have minimal impact.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Totally over the top blanket coverage with little thought to the frustration and inconveniences caused with traffic build up during busy periods. In Europe they operate a considerably mor' restrained approach and actually implement where needed. The UK approach does not encourage observation as it is too far reaching instead it will be dis regarded as this proposal covers large areas where people will question why has this been done.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <p>Unnecessary waste of money and yet another example of nanny state intervention.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>West Berks don't have the funds. Scheme not enforceable with such a diminished presence of police in rural areas. Money better spent bringing people together in communities so that neighbours can look out for each other more, which will reduce local speeding more effectively with the strength of a neighbourhood against it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>Why are you wasting tax payers money? Have you carried out a feasibility study and how many accidents have occurred caused by traffic? Who do you purpose will enforce the speed limit? TVP haven't go enough resources to Police 30MPH limits. The road is already congested with cars parked on the road causing a natural speed restriction</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>I really don't see these speed restrictions as helpful indeed exactly the opposite and just another way of generating income</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>The current speed limit is sufficient</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>I have lived in Hermitage for 33 years. I walk and drive round the village on a daily basis. Reported incidents appear to be extremely low or even negligible in and around the village. Speed is not a particular issue and restricting it to 20mph is likely to cause more problems as drivers become impatient.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>See earlier objections</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>It's not required</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>I object to the part of the proposal which includes the main road through the village. This is currently 30mph and feels well adhered to. The main road is used by delivery drivers and through traffic with few pedestrians, and a 20mph limit will unnecessarily impact journeys</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>This is a political choice put forward with out substantial evidence of crashes or injuries</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <p>I support this reduction in speed limit. I live on XXX and often witnessed cars driving at excessive speeds. Which includes when collecting/dropping my children at school, where I have witnessed cars mounting pavements to avoid on coming traffic.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>I strongly support the proposed 20mph speed limit in Hermitage. We moved to XXX three weeks ago and have been genuinely concerned by the speed of vehicles using the road. Plus, since June 2025, when we started travelling to and from school with our children, we have seen driving behaviour that feels unsafe and inappropriate for a residential area. Vehicles, including at least one motorbike, regularly appear to travel at extreme speeds, particularly at night. This poses a serious risk to themselves, and the wider community. Introducing a 20mph limit would be a fantastic start, however including the addition of speed cameras, would materially improve safety, support community wellbeing, and help ensure children can move around the village safely.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Support broadly all of it but it (20) should include the Yattendon road [entrance to village from yattendon direction/ chapel lane junction, to B4009 junction by Fox pub]. Also needs to be 20/30 on priors court rd from just before Acres of Fun (due to dangerous week day traffic moments) to mini roundabout on B4009 20 from hermitage village sign on B4009 from Newbury/Curridge direction/ northbound. Also 20 past motorway bridge and clearly past Elling way pedestrian entrance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>I support the proposal. The 20mph sign placed at the entrance of the forest edge estate in hermitage is ridiculous as you'd be lucky to do more than 15mph through there. I would be interested to see how this will be controlled on the main road. Is there intent for speed cameras?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>safer for non-motorised users especially horse riders</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Traffic using Hampstead Norreys Road often exceed current speed limit. If it is reduced to 20mph the drivers might do 30!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>As per my other comments on the other areas. Fully support</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>I support it completely but would request that the High Street Hermitage restriction is extended to cover from Priors Court roundabout to Forest Edge roundabout. It is not far that one end of the village benefits from lower speeds and quieter roads while the other end remains 30mph. This is particularly necessary around the co-op entrance and in view of the planned developments in Charlotte Close and the Old Farmhouse. Much simpler to impose it from one end of the village to the other then there is no doubt / room for error.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>There is a lot of traffic through Hermitage, including a lot of heavy goods vehicles. I feel that a lot of cars speed through the village, particularly the main road through the village (high street). The paths can be quite narrow and with the school at the top of the village I don't feel it is very safe for pedestrians and particularly children walking to school.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Lower speeds significantly reduce injuries if someone is hit by a vehicle. Lower speeds reduce pollution. Lower speeds make walking and cycling safer and more pleasant. 100% support this proposal.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>I live on XXX between XXX and XXX and can attest to the excess speed on this stretch of the road compounded by the necessity of cars parking on the side of the particularly on the stretch between the school and Chapel Lane. I question why Yattendon Road has NOT been included in the proposal to drop the speed limit down to 20mph ?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>We live along XX and our children go to XXX, we frequently see drivers tearing along the roads whilst children are walking to school. Drivers drive fast at all times during the day along the main road (Hampstead norreys road) however I cannot see them sticking to 20mph but something is now needed. Speed bumps or ensuring proper visible signage is required if this goes ahead.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>People drive way too fast. Hopefully 20 will make people think more. Would ideally like it extended throughout village instead of only northern half i.e past Coop and White Horse too</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>A compelling reason to support a 20 mph speed limit in the community is that it saves lives while making streets safer, calmer, and more liveable for everyone. At 20 mph, drivers have significantly more time to react, stopping distances are much shorter, and the likelihood of a collision being fatal is dramatically reduced. A person hit by a car at 20 mph is far more likely to survive than at 30 mph. This isn't theoretical — it's a proven public safety measure that directly reduces serious injuries and deaths, especially for children, older people, and those walking or cycling. Beyond safety, 20 mph streets encourage healthier, more connected communities. People feel safer letting children walk or cycle, residents are more likely to spend time outside, and local high streets benefit from increased footfall. Traffic noise and pollution are also reduced, improving air quality and wellbeing for those who live nearby. Crucially, 20 mph limits don't significantly increase journey times, especially in residential areas where traffic is already slowed by junctions, crossings, and congestion. What they do change is behaviour — creating streets that prioritise people, not just vehicles. In short: 20 mph isn't about penalising drivers — it's about protecting lives, supporting local communities, and creating streets that work for everyone.</p> |
| <p>The speeding through Hermitage is outrageous. I am shocked to see that Newbury Road is not included in this proposal, considering the horrifying speeds of drivers past the Co-op which is a bus stop for local schools.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>Too many speeding vehicles on the high street in hermitage and v dangerous. It is only a matter of time before there is an accident. Please can you put up speeding cameras to monitor this.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>Speeds in the High Street are especially variable with many motorists exceeding the 30mph speed limit. As a resident of Hermitage I feel the most dangerous part of the High Street is the Mini roundabout that meets Station Road where there have been a number of collisions and surely a serious incident waiting to happen. The 20 mph speed limit should certainly be applied to this part of the High Street too?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>I would like Stanford Dingley where I live included - cars travel over 30mph we have Tractors, horses, cyclists and a huge number of walkers in particular youngsters doing their Duke of Edinburgh treks</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>I think it need to be a 20 mph speed limit in these zones</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>The proposal is generally good. The standard of driving and the lack of pedestrian crossings in Hermitage means that school children and elderly are often crossing roads between drivers without full awareness of their surroundings. There are a number of contributory factors that make this more prevalent now than previously * An increase in road use. 2 major housing developments in hermitage without any change to the road structure * Lack of street lighting but an increase in luminance of car lighting (high contrast) * Increased destination traffic to the Hermitage Co-op store *. Pavements becoming overgrown and narrow (opposite Doctors lane junction is a prime example)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Speeding in the villagers around Newbury are becoming dangerous to residents. the motorists do not think they will get caught speeding and therefore do not observe the speed limits.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

I am totally desperate coming from the high street in village is the mini round about junction with Priors court rd, Stations rd and Lang Lane NOT THE SPEED LIMIT. Get your priorities right, that junction is totally dangerous apart from Priors court rd visibility to the right at junction is minimal and the road markings and signage is appalling in all directions. A 20mph speed limit in the High street is not required and is just another way of the council making money from the motorist, if you were serious about road safety you would sort that junction out with traffic lights.

I object to the proposals for a blanket 20mph speed restrictions in the villages (Ashmore Green, Bucklebury, Upper Bucklebury, Chapel Row, Cold Ash and Hermitage) because the safety improvement is questionable, but would in doing along these roads more frustrating and time consuming. Also, during a cost of living crisis, the cost of replacing signs and the economic harm imposed not extended to the Yattendon Road where the new speed limit would be applied. The proposal is necessary around facilities so why is it not extended on the BA4009 to the mini roundabout and onto the Co go stop? The stretch of the BA4009 from The Fox towards Hampstead Nunnery, in my opinion, does not require a lowering of the speed limit which will feel uncomfortably slow and frustrating to drivers. Please see the next paragraph below for an addition to this view.

This is a waste of time and money. Please do not continue with the scheme.

Research indicates that 20mph limits are more useful than 30mph limits, when including more factors than merely the impact of a collision (i.e. driver awareness, etc).

The proposals are uneconomic. Many of the roads proposed is Morton's lane it is almost impossible to do more than 20mph. Many roads in Upper Bucklebury are already designated quiet lanes giving rights of way to pedestrians and horses, etc, this has limited effect and was a waste of BPC money. This would be exactly the same. There is no evidence of the need to reduce speed in accident rates so what is the purpose of this? The is no rationale proposed as to why this is being proposed other than purely political reasons. It is a complete waste of BPC money.

It won't make a difference. I've lived here for 33 years and never noticed anything speeding through the village. Journeys take long enough as it is, reducing speed limits will increase people's travel time.

Slowing traffic will cause additional congestion and therefore discourage non drivers as well as with Cold Ash enforcement of the current regulations would be better use of funds

Whilst a speed limit on the side roads is acceptable, traffic flow through the village on the A409 is already difficult enough without impeding it further. In reality what is the point of speed limits if it doesn't demonstrate a need for such short lengths of road, e.g. outside of the village limits, to better enforce the current limits with cameras as they are regularly broken with no consequences.

Again far too widespread and limiting especially around BA409

I object to the proposals mainly due to the fact I can not provide evidence that the changes will improve life for the local communities. I also object on the grounds of finance, how can WBC with it's current financial situation afford to fund required changes?

Same as before

I believe that 20mph zones that are extended in length are extremely difficult to drive at a constant speed and drivers drift naturally towards 30 mph. I feel it would be better to limit the 20 mph zone to specific areas that need protecting such as immediately outside of the school.

See comment above

What ever view people will just to ignore as this is "just a tickle in the box". The council just do as they will as seen with the pedestrianisation of KATHAROCK Street, which the majority were against but still went ahead. How can you have a national speed limit of 10mph through Central London and still want to impose a 20mph limit through villages, you are so ant it is so dear. 3 weekly bin collection is considered "justifying what a plan" do you. What a waste of money it would be spent on keeping the dog waste bins emptied

The residents of Hermitage deserve to have the opportunity for a public presentation to discuss the proposals, not an anonymous survey. The proposal seems to have been developed by people unfamiliar with the traffic situation. If the aim is to improve road safety, the plan will not achieve this. Viz: - the only places I have observed RATS are the Priors Court Roundabout (regular occurrence) and bend on Yattendon Road where Elling ways crosses. Neither of these have a 20mph limit imposed. It is most difficult for pedestrians to cross the road along Marston Road and around that junction (as well as the Priors Court Roundabout) where the speed limit is 20mph. The road is a narrow lane, with a narrow footway, Highway's Corner, with vehicle speeds in that area. A 40mph limit with no change to the 30mph start will not have a significant effect. In my opinion, what I would like to see is to have traffic going more slowly at the Dingles Way junction (your visibility to the right) the 20mph limit should not start until the 5 end until around Chapel Lane. Yes, I support the idea of a 20mph limit on the lanes and outside the school, but the village is full of speed.

Whilst I fully support the restriction of speeds on purely residential roads, I object to the inclusion of the High Street in Hermitage. This is a well designed, wide road, with excellent pavements and visibility for motorists. In addition, traffic is canalised by cars parked outside the village shop, often restricting it to a single lane. This road is a key route for access to Newbury as well as the A34 and M4 for all smaller villages towards Yattendon. We have no public transport options to get us to the shops or children's clubs, so rely on cars for these key services. If the speed is reduced to 20mph, the flow of traffic can be disrupted, and the village shop will be greatly impacted. As a result of travelling with the right of way, would take longer to pass the restriction and thereby giving more opportunities for other vehicles to cut in. This could cause congestion on the road, which is a safety risk as well as a waste of time and money for the residents of the village, which would be more for residents and more dangerous for the pedestrians and cyclists.

Whilst speeding in the village is an issue and I agree that measures should be taken, especially on the road by the primary school, I don't feel reducing the speed limit to 20mph will be effective those who speed at 30 will speed at 20mph. Given that in villages that the original intention of the 20mph zones was to slow down cars to 30 in some places this would seem to suggest the policy has not had the desired impact. I appreciate the reasoning behind it but I think it is the correct approach.

I object to the proposed changes to the speed limit on the BA4009 Hampstead Nunnery Road, and High Street (the main road through Hermitage). The 20mph limit will significantly slow vehicle progress through the village, increasing the time it takes to pass through the village by 50%. According to CRASHMAP (UK, there have only been two car accidents on this stretch of road in the last 10 years. Road safety is not the reason that the council with no evidence that the council will not be able to maintain the road to the standard it is now. Lower speed limits will frustrate drivers and make them more likely to exceed the limit, either deliberately or inadvertently.

As a strongly object, as a driver with over 40 plus years drive and always a clean Licence. I do not care for speed but feel 20 is too inopportune on main roads. I support 20 on estate roads. As a resident with children in the village, I would be very interested to know how you would check bumps? In the 20 plus years I have lived in the village, there have only been one pedestrian accident and then on where a child stepping out between parked cars. Coaches and buses are not allowed to stop to slow down to go fast and to close to the Coach.

I live in the village. The road is busy enough without making it busier at dusk hours by slowing traffic down and causing yet more pollution.

There is no valid reason to reduce the speed limit to 20mph. There are very limited instances of speeding and there have been no traffic accidents as a result of speeding. This is the main road between villages and a 20mph speed limit will cause tailbacks and increased levels of air and noise pollution as cars idle. Stop these attacks on rural communities and concentrate your efforts on

As a road user and one that has driven in other 20mph limited roads, 20mph is not an appropriate speed to be driving at and can make driving less safe rather than more safe. At such a low limit you spend most of your time watching the speedometer and constantly changing gears to avoid exceeding 20mph, instead of being able to concentrate fully on hazards, pedestrians and other road users and drivers who already choose to exceed current limits will not be deterred by an additional restriction the only people affected will be responsible drivers. A lower limit risks creating

I agree to a 20 mile limit by the primary school in hermitage and Chapel lane (this is road is used as a cut through) but feel that the other roads do not warrant the cost and time to the rate payers and the council. The signage costs to the council could be money diverted to much needed other areas. A lot of the roads mentioned are small size roads that let traffic. Please stop wasting the money you take each month and use for worthy causes. Perhaps an up grade to the Pinewood park would be an area to look at.

20 mph limit will unnecessarily impact on travel time.

I agree in principle with the 20mph. But this has been poorly planned. Hermitage green is already 20mph why is this being suggested to 20mph? The dangerous mini roundabout in hermitage with very poor visibility and people not following by hermitage green / the garden centre is not being addressed and remaining 30mph. This should be included in reduction in any planning changes.

Waste of money. Show starts to support a better suggestion.

See previous

Don't see the need current 30mph sufficient

Whilst I understand the benefits of the 20mph limit in the area immediately around the school, it's ridiculous elsewhere. A particular objection to the 40mph limit replacing the national limit at the north of Hermitage. This would negatively affect the OHV gypsy community who use the road to travel to and from their sites. The council should consider the impact of this change on the traffic is bunged up thanks to this rubbish proposal extensive 20mm limit.

Why don't you do your job and fix the potholes and collect potholes more often instead of persecuting motorists!

1. This has not been asked for by local people and is a large over step by West Berkshire Council. The roads are perfectly safe as they are, there are no accident black spots. 3. We have much better things to spend money on.

No reason to lower the speed

Too sweeping and needs to be more selective.

I have lived here for nearly 40 years and I don't think 20 mph is necessary. How can it be supervised we have no light streets so speed cameras can't be used and there are not enough police available.

I drive, cycle and walk, but only cycle on these particular roads. There is no reason for 20mph general anywhere, but in these roads there is literally no issue with speed and cycling safety, which is reportedly one of the perceived benefits. In 20 years I have never once felt unsafe or intimidated on any of these roads.

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| <p>A large part of the proposal covers cul-de-sacs and narrow roads where it is almost impossible to get to 20mph. 20mph by the school at key times makes sense but the rest?? Seems a waste of our money. Better speed control through the current 30mph on High St and Hampstead Norreys road would be much better particularly as the police don't want to enforce the 20mph proposals. Also, the Eling Way extension for walkers/cyclists/horse riders comes out between the Fox pub and Deacons Lane. Current 30mph and no proposed reduction to 2011 I have been a Hermitage resident for 35 years. I know the village well and was on the XXX team. I do know the transport needs of the village. As such I would like to make the following points and suggestions.</p> <p>Many of the proposed 20mph limits are in small roads or cul-de-sacs. As such it is rare to achieve 20mph. So making most of them a mandatory 20mph is a waste of money (that could alternatively be spent on filling our ever increasing plague of pot-holes!).</p> <p>The main danger from traffic comes from speeding through the existing 30mph zone. Particularly down the High Street and Marlston Road. So any cash allocated for improvements should be focused on that issue. Speed Indicator Devices (SID) would help. Possibly full time speed cameras. The main areas of risk are by the Primary School, Post Office and Marlston Road. All 3 suffer from congestion and road rage is common. So traffic calming measures here would add value. School drop off/pick up times are an obvious traffic pinch point. Cars parked by the post office create obstacles. Marlston Road has a range of issues as follows. Occasional parking outside the church; access to Lipscomb Close (which will in future also connect to a housing development behind the White Horse pub and form part of the Active Travel Route/Eling Way extension); access to Ilmants Piece; the confusing priority single track road underneath the old railway bridge (which results in a lot of speeding traffic under the bridge and road rage) and very difficult visibility joining Newbury Road/High Street. A section of Marlston Road also now forms part of the Eling Way Extension (see below).</p> <p>The much used and very well appreciated Eling Way has a proposed extension through the village. This would benefit from 20mph limits on the road sections throughout for safety reasons. Some parts of this ATR are not covered by the current 20mph proposals. They include Marlston Road (between Lipscomb Close and the old railway bridge) and Yattendon Road between the Fox pub and Deacons Lane. Note that the entry into the village on the Yattendon road goes from 60mph to 30mph; it is a straight fast road, speeding is a problem and it runs into the ATR at Deacons Lane.</p> |
| I don't believe reducing the speed limit to 20mph along certain roads will help in the village                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 20 is only necessary in front of the s Primary school during school drop off and pick up times. Anything additional is excessive, cannot be policed and would be a waste of tax payer money                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Feels like council wanting to get money as it's very difficult to stick to 20mph- loads of research has now been done to support this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Punish people breaking the 30mph not reduce the speed for everyone else                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| I feel that some roads warrant a 20mph limit if they pass a school or local Post Office shop for example. However, the blanket rule of 20mph being proposed on the long list of roads is excessive, will not contribute to less accidents, and will cost the council an enormous amount of money that West Berkshire can ill afford. As we have seen across Wales, these blanket 20mph road limits have not been successful, and we have seen a reversal of them there. West Berkshire Council never listen to residents when a consultation takes place, and will push through with their plans regardless of the outcome. However, I feel it's important to have a say on local changes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| It would be better to have targeted Speed Limits for Specific Areas. Instead of imposing a blanket 20mph speed limit across these roads, it would be more effective to implement targeted speed limits in areas where pedestrians are actually present or more likely to cross. For example, speed limits could be lowered near schools, parks, or bus stops, where pedestrians are most active. At certain times of the day, in areas with very few pedestrians, a higher speed limit could be maintained, ensuring traffic flows smoothly without unnecessary restrictions. This approach would prevent the frustration of a universally slow speed limit while still ensuring safety in areas where pedestrian traffic is common. 2. Enhanced Signage and Awareness: In locations with low pedestrian traffic, more visible signage could be a great solution. Signs that warn drivers of "Pedestrian Crossing" or "Low Pedestrian Traffic Area" could help maintain awareness without the need to reduce speed limits across the entire road network. Additionally, better use of technology like speed cameras could help maintain safe speeds, rather than relying solely on blanket speed reductions that are increasing environmental issues, causing anger and frustration and also being ignored by the very locals that are asking for them to be introduced.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| This is an unnecessary restriction on roads that are mainly self regulated. The cost of this implementation outweighs poorly thought out and invented benefits and ignores the small number of roads (Bucklebury Alley, Fishers Lane etc.) that would benefit from such a speed restriction. This is yet another politically driven agenda item that will produce little benefit other local councillors being able to trumpet their "green" credentials and claim it's all about road safety. All of this needs to be set against the possible impending bankruptcy of WBC when it should be reducing expenditure rather than increasing expenditure on vanity projects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 20mph speed limits are ridiculous. They are an expensive waste of council funds and do not serve any possible benefit. It is nearly impossible to drive in Oxfordshire and I now avoid the area this is what will happen to West Berkshire. Do not waste my tax money on this pointless initiative. Spend the money on social care and important areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 20mph won't impact systemic speeders, it just makes a misery for local residents going about their business. No no no no! Please consider alternative traffic calming measures. Please do NOT implement this overly restrictive and ridiculous plan. (old ash resident)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| The current speed limit isn't stuck to by a lot of people so reducing the limit will make no difference, instead ways to enforce the current 30mph limit should be looked into. Also other road safety features should be investigated particularly outside the primary school.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| The reduction from 30mph to 20mph will not change the standard of living, noise will be very similar, quantity of traffic will not be effected. A better use of council funds would be to enforce the current speed limit rather than reducing it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| In truth there are far more important things for the council to concentrate and spend tax payers money on than reducing the existing acceptable speed limit on countless roads that do not need it. The current speed limits are not enforced so how will a blanket lower limit work? Or be enforced? Have we seen multiple accidents and deaths across the parish? I recognise speed invariably contributes to many road traffic accidents but reducing the speed limit to a level that will create more issues with traversing the area is unlikely to have any major impact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Disproportionate affect on surrounding communities from restricting the B4009 compared to the safety benefits. Otherwise I suspect the proposal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Complete waste of money, far too much money has already been wasted on this proposal. Those that drive dangerously (not just speed) will continue to do so regardless of the speed limit changes. Money could be better spent placing safe crossing places near schools and on main roads on school bus stops. According to planning applications none of these roads are considered unsafe and no accidents ever happen so I can't see why this money is being wasted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 20mph is to slow and there is zero environmental impact documented as to benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Car drivers switch off when travelling at 20mph. As a keen runner I am always aware of vehicle movement - making cars drive slower doesn't necessarily equate to them being safer. More should be done to teach people which side of the road to walk on and to stop drivers using their phones                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| I want the 30 mile an hour limit to remain but with extra measures to enforce this - more signage showing how fast traffic is travelling etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Cars are safer than ever with improved stopping distances. Driving at 20mph is distracting as you have to study the Speeds more. Cyclists can go quicker and overtake you                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Where is the data to show that deaths and serious injuries are happening on these roads to justify a change the police have no capacity to enforce? At a time of budget constraints how much has been allocated for the new signage and road markings?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Totally ridiculous and a waste of money. Not necessary and difficult to enforce. If you have spare money spend it on the SEND provision or bring back fortnightly bin collections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Where is the data to support the decision and the proposed accidents/incidents that reducing to 20mph will save lives? How many people have been injured/killed on the roads proposed where speed was a factor. Blanket 30mph speed limits hasn't worked in Wales so why do you think it would be an improvement in WB and Hermitage/Cold Ash. Yes 20mph outside schools during school hours but everywhere else is an overreaction. Money on signs and notices is not cost effective especially when cash strapped and trying to make savings elsewhere. Eg raising fees on sports pitches and 3 weekly bin collections to name a few. How is this going to be policed if the data says that cars are already not sticking to 30mph speed limit? Maybe ensure drivers are sticking to 30mph rather than reduce it to 20mph? Too many areas covered by this blanket approach. Whose idea is this and what is their agenda?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I object to half the roads listed in Hermitage due to it nearly being impossible to go above 20mph anyway!, so pointless listing them as 20mph. Waste of money spent on signs and labour installing them. Deacons lane, chapel lane and pond lane being some of the roads you can't go above 20mph already and I've never seen anyone speed down them before.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 30mph is fine. Has been 30mph this whole time not necessarily to reduce even more                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Its a complete waste of council (and hence taxpayer's) money as the roads affected are mostly quiet cul-de-sacs where traffic never gets up to 20mph anyway. On the main road through the village, it would slow progress creating further jams and frustration and achieve nothing as there is no enforcement activity proposed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| I believe it is unnecessary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| I am concerned that this change has not adequately considered the character and usage of the road, nor the potential consequences for traffic flow, safety, and local residents. In particular: Road design and conditions: The road well-maintained, and has good visibility, which supports the current speed limit. Safety record: To my knowledge, there is no clear evidence of a collision history or safety issues that would justify a reduction/increase in the limit. Traffic flow and congestion: The proposed change is likely to increase congestion, driver frustration, and inconsistent speeds, which may paradoxically reduce safety. Community impact: The change may negatively affect residents, commuters, and local businesses who rely on efficient travel along this route. I respectfully request that the council reconsider this proposal, or at minimum publish the data, assessments, and justification used to support the decision. I would also welcome further consultation with local residents before any permanent changes are implemented. Thank you for taking the time to consider this objection. I look forward to your response.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| I would like to see published the imperial data that shows the speed/time and frequency for this location. Additionally the specific data set that demonstrate the actual accident reduction in other adopted sites, rather than just "we believe it's a good idea and we believe we know better than you. This endless pursuit of controlling everybody's life is unacceptable and can only be justified if you can actually Demonstrate the cost-benefit analysis. As I have to say, the trillion-dollar business is the trillion-dollar business to work in. Of course in an ideological sense it makes sense to the liberal left but we live in a real world with real impact to people/business etc. Also there is no point having it without any means to resource enforcement, which of course the council doesn't have the funds to do. And there is no way the police will.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Object Our money is better spent on services people need. Nobody voted for this                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Because this won't make any difference at all why don't you do something useful like where there are actually accidents like the junction of the 4009 longlane and red Shute Hill ? Or hermitage roundabout?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 20mph limits should be reserved for areas around schools and children's play areas, not for general use everywhere. You are reducing the impact and risking children's lives by placing them everywhere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Hermitage is safe to drive through at 30mph given common sense. 20mph speed limits lead to frustration, irritation and stress. They make it hard to overtake country vehicles etc. hermitage always needs overtaking due to parked cars etc outside the shop/post office, this will further increase traffic and make it harder to get through.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Current limits not adhered to - spend money on cameras or alternative so current 30 is adhered to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Unnecessary, roads are fine for existing speed limits.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Altering the existing speed limits to 40, 30, and 20 is over complicated and leads to an information overload for drivers which in turn leads to diminished attention to driving. Why not extend 40 mph road sections of concern to 30 mph and do NOT introduce any 20 mph sections. Everyone then knows the advised safe speed limit and can still reduce their speed to a lower safe speed when necessary to reflect the prevailing traffic and environment conditions. Bad drivers of which there are too many will still ignore the speed limit whatever it is. This is a very pressing and different problem which tinkering with speed changes on small sections of road will not change.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| The speed limits in place today are adequate to ensure safe driving. Focus instead should be applied on making junctions and roundabouts more safe and teaching other road/footpath users how to walk on/cross roads safely. Slowing the speeds down further will only cause drivers to be more prone to distraction and also is less efficient so will release more pollution into the environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| XXX welcomes proposals to introduce 20mph limits by the school and on minor side roads that join the B4009 within that limit.<br>We also support the introduction of a 40mph zone to the N of the current 30mph area, although we are not convinced that will be sufficient to slow cars to the Forest Edge roundabout where residents have recently reported near misses.<br>Regrettably, however, we cannot support the proposals overall because:<br>a)we see no justification for extending the 20mph stretch on the B4009 south of Chapel Lane<br>b)we believe that to place 20mph signs on roads where traffic can barely reach 20mph is a waste of council funds that could be better used elsewhere<br>c)they nevertheless neglect areas where pavements are either narrow or on one side only and/ or where visibility is poor such that vulnerable users are at higher risk.<br>In reaching this conclusion, we have taken account of views expressed to XXX both as part of this exercise and historically but recognise that there is a broad spectrum of views within the village.<br>Yes, I know people have to make changes but on no through roads. Hermitage Road, Cold Ash Hill. I can not see how it is going to work. Unless someone is there 24hrs a day. So I can not see how it will work. Van drivers and motorbike to deliver take away food they dont care they just have to get there fast. I drive this route and other routes at different times of the days. I get over taken Cold Ash Hill and the stretch from Fishers Lane to the crossing over to the palying field for Downe House School and from main entrance. 5 What i class as Wills entrance. I get over taken not many times but enough to say why do they have speed limits. the only way i would say it would be stopped by double lines. Drivign has got worse. I say i would be worse angrier and morning runs will work and kids going to school. |