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1.	<p>“I strongly support the proposed reduction in Speed Limit from 50mph to 40mph through Studley Crossroads as proposed. This section of highway is hazardous due to the uncontrolled staggered crossroads, the presence of a Toucan crossing and bus stops, and the high numbers of pedestrians and cyclists crossing the road, all contributing to the high incidence of collisions and poor safety record.</p> <p>I also support the proposed introduction of a 50mph Speed Limit proposed from the point 193m east of Studley Lane to just west of Norley Lane. This section has properties fronting onto the highway, as well as bus stops, turnings into a pub/restaurant and sports ground, and a junction with Old Road. It will further encourage drivers to reduce speed on the approach to Studley Crossroads.</p> <p>I am disappointed that the proposed traffic orders do not include the section from Studley Crossroads west to the junction with the A342 Old Derry Hill, which is to remain at the National Speed Limit. This is a hazardous, uncontrolled junction between two main roads. A lower speed limit would encourage drivers to reduce speed on the approach to this junction, particularly given the effect of downhill momentum on braking distances and the hazardous nature of this uncontrolled junction. These changes have missed an opportunity to improve safety at this junction.</p>	Support with comments	<p>Comments in support of the proposal are noted.</p> <p>The speed limit assessment undertaken was completed utilising guidance contained in Department for Transport 01/13 Setting Local Speed Limits. The guidance determines that speed limits should be introduced to help inform motorists of the risks associated with differing environments.</p> <p>The consultants’ recommendations concluded that the sections of road from west of Studley Crossroads to A342 Old Derry Hill, and Norley Lane to Chilvester Hill did not meet the criteria for a reduction in the existing national speed limit on those sections.</p> <p>Whilst it is recognised that these locations do have some features which can be considered hazards, these are not considered unusual for a rural environment and hence sufficient to consider further reductions in the speed restriction. Indeed, the guidance is clear that utilising speed limits as a mechanism of mitigating against isolated hazards isn’t appropriate. Hazards should be addressed using traditional engineering methodologies.</p>

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	<p>I am also disappointed that the section from Norley Lane east as far as Chilvester Hill is to remain at the National Speed Limit, given that there are a number of property entrances, as well as the exit from Bowood.</p> <p>Nevertheless, the changes proposed are a positive step in the right direction and will improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users through Studley Crossroads and I strongly support them”.</p> <p>Resident Via online portal Old Derry Hill</p>		
2.	<p>“We are writing in response to the consultation on the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders for A4 New Road, Studley, Calne Without.</p> <p>We support the proposed reduction in Speed Limit from 50mph to 40mph through Studley Crossroads as proposed. This section of highway is hazardous due to the uncontrolled staggered crossroads, the presence of a Toucan crossing and bus stops, and the high numbers of pedestrians and cyclists crossing the road, all contributing to the high incidence of collisions and poor safety record. We are confident that this proposed reduction will receive strong support from local residents, many of whom have contacted us directly about these issues.</p> <p>We further support the proposed introduction of a 50mph Speed Limit proposed from the point 193m east of Studley</p>	Support with comments	<p>Comments in support of the proposal are noted.</p> <p>The speed limit assessment undertaken was completed utilising guidance contained in Department for Transport 01/13 Setting Local Speed Limits. The guidance determines that speed limits should be introduced to help inform motorists of the risks associated with differing environments.</p> <p>The consultants’ recommendations concluded that the sections of road from west of Studley Crossroads to A342 Old Derry Hill, and Norley Lane to Chilvester Hill did not meet the criteria for a reduction in the existing national speed limit on those sections.</p> <p>Whilst it is recognised that these locations do have some features which can be considered hazards, these are not considered unusual for a rural environment and hence</p>

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3	<p>“I would like to add my support for this proposal. I have lived in Studley for 4 years and in that time 4 people have died on this stretch of road. There have been 7 car accidents that I</p>	Support	Comments in support of the proposal are noted.

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	<p>know of. As a user on the traffic lighted pedestrian crossing on a daily basis I have seen multiple cars speeding and driving through the red lights. If I am being honest I don't understand why this is a proposal rather than just making it happen. If you spend one hour observing this road then you would lower the speed limit there and then. If you decide not to do it then more deaths and accidents will be on you head. It's up to you but my advice is please do not be stupid with this one".</p> <p>Resident Via email Studley</p>		
4.	<p>"This has been a long time coming and will go a little way to making the crossroads a bit safer for those residents that need to turn onto the busy and fast A4 at peak times of day. I think the 40mph limit should have extended further but this is a step in the right direction".</p> <p>Resident Via online portal Shelburne Way</p>	Support with comments	<p>Comments in support of the proposal are noted.</p> <p>The speed limit assessment undertaken on the A4 between Chippenham and Calne found that the section of road from west of Studley Crossroads to A342 Old Derry Hill did not meet the criteria for a 40mph speed limit.</p>
5.	<p>"This stretch of road has been too fast for too long and is dangerous considering the amount of traffic that needs to exit the junctions at the crossroads at certain parts of the day. Both sides are now well used due to recent additional housing that the village had to absorb. This reduction in speed limit either side of the crossroads will go a little way to reducing the chances of catastrophic accidents, assuming motorists</p>	Support	Comments in support of the proposal are noted.

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	<p>will abide to the speeds”.</p> <p>Resident Via online portal Shelburne Way</p>		
6.	<p>“I am writing as an interested party to support the proposed reduction in speed limits on the A4 through Studley.</p> <p>I live on Norley Lane, Studley and use the Studley Crossroads junction to get to work, and to cross the A4 to take my child to Derry Hill Primary School. On a near daily basis I witness drivers taking risks when pulling out of Studley and Derry Hill onto the A4. It is incredibly difficult to turn safely into busy two-way 50mph traffic. Drivers become frustrated with waiting for a safe gap and pressured by others queuing behind them.</p> <p>It is also extremely difficult as a driver waiting at the junction to process everything that is happening. As well as the two-way traffic, there can be pedestrians at the nearby crossing, buses at the bus stops, cars waiting to turn onto the A4 from both sides of the crossroad, and cars waiting in the ‘turn right’ lanes to leave the A4. I have witnessed countless near misses and know of several minor collisions that have happened at this junction involving people in the village (as well as the more major and sadly fatal incidents that have been reported in the news).</p> <p>The reduction in speed limit will allow for more cognitive processing time and safer gaps for drivers to pull into. It will</p>	Support with comments	<p>Comments in support of the proposal are noted.</p> <p>The speed limit assessment undertaken on the A4 between Chippenham and Calne found that the section of road from west of Studley Crossroads to east of Studley Crossroads met the criteria for a 40mph speed limit and not a 30mph speed limit.</p>

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	<p>also make it safer for those using the pavements and pedestrian crossing to walk their children to the primary school, and for secondary school children using the bus stops on the A4.</p> <p>I fully support the proposed speed limit reduction. However I would strongly urge the council to consider reducing it further to 30. This seems more consistent with limits in village locations elsewhere. This is no longer a rural stretch of road, since both Derry Hill and Studley have been developed right up to the A4 with lots of family homes on each side”.</p> <p>Resident Via email Norley Lane</p>		
7.	<p>“I am writing to express my approval for the proposals to reduce the speed limit on the A4 in what I feel is presently a very dangerous area. It is currently very hard to get on to A4 from both Derry Hill and Studley meaning that many drivers take risks. Also as the bus stop east of the crossroads is so far from the pelican crossing, many school children dash across the A4 in front of fast cars”.</p> <p>Resident Via email Derry Hill</p>	Support	Comments in support of the proposal are noted.
8.	<p>“My wife and I regularly and frequently use the A4 Calne to Chippenham and Chippenham to Calne and the Studley crossroads.</p>	Support	Comments in support of the proposal are noted.

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	<p>Having lived in Derry Hill for over 29 years we have witnessed a significant increase in the volume of traffic along this stretch of road.</p> <p>We have seen several near misses (accidents) at the Studley crossroads and been involved in some scary near misses of our own, both when trying to get out of Derry Hill turning right onto the A4 towards Calne and also when traveling on the A4 from Calne and slowing down to turn left into Derry Hill.</p> <p>Drivers often drive exceeding the speed limit both Westbound and Eastbound and make it dangerous, particularly at the Studley crossroads”.</p> <p>Resident Via online portal Barry Place</p>		
9.	<p>“I am writing in support of any speed reduction in this area however I do not feel that this proposal goes far enough. The reasons stand as</p> <p>1. (Green proposed 40mph) A speed reduction has been proposed due to the high number of collisions including fatalities as the road speeds have not changed to reflect the changing nature of the village</p> <p>The A4 is now used frequently for many pedestrians and cyclist including school traffic. It does not make sense that an area that has been considered for a speed review only sees fit to be a reduction to 40 when within a couple of metres in a</p>		<p>Comments in support of the proposal are noted.</p> <p>The speed limit assessment undertaken on the A4 between Chippenham and Calne found that the section of road from west of Studley Crossroads to east of Studley Crossroads met the criteria for a 40mph speed limit and not a 30mph speed limit.</p> <p>The assessment also found that the section of road from east of Studley Crossroads to Norley Lane met the criteria for a 50mph speed limit and not a 40mph speed limit.</p> <p>The proposed increase in the speed limit from 50mph to</p>

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	<p>less used area is 20. The speed reduction should be reduced to 30mph</p> <p>2. (Red proposed national speed limit) This area has been highlighted as needing a speed reduction. I do not agree that the current 50mph area should be increased to 60mph</p> <p>3. (blue proposed 50mph) As a resident living on norley lane with a young child who cycles/walks to school. Due to the high speeds of traffic on Norley lane esp. at times when it is used as a rat race we cross the road at the blue end of Norley lane. The speed reduction should be extended to past this junction to avoid higher chance of collisions by impatient drivers edging a speed limit into a national speed limit area.</p> <p>4. (blue proposed 50mph) The blue highlighted area should be 40mph this is a route used to access parts of the village including sporting grounds and has got residents living along it. It appears from this proposal that the lower parts of Studley are not deemed as significant despite lots of residents”.</p> <p>Resident Via online portal Hungerford Piece</p>		<p>National Speed Limit covering a short section of road (approximately 200 metres in length) west of Studley Crossroads is a consequence of the proposed 40mph restriction. The guidance contained in Department for Transport 01/13 Setting Local Speed Limits determines that the minimum length of a speed limit should generally be not less than 600 metres to avoid too excessive changes of speed limit along a route. Whilst the guidance permits some exceptions to this in extenuating circumstances, it is clear that the minimum length of restriction must not be below 300 metres, as would be the case in this situation.</p> <p>The disregard of this guidance and retention of such a restriction would give rise to motorists seeing two speed limit changes in quick succession could potentially reduce the positive impact of the 40mph speed limit signs and its associated gateway features at the point whereby the environment changes to one that is developed, and where the reduction in vehicle speeds is most desired.</p> <p>It is not considered possible to erect speed limit signs to the east of the Norley Lane junction as this would obscure visibility for vehicles exiting the driveway opposite Norley Lane.</p>

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10.	<p>“I would like to register my support for the lowering of speed limits on Studley crossroads and on Norley Lane as proposed. I was hoping they would both be reduced to 30 mph, given the safety issues and number of accidents however, some lowering is better than nothing and I expect these will be monitored going forwards.</p> <p>I think lowering the speed limit on the A4 will hopefully ensure road users are safer, both pulling out of the junction either side (studley and derry hill), for pedestrians including children using the school buses and having to cross such a busy road, and for bike users. Cars frequently do not stop on red lights and are going at high speeds, it is extremely dangerous. Lowering the limit on Norley Lane will hopefully make it safer and more pleasant for pedestrians as there are no pavements”.</p> <p>Resident Via email Studley Gardens</p>	Support with comments	<p>Comments in support of the proposal are noted.</p> <p>The speed limit assessment undertaken on the A4 between Chippenham and Calne found that the section of road from west of Studley Crossroads to east of Studley Crossroads met the criteria for a 40mph speed limit and not a 30mph speed limit. The assessment also found that the section of road from east of Studley Crossroads to Norley Lane met the criteria for a 50mph speed limit and not a 40mph speed limit.</p>
11.	<p>“I am totally supportive of these proposals.</p> <p>I commend Wiltshire Council for their proposals to reduce speed limits on A4 through our village. I also appreciate the tireless efforts of our Parish Council to bring this proposal to the fore.</p> <p>The reduction in speed limit will contribute greatly to enhancing our village life and our safety, for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as all other vehicles trying to navigate the busy crossroads. I also hope it will effect an improvement to</p>	Support	Comments in support of the proposal are noted.

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	<p>the high incidence of collisions and the poor safety record.</p> <p>I further support the implementation of a 50mph limit to the east of Studley Crossroads. This section has properties fronting onto the highway, as well as bus stops, turnings into the Black Dog pub/restaurant and the Derry Hill sports ground, and a junction with Old Road. It will further encourage drivers to reduce speed on the approach to Studley Crossroads.</p> <p>I sincerely hope this proposal will receive approval and that it will be implemented with all due haste”.</p> <p>Resident Via email Studley</p>		
12.	<p>“We would like to put forward our thoughts about the new proposal regarding the reduced speed limits along the A4.</p> <p>Firstly, we are thrilled that the speed will be reduced. This is very welcome news.</p> <p>Where we live is a hive of activity. Firstly, there are three new build family houses with children living inside, just across the road is a bus stop with busy routes to Chippenham and beyond, behind us is a public walkway which is busy with pedestrians walking their dogs, next to us is the Gurkha Baynjan restaurant and a little further down the road is the Derry Hill United Football Club.</p> <p>There are a good mixture of young families with children and</p>	Support with comments	<p>Comments in support of the proposal are noted.</p> <p>The speed limit assessment undertaken on the A4 between Chippenham and Calne found that the section of road from east of Studley Crossroads to Norley Lane met the criteria for a 50mph speed limit and not a 40mph speed limit.</p>

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	<p>babies (and prams!) as well as elderly residents who regularly cross from the old road to the public walkway behind our house to walk their dogs.</p> <p>With this hive of activity around us, the A4 Road (even at 50mph) becomes an extremely dangerous place for:</p> <p>A) pedestrians to cross the A4 road to get to old road (which is the walking route families use to get to the nursery, school, shop, church and community hall).</p> <p>B) pedestrians to cross the road to use the bus stop (our neighbour's carer, for example, uses this bus stop everyday and finds it extremely difficult to cross the road due to the current speed limit).</p> <p>C) cars to suddenly slow down to enter the Gurkha restaurant which gets extremely busy during weekends.</p> <p>D) cars to suddenly slow down to enter the Derry Hill United FC football grounds where the car park is full of children about to play their matches.</p> <p>We are hopeful that the lowered speed limit of 40mph could be extended to the Derry Hill United football pitch to ensure all of the people involved in this hive of activity are protected from the speed of the A4 traffic.</p> <p>We feel that, even at 50mph, this is an unsafe speed for young families with children (and pushchairs!) as well as the elderly to safely cross the road on a daily basis.</p>		

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	<p>We have also witnessed a few very near accidents where cars have had to slow right down to allow pedestrians to cross from the bus stop, meaning the cars behind have had to slam their breaks on.</p> <p>We really do appreciate the efforts to slow down the traffic, particularly at the Studley crossroads but please please do not overlook the hive of activity just a bit further along the road where the young and old have to cross the road daily.</p> <p>I will sleep better at night knowing that the daily walk to nursery with my two year old son and one year old daughter is becoming a much safer journey.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and for reading my proposals”.</p> <p>Resident Via email New Road, Studley</p>		
13.	<p>“I fully support the new speed limit. I was surprised when the Studley crossroads was reworked and it was 50mph. This is way too fast IMO - it is a very busy junction with traffic entering from both sides of the A4 plus lots of "noise" with the traffic lights, houses and pavements. 40mph is much more sensible. Making it 50mph rather than 60mph going down towards Pewsham also seems sensible as it is very easy to pick up speed on the downhill section without realising and then the junction and corner appears”.</p>	Support	Comments in support of the proposal are noted.

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14.	<p>“I would like to say I support the proposals for a change to these speed limits along the A4 by Studley Crossroads. I live in Calne and frequently drive or travel by bus along here and also cross the road here and the speed of traffic is frightening. Good work has been done to clear the pavements but walking along them with lorries and cars going at speed makes it feel unsafe.</p> <p>I personally think a reduction to 40mph along the whole section from Chippenham to Calne would be preferable to all the changes in speed limits - I increasingly see longer sections with continuous 40mph restrictions on similar roads all across the UK. This would add about one minute to the time to travel the distance. I would advocate this especially with a new access point at Chilvester Hill and this seems like the opportunity to address this.</p> <p>However, the proposed changes are a start”.</p> <p>Resident Via email Calne</p>	Support with comments	<p>Comments in support of the proposal are noted.</p> <p>The speed limit assessment undertaken on the A4 between Chippenham and Calne found that the section of road from west of Studley Crossroads to east of Studley Crossroads was the only section that met the criteria for a 40mph speed limit.</p>
15.	“I have two young children. We walk to the playground in Studley Gardens often. Whilst there is a safe crossing, it doesn't feel safe walking there as the road is just too fast.	Support	Comments in support of the proposal are noted.

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	<p>Considering there is no playground in Derry Hill, the likelihood of families using this route often is high, therefore a 40mph speed limit seems more appropriate now that Studley Gardens exists”.</p> <p>Resident Via online portal Petty Lane</p>		
16.	<p>“I am writing to share my full support as a resident of Derry Hill, for the proposed reduction in the speed limit on the A4 at the Studley Crossroads.</p> <p>I regularly use the junction to pull out of Derry Hill to go towards Calne and Chippenham. I have witnessed many incidents in my 11 years using this junction, there have been multiple close misses and I have also witnessed many dangerous crossings of pedestrians, trying to cross by the bus stop before oncoming traffic approaches.</p> <p>I believe one of the main issues is that the traffic on the A4 is travelling so fast past this junction, many motorists are making split second decisions which are very dangerous and high risk. If a driver is waiting to pull out at Studley this can often create even more confusion, dangerous manoeuvres and quick decisions that cause huge risk to all the road users.</p> <p>Drivers often get frustrated waiting to pull out and take risks pulling out -quickly - but as the oncoming traffic approaches so fast, these drivers have often not allowed for a safe gap in traffic.</p>	Support	Comments in support of the proposal are noted.

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	<p>As a mother to 3 now teenage children, I have always driven my children to school in Chippenham, rather than letting them use the public bus. This is due to my fear of them needing to cross such a dangerous road where traffic is travelling at such speed.</p> <p>I also often cross the road to take my dog for a walk and there have been times when cars have been travelling too fast to stop for the red traffic light for the pedestrian crossing. I always wait until the cars are coming to an obvious stop before even attempting to cross at the traffic light crossing.</p> <p>Unless the speed limit is reduced there will be more accidents and incidents at this junction. Surely anyone spending any time watching traffic and pedestrian behaviours, children getting off the bus, crossing for school, will favour a reduction in the speed limit - it is simply far too dangerous for us all if it remains at 50mph. Please let safety and common sense prevail here and reduce the speed limit on this dangerous stretch of road”.</p> <p>Resident Via email Petty Lane</p>		
17.	<p>“I believe the proposed reduction in the speed limit is a great idea and absolutely necessary in order to maintain road safety on such a busy crossroads on such a busy road.</p> <p>I also believe that the reduction in the speed limit to 40 mph should be extended to include the section of the A4 that</p>	Support with comments	<p>Comments in support of the proposal are noted.</p> <p>The speed limit assessment undertaken on the A4 between Chippenham and Calne found that the section of road from east of Studley Crossroads to Norley Lane met the criteria for a 50mph speed limit and not a 40mph speed limit.</p>

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	<p>passes the Black Dog restaurant and Bowood Sports Ground entrance. These are incredibly busy entry and exit points to very well used facilities. At 50mph it will still be incredibly difficult to safely enter and exit these facilities. I strongly believe this section of the A4 needs to be reduced to 40mph”.</p> <p>Resident Via on-line portal Redhill Close</p>		
18.	<p>“I agree with the proposal as people drive far too fast through a residential area that has now grown to both sides of the road and where children are required to cross the road to access the school and village facilities. The junction at Studley crossroads is often difficult to leave Derry Hill by car especially when heading towards Calne. The speed and volume of traffic on the A4 at certain times of day sometimes causes cars to take unnecessary risks when joining the A4 and there have been numerous accidents at the crossroads including fatal ones. Further down the road we regularly use the Bowood Sports Ground facility to access grassroots football training and matches. It is often difficult to exit the ground due to the speed of the cars on the A4 and even when slowing down to enter the ground you feel vulnerable as cars are often coming up behind you too quickly and not anticipating you slowing down to turn into the ground. Although we would like to be able to walk to the ground from our home in Derry Hill along Old Lane we find the speed of the cars on the A4 too dangerous to cross without any crossing near the sports ground and even using the crossing at Studley we find the road unsafe to walk along the footpath</p>	Support	Comments in support of the proposal are noted.

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	<p>to the ground due to the speed of cars and lorries so close to the path. We feel we have no choice but to drive which is a shame for our children and the environment. A reduction in the speed limit along the stretch of A4 from the new Studley Gardens houses to the Bowood Sports Ground would greatly impact the safety of the area and the opportunities for local residents to walk to facilities feeling safer which would reduce traffic on the roads too”.</p> <p>Resident Via online portal Redhill Close</p>		
19.	<p>“I am writing with regard to proposal to reduce the speed limit to the East and West sides of the A4 Studley Crossroads.</p> <p>As a Studley resident living in Old Road I use the crossroads on a daily basis and have done so for twenty years. Over that period the weight of traffic using both the junction and even more so along the A4 has increased dramatically making it difficult and potentially dangerous to navigate. A combination of the new estates on either side of the A4, the staggered nature of the junction and the pedestrian crossing to the West make it very hazardous when either crossing or exiting Church Road onto the A4. At rush hour times in the morning and afternoon the traffic queue can often take upto fifteen minutes to clear.</p> <p>The current speed restriction of 50mph is far too high and I have witnessed a number of near misses as cars try to squeeze into small gaps in the A4 traffic flow. A reduction to</p>	Support with comments	<p>Comments in support of the proposal are noted.</p> <p>The speed limit assessment undertaken on the A4 between Chippenham and Calne found that the section of road from east of Studley Crossroads to Norley Lane met the criteria for a 50mph speed limit and not a 40mph speed limit.</p>

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	<p>40mph on both sides whilst not ideal would help make this junction significantly safer. I would also suggest that the limit be extended East of the junction as far as the Norley Lane exit which would encourage drivers to slow down along the long straight leading into the Studley crossroads.</p> <p>I therefore strongly support the proposal”.</p> <p>Resident Via email Old Road, Studley</p>		