

Objectors to the extent of the 20 mph zone

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Objections

1. The section between Taylors Row and the Library car park is narrow with uneven footways. The road surface is poor and gives rise to puddles resulting in pedestrians being splashed. Higher speeds, more splashing. The character of the road is better where the 20 mph is proposed.
2. The road is busy with many vehicles using the access to Taylors Row to turn and this is outside the 20 mph zone so there is greater potential for accidents.
3. The speed of traffic along Bridge Street is appalling.
4. The volume of traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, increases towards the A363. Traffic speeds are not low on this section.
5. People rushing to work and parents with children exceed 30 mph along Bridge Street.
6. It should be possible to design a sign no more obtrusive than the current signs.

Comments on Objections

1. It is accepted that the physical layout of the section on which the 20 mph is proposed is better, as it has been improved or built as part of the development of the Greenland Mill site. The 20 mph zone is required on this section to comply with the legislation covering the installation of the ramps. The maintenance budget does not, unfortunately, permit the resurfacing of the remaining section of Bridge Street.
2. It is a matter of fact that on a narrow road people will use private accesses to turn round as it is easier than turning within the highway. Visibility at this point is good and manoeuvring should be safe despite being outside the 20 mph zone.

3. The volume of traffic is low. An initial check, admittedly for only one hour between 9.30 am and 10.30 am, indicated that out of a total of 43 vehicles only one was exceeding 24 mph and 34 were travelling at less than 20 mph.
4. It is accepted that, by the nature of a cul-de-sac, traffic volumes are greater towards the main road end. The above data indicates speeds are low.
5. The parking on the carriageway and its limited width contain the speeds along the length between Taylors View and the Library car park access road.
6. The size and number of signs are determined by national Regulations.