

PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGES - MINETY
OBJECTION BY PARISH COUNCIL TO PROPOSALS

The proposal is shown on the plan at **Appendix 3(A)**.

The Parish Council welcomes the introduction of the 30 mph restriction but requests the proposals be amended as follows:-

- (i) The Parish Council would still prefer a 20 mph zone in the vicinity of the school.
- (ii) The proposed retention of the 40 mph on the eastern section of the B4040 should be lowered to 30 mph, particularly because of the hazard of the double bend over the railway bridge.
- (iii) The proposed short extension of the current 40 mph restriction on the C76 Hornbury Hill at the west end of the village should extend to the village of Upper Minety (a length of approximately 1km).
- (iv) The Parish Plan recently produced by the Parish shows the desired imposition of a 30 mph restriction over a length of ½ km along the B4040 on the western edge of the village, together with a 40 mph restriction for a further 1 km. Also the imposition of a 30 mph limit on a length of ½ km along the C76 on the southern edge, and a length of ½ km on the C90 on the northern edge of the village.

These requests are shown on **Appendix 3(B)**.

Comments

- (i) The matter of 20 mph zones at schools has been fully debated by this Committee and Cabinet. It is not within the current policy to introduce a stand alone 20 mph zone at this location.
- (ii) The frontage development along the eastern section of the B4040 is minimal and by having a 40/30 combination the change to the more developed section is highlighted and motorists are more likely to react to the change in character. The warning signing of the bend/bridge will be reassessed.
- (iii) There is no frontage development along the length of approximately 1 km of the requested extension. The current criteria for a 40 mph restriction are not met.
- (iv) The lengths suggested in the Parish Plan for a restriction have minimal development and do not meet the 30 mph criteria. Introducing speed limits where the criteria are not met devalues the limits which, in turn, lose their effectiveness.

It is considered that the proposals, as forwarded to the Parish Council and shown on the plan at **Appendix 3(A)** are the most appropriate, and **it is recommended** that these are pursued.