

**Objectors and Supporters**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Objection/ Support</b>
	Mrs Sandra Reid	Serotine Crescent, Trowbridge	<p><b>We are very disappointed to see that although Wiltshire Council has seen fit to reduce the limit on this stretch of road to 30mph, which is very welcome, they have not addressed the problem of the 50mph limit that applies to the part of the road which runs from the 100 metre point from the roundabout near the Castle Mead school to the roundabout at the junction with the West Ashton Road. This part of the road should also be 30mph or possibly 40mph but 50mph is far too fast. It will only be a matter of time before a serious accident occurs on this stretch of road once it is open. I do not want it on my conscience that I should have tried to stop this from happening. Cars will be travelling too fast to stop if anyone is trying to cross the road to get to the new shop and school. Your new map does at least show the extent of the housing which is already here, something your previous map did not show and perhaps was not taken into consideration when the original decisions were made.</b></p>
	Anonymous	Serotine Crescent, Trowbridge	<p>With regards to the above reference number concerning the proposed speed limits for Castle Mead estate, I am writing to express my deep concern over the 50mph speed limit for the section of road between West Ashton Road and the roundabout at Mascroft Road/Leap Gate (entrance to Castle Mead School). I live in Serotine Crescent which directly faces Leap Gate and whilst when I bought my house I knew it would eventually be a busy road, I was not anticipating it being such a fast freeway! I believe the road should only have a 40mph maximum speed limit for the following reasons:</p>

			<p>Road Noise and Nuisance Drivers - 50mph will make the road very noisy and will only encourage 'boy racers' and inconsiderate drivers to use the road as a race track. I understand that a 30mph limit has been set from the roundabout to 90m south along Leap Gate, but this does not stretch as far as Serotine Crescent. Why are we being overlooked and expected to put up with the traffic going as fast as 50mph (and more!)?</p> <p>Dangerous to Pedestrians and Cyclists - There is already a lot of foot and cycle traffic along the road with people crossing over to access the fields by the stile; using the road as an alternative way to town via Biss Meadows, and children going to and from school. Setting the road limit to 50mph is an accident waiting to happen!</p> <p>Shortsightedness and Waste of Money - With the current planning application in for a further 2,500 homes plus new schools lower down Leap Gate and across West Ashton Road, the Council will need to reduce the speed eventually due to this residential development. Why set the speed limit now to 50mph and then have to change it in a year or two's time? Get the correct speed limit set now in the minds of drivers and don't waste the money on new signage later on especially now at a time when the council are needing to save money!</p> <p>I trust that this email will be read and the view it expresses taken into consideration. If the council intended Leap Gate to be used as the main Trowbridge bypass then it should never have approved the housing in the way that it has been developed, ie facing the road, but instead designed the houses to be rear-on (as they are at the top of the road in Paxcroft Mead).</p>
	Anonymous	Castle Mead Resident	We would like to say that we are grateful that the speed limit for part of Leap Gate has been reduced to 30mph, and the side roads to

			<p>20mph.</p> <p>However, residents are extremely unhappy that the stretch of Leap Gate, approximately 100 metres from the Castle Mead Primary School roundabout, to West Ashton Road, is still to be set at 50mph. We would like to reiterate that this is a densely-populated family estate, and that there is development nearly halfway along this stretch of Leap Gate. We are genuinely concerned for the safety of our children walking and cycling along this stretch of road, and the levels of traffic noise would be unacceptable for those residents living there.</p> <p>We hope that you will reconsider this decision, and reduce the speed limit along this stretch of Leap Gate to a maximum of 40mph.</p> <p>There are still other issues that need to be addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) traffic-calming along Leap Gate</li> <li>2) Pelican crossings at Castle Mead Primary School roundabout and the Green Lane bridle way</li> <li>3) road surfaces need to be finished with noise-reducing tarmac (road has been damaged by construction vehicles)</li> </ol>
	anonymous	Email address provided	<p>To Whom it may concern.</p> <p>I am still concerned that the views of residence of Paxcroft Mead are not being taken into consideration on the proposed speed limits changes on Leap Gate.</p> <p>It is my opinion that the whole of Leap Gate should be reduced to 30 M.P.H. My house backs on to Leap Gate and with the increase in traffic due to the Castle Mead development the noise at times is unbearable and when the road opens this will only get worse, which will reduce my quality of life even more.</p> <p>The other problem is when driving onto Leap Gate from the side roads is becoming more difficult to safely manoeuvre due to speed and volume of traffic and as you state in your reasons for changing the limit</p>

			as "In the interest of highway safety" Then surely it makes sense to make the whole of Leap Gate 30 M.P.H.
	Anonymous	Painters Mead	<p>In relation to the above Various Speed Limit Orders – Castle Mead Area, Trowbridge.</p> <p>I am a resident in Painters Mead and from 2006 until 2011 I was the Operations Manager for the Wiltshire Police Road Policing Unit which included management of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit.</p> <p>My observations on the proposals are that I welcome the 20MPH limit for all the roads leading off Leap Gate and for the 30MPH restriction on Leap Gate itself. However, I would further propose that the rest of Leap Gate to the junction with the A361 is reduced from 40MPH to 30MPH to bring it in line with the newly proposed 30MPH section of Leap Gate.</p> <p>The fact that the village center has since become much busier since the original 40MPH limit was set including the construction of a Public House and further houses along where The Mead school is situated. The pedestrian traffic across Leap Gate has increased significantly in the last 10 years that I have been a resident here and the provision of the pelican crossing makes it easier for pedestrians to cross, however, vehicles do approach it at speeds way in excess of 40MPH. Whilst I appreciate enforcement of 30MPH zones and above is the responsibility of the Police, reducing the limit on this section of Leap Gate to 30MPH I do feel would further add to the safety of pedestrians who cross the road, which will only get busier when the section is opened up to the West Ashton Road.</p>
	Anonymous	Lacock Gardens, Trowbridg	This consultation has only just come to my notice through being a member of Paxcroft Mead Residents Association thanks to a notice

		e	<p>from Councillor Steve Oldrieve. I am grateful to have this opportunity to comment on the measures relating to the above.</p> <p>I welcome the 20mph zones for the various roads through the estate and the 30mph speed limit for part of Leap Gate. I am, however disappointed that it does not extend the whole length of Leap Gate. The only access &amp; egress junction from the Hackett Place area is already causing difficulty and is presenting concerns for those exiting especially turning right. The shopping area &amp; public house are very well used and there are also a very active Community Centre, Nursery and Primary School along with a large number of residential properties within it. Once the road is opened to become a through road for all traffic, in particular heavy duty vehicles, off the A350 at West Ashton it will be extremely unsafe exiting the area especially with the 40mph speed limit.</p> <p>Although I live in Lacock Gardens and am not located on the route I am a frequent user of the facilities off Leap Gate and have already experienced close shaves when trying to exit Hackett Place.</p> <p>The developments at The Pastures &amp; Brook Meadows have considerably increased the traffic flow through Leap Gate which is the only access &amp; egress from these estates. Including Hackett Place there are five junctions along Leap Gate increasing traffic turning right into the two Painters Mead junctions as well as those coming out of Parsonage Way needing to turn right onto Leap Gate and into Cornbrash Rise.</p> <p>With all these issues it seems irresponsible to keep the 40mph speed limit for any part of Leap Gate. A speed limit of 30mph from the roundabout off West Ashton Road through to Hilperton Drive is more appropriate and should be recognised as a residential area thereby</p>
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	Anonymous	Email address provided	<p>Let me commence by stating that I contacted Jane Scott over a year ago on this very subject. The current speed limits are unacceptable and dangerous. I will not go over all my points again but to say the council do not listen to the people they are meant to provide a service to is an understatement. I have been complaining for over a year and have emailed numerous people/orgs within the council with little response and certainly no support.</p> <p>I have a couple of points;  Central Government spent a fortune of our money, yours and mine, on a campaign on 40MPH v 30MPH and the likelihood of a child being killed or badly injured. Yet, Wiltshire Council choose to ignore this when implementing the speed limits on Leap Gate, very close to houses and schools and in one spot with a big grassed area that children play on. Irresponsible in my view. 12 months after I have raised this with Head of Wiltshire Council someone somewhere decides, after we the public and your customers kick up sufficient fuss, to have a consultation. Where is the common sense?! The Council must not lose sight of the fact that both Castlemead and Paxcroft mead are residential areas.</p> <p>Of special note is that 2 schools cross Leap Gate, in both residential areas, to gain access to the school. Why would the council have different speed limits inviting danger and</p>

			<p>potential disaster? Surely keeping the whole of Leap Gate at one speed limit would be beneficial to all and not a hinderance to anyone? The drivers of lorries using this route will be confused, some will not be british, and their understanding of the changing speed limits may not be as we would hope!</p> <p>I understand that the consultation period ceases on 1 Sep. Again, this is unacceptable as it does not allow the schools to provide a fully detailed response as they are on their summer break at the moment. This period must be extended.</p> <p>Remember your quote "Everybody Matters", make sure this is not just some catchy saying that you paid a contractor to think up but is something you mean. Too often the Council ignore their customers and the people who pay and employ them to provide the support to the county.</p>
	Anonymous	Email address provided	<p>Please find enclosed Graham and Rita Sofely's and my e-mail both addressed to local councillor Steve Oldrieve. Both e-mails are self explanatory and go a long way towards explaining why high speed limits are dangerous and a risk to the lives of residents and particularly school children. Would you please seriously consider the content of these two e-mails along with residents written comments made to WC during the year. Please also refer to the Wiltshire Times photoshoots and reports of residents objections to WC's speed limits that took place on site on 15th June, 2015 and 14th July, 2015 and also on 14th July,2015 on the steps to County Hall Atrium. It is worth noting that the above consultation has taken place during August when the schools and lot of people are on holiday and havn't had the chance to comment which means responses will be minimised and therefore an unfair assessment of public opinion!</p>
	Anonymous	Address	<b>We are very concerned about the variable</b>

		provided	<p><b>speed limits proposed from the Steeple Ashton road roundabout, slowing to 30mph 100m south of Castle Mead Primary School. People already drive down Leap Gate at more than 40mph. 100m will not give enough distance for people to slow down. Many of our neighbours have little children and will have to cross that road to take their children to school and there is also going to be a shop there. Crossing the road further up towards Paxcroft to go along the cycle path can be dangerous because people are driving too fast. We agree that all of the side roads should have a 20mph limit imposed on them.</b></p>
	Anonymous	Cornbrash Rise	<p>Further to our e-mail to Councillor Oldrieve dated 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015, which he very kindly forwarded to your team, and which contained our observations on the <i>Leapgate and Hilperton Gap Road speed limits</i>, copies of further papers relating to this issue have now been forwarded to us by the Paxcroft Mead Residents Association.</p> <p>Whilst we appreciate that, along with a number of other Paxcroft residents, we were referred, in your previous correspondence, back to an out-of-date document and that the 40 mph speed limit already in existence in part of Leapgate was always intended to remain and <b>not</b> increase to 50 mph (and would like to express our relief at this) we would make the following observations.</p> <p>From the map we have received the section of Leapgate which is now surrounded by the Castle Mead development appears to have been <i>totally divorced</i> from the rest of Leapgate up to its junction with Hilperton Drive!</p> <p>This is despite the fact that, quite obviously, what happens in one area of the road directly affects the other as it is now to become a <i>through</i> By-pass!</p> <p>What was once the access route into a pleasant, quiet residential estate is about to become the By-pass to a major County Town.</p> <p>Leapgate will, when open, stretch from</p>



		<p>Hilperton Drive to West Ashton Road, servicing an 'industrial' area yet to be constructed thus increasing even further the number of heavy goods vehicles travelling it's length in both directions – and at all times of the day and night.</p> <p>We have yet to hear what the speed limit will be along this third stretch of Leapgate when open.</p> <p>How can the Council even <i>consider</i> it safe or acceptable in this day and age to direct HGVs along a road fronted on either side by newly built residential properties, narrowing for access, such as Green Lane and crossing/traffic bollards, and with vehicles – including coaches – parked on either side!</p> <p>The safe flow of traffic from feeder roads into Leapgate must surely not just be confined to those in the Castle Mead Development – what about the rest of us in Gibb's Leaze, Painter's Mead, Hackett Place, Cornbrash Rise etc., some of which have further developments feeding into them?</p> <p>The amount of traffic envisaged using this new 'By-pass', along with the Hilperton Gap Road, will make it virtually impossible on occasions to join the flow of traffic safely from the existing Paxcroft estate if more is not done to control this flow.</p> <p>Too many changes of speed limit will lead to confusion amongst drivers – especially those new to the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>. Apart from young families the area is populated by a not inconsiderable number of senior citizens/grandparents (like ourselves) and we are very aware that many drivers from the new Castle Mead development appear unable to adhere to speed limits at all!</li><li>. As we mentioned in previous correspondence, wouldn't it have been a good idea to include <i>more traffic calming</i> in the plans if Leapgate is to become 'By-pass'?</li><li>. The A350 appears to be a very adequate Trowbridge By-pass for heavy goods vehicles – and is easily accessed from the Hilperton Gap Road - without directing them through a</li></ul>
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			<p>densely populated, residential area which includes, as well as the above, two Primary Schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. In fact was this not one of the reasons the <i>new section</i> of the A350 was constructed a few years' ago between Semington and Melksham? To <i>continue</i> the Trowbridge By-pass and direct HGVs etc. <i>away from residential areas</i> such as Semington???</li> <li>. Wouldn't it be a good idea to extend the consultation period until after the new school term begins to give those directly involved with The Mead and Castle Mead Schools a chance to offer their views?</li> <li>. Finally – we have continually been instilled with the idea that we must encourage <i>more</i> people into the centre of Trowbridge not fewer? Which may well be the case if everyone is using the new By-pass as it will certainly not <i>only</i> be HGVs using it!</li> </ul>
	Anonymouse	Soprano Way	<p>As a resident of Soprano Way, I accept and agree the 20mph speed limit on all roads leading from Leap Gate.</p> <p>I do not agree with multiple speed limits over the length of Leap Gate and this should be a minimum of 30mph along the entire length, with the exception of 20mph over the proposed Green Lane intersection to 100m past the new school. This is due to the number of side roads leading onto Leap Gate, the risk of collision between vehicles and cycles (cycle use promoted by the council in recent campaign) by vehicles racing up behind those accessing the road and not up to max speed limit. Children crossing the road to school and recreation spaces adjacent to Leap Gate would necessitate a speed where survival in an RTA (road traffic accident) would give the greatest percentage.</p> <p>The weight limit should also be restricted to ensure the highest survival rate in an RTA, THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL AREA and should not be hijacked by the council. The new</p>

		<p>proposed business units are not signed and sealed and may very well end up as housing due to no demand (redevelopment of brown field sites priority) This will render the idea of linking the two industrial areas (Canal Road) obsolete and Leap Gate as a 'rat run'. The A350 should be the link road between Westbury Trading Estate and the new Bower Hill industrial development, Canal Road traffic is not of sufficient volume to warrant traffic being diverted through a residential area.</p> <p>Residents, Police and Parish Councils have submitted reasonable reasons based on logic and safety, if these recommendations are ignored I along with many others would deem this irresponsible and negligent.</p>
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