

COMMENTS

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Comment Received</u>	<u>Officer Comment</u>
1	<p>I am in support of your proposal for a 20 mph speed limit in Hazel Grove and surrounding area. Why don't you take it a step further and deploy sleeping policemen at the top end of Hazel Grove? On school days at going home time it's sometimes like the race to the first corner of a F1 Grand Prix as, mostly women parents, speed away with little regard for any children that might be crossing the road or on bicycles.</p>	<p>The support for the proposed 20 mph limit is noted.</p> <p>The introduction of traffic calming is outside of the scope of this project; however, a request can be made via the Area Board issues system for consideration by Trowbridge Community Area Transport Group. The issues sheet to be completed can be found on the Wiltshire Council website within the Area Board section.</p>
2	<p>I would like to comment as I regularly drive around these streets having family living there.</p> <p>Firstly these roads are such that is very difficult to drive in excess of 22 -25mph at the moment – College Road has High ramped areas that prohibit fast driving, and the other roads are narrow with a lot of on-street parking which means you cannot drive fast.</p> <p>Secondly, those who do try and drive fast (and there always will be such people) will take no notice of a reduction in the speed limit from 30 to 20 – if they ignore the current limits, they won't take notice of a limit technically reducing the speed they can travel at.</p> <p>Thirdly, to be effective this would need a constant policing, which I cannot see happening. Also, I would anticipate that initial over enthusiastic policing would see ordinary drivers exceeding the limit by a mile or two being fined whereas those speeding at inconvenient times getting missed. The police are stretched enough without this extra burden.</p> <p>The statement of reasons for this published as a document online is frankly unbelievable – it consists of a mere 6 words – in the interests of highway safety. This is an insult – where are the facts and data to show the current situation causes those roads to be unsafe?</p> <p>I believe this to be an unnecessary waste of the Councils funds at a time when they are in a financial predicament – this money (erecting signs etc etc) could be much better spent.</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council has developed a policy covering the use of 20 mph Speed Limits and 20 mph Zones to ensure clarity and consistency of approach. The policy was approved under decision reference HSB-007-13 and sets out the criteria for the application of 20 mph speed restrictions.</p> <p>This policy, in line with guidance from Department for Transport, sets out that in order for a 20 mph limit to be successfully implemented, speeds should already be in the region of 24 mph. The assessment undertaken for the College Road area found that this is presently the case. Meeting this criteria, along with the existing calming, ensures that the proposed limit is largely self-enforcing with the majority of drivers adhering to the 20 mph limit. This reduces the demand on Police resources for enforcement.</p> <p>The statement of reasons is a legal document with set reasons to be taken from those specified within the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. It is not intended to be an explanation of the background to the scheme. The scheme has been developed following requests from residents and with the support of Trowbridge Community Area Transport Group and Trowbridge Town Council.</p> <p>The funding for the scheme is from the discretionary budget allocated to the Trowbridge Area Board for highway priorities within the community area with contributions being made by Trowbridge Town Council. The discretionary budget is allocated from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport funding allocation which is allocated for funding improvements to the highway.</p>