

A4 SPEED LIMITS**LETTERS OF OBJECTION/SUPPORT**

Letters received as a result of the consultation and advertisement of the proposals for various lengths of the A4.

A4 West of Box – 40mph Speed Restriction

LETTER FROM	SUPPORT	
R Ledbury The Ley	1.	Strong support
K.E. McDonald Leigh Cottage Ashley	2.	Strong support
Mrs. G. Rylance Ailsa Craig Ashley	3.	Strong support
Mrs. F. Saunders The Laurels Bath Road	4.	Pleased with the proposal but would wish to see it extended further west to cover her and her neighbour's property.
Mr. Davis County Councillor for Corsham	5.	This length of A4 is straight and wide with no hazards and virtually no direct residential access. A 40mph would be ludicrous.
Box Parish Council	6.	Fully supports the proposals for this section of the A4.

Mrs. Seager, the local Member, has indicated her support for this proposal.

Comment

There is a mixture of residential and commercial activity along this length. Whilst it is insufficient to meet the criteria for 30mph restriction, it is sufficient to meet the 40mph requirement.

It is considered the two properties to the west of the railway are separate from the main length and extending the limit further to cover these properties would result in the signs losing their impact.

Summary

It is appropriate to implement the 40mph restriction on this length as advertised.

A4 Box to Corsham

LETTER FROM	SUPPORT	
Corsham Town Council	1.	The Town Council feels that the proposed speed limit changes on the A4 are unnecessary and inappropriate.
Mr. P. Davis County Councillor	2.	The A4 is a good road with no particular sharp bends or significant dangers. It seems a waste of money to impose a limit only 10mph below the national limit and blight the countryside with signs.
Box Parish Council	3.	Fully supports the proposal for the A4 from Corsham to Box.
PC Bennett, Box Hill	4.	Supports proposal but concerned regarding pedestrian facilities.

Mrs. Seager has indicated her support for the proposal.

Comment

This length of the A4 has an above average injury accident rate. The length on Box Hill has a number of individual accesses and junctions with limited visibility. Concern has also been raised by the operators of the Copenacre Depot site concerning safety at their access (although there are no recorded injury accidents at this location).

Rather than an isolated 40mph restriction on Box Hill it was considered a uniform 50mph speed limit throughout would be more appropriate and gain the respect of motorists.

Summary

It is considered the imposition of the 50mph restriction is the appropriate measure for this section.

A4 East of Chippenham, and A342 Derry Hill

LETTER FROM	SUPPORT	
Calne Without Parish Council	1.	Supports the proposal.
Calne Town Council	2.	No comments to make.
Bremhill	3.	Supports the proposal but requests a 40mph on A4 past the playing fields.
Chippenham Town Council	4.	Objects to 50mph and requests 40mph from Pewsham Way through adjacent parishes to Studley Cross Roads.
Mr. Fox Member for Chippenham (Sheldon)	5.	Requests that a 30mph be imposed along the length adjacent to the playing field to join the proposed 40mph.

Note: Mr. Alnatt and Mrs. Crisp are the Members in whose ward the proposals are located
Mrs. Crisp has verbally indicated her support for the advertised proposals.

Comments

The requirement for a 30mph or 40mph restriction is that there is development fronting the road.

There is no frontage access direct onto the A4 along the length of the proposed 50mph restriction. The extension of the current 50mph speed limit eastwards to a point where the character changes and frontage development commences, enables 40mph restriction signs to be installed to highlight the change. Whilst the Recreation Fields are located north of the A4, vehicle access to this facility is not directly off the A4 but from Stanley Lane which is within the 30mph restriction.

The Police support the proposal as proposed, as a measure to improve the safety on this length of road, whilst retaining the overall respect for speed limits.

Summary

It is considered appropriate to introduce the restriction as advertised.