SUMMARY OF OBJECTION

Objector

Mr. S. Heppenstall The Willows Froxfield SN8 3JY

Reasons for Objection

Endorses the reduction from 50 mph to 40 mph through the village, but considers the lengths at each end contain hazards and would benefit from a similar reduction in speed limit.

East end of village

The village pub is located outside the proposed speed reduction area. Vehicles slowing to enter the car parks are overtaken by fast moving traffic approaching a bend.

West end of village

There is a notorious black spot on this section and the proposed 40 mph reduction should be extended to cover this section.

A response was sent to Mr. Heppenstall explaining the reasons for the current proposal. However, he subsequently indicated that despite the response he wishes his comments to be brought to the attention of the Committee. He also suggested that a 30 mph limit should be the ultimate aim

Comments on Objection

Eastern end

If a speed limit is to be effective in reducing speeds, motorists must accept that the restriction is appropriate and relates to the character of the length of road. The eastern end is relatively open in nature, and the short length of 50 mph will act as a buffer for the 40 mph restriction. It also means that 40 mph signs will be erected just to the east of River View to act as a gateway to the more developed length.

Western end

The length west of the chosen terminal point is undeveloped and does not meet the criteria for a 40 mph speed limit. Since the length has been resurfaced, the road markings altered and the 50 mph speed limit extended to the west, there have been no accidents involving personal injury on this length.