

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RELATION TO PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF A 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT
IN LOWER BEMERTON, SALISBURY AND OFFICER RESPONSE**

| Correspondent Reference No. | Comments Received | Officer Response |
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| 1 | <p>I wholeheartedly support the proposal for a 20 mph speed limit through Lower Bemerton. My two sons have both attended Bemerton St John Primary School (my younger son is currently in Year 2) and my daughter will hopefully start there in 2017, and the traffic speed and congestion through the village is at times very concerning. A 20mph limit will hopefully discourage people from using the road as a rat run during rush hour (the cause of most of the problems I believe) and also hopefully "calm" the traffic that still uses it. I would also like to see better "School" signage. We have been told we can't have the signs with flashing lights during school run times because there haven't been enough accidents - this is ridiculous and shows frankly quite shocking disregard for our children's safety.</p> | <p>In general the comments are noted, but picking up on the comment concerning 'signs with flashing lights', it is not exactly clear what 'signs with flashing lights' the correspondent is referring to. If the correspondent is referring to school children crossing flashing lights then the Council's policy only allows these to be used where there is a school crossing patrol in operation. If the correspondent is referring to a Speed Indicator Device (SID) type sign then the Council no longer operates a SIDs programme. The use of neither type of 'signs with flashing lights' is, or was, dependent on collisions having occurred.</p> |
| 2 | <p>As a parent who has one child at Bemerton St John's, another who as there and one soon to go, it has become clear that despite all measures to date, this route along Lower Road still has problems. Please curb the speed to avoid injury</p> | <p>The comment is noted.</p> |
| 3 | <p>I live on road in question. My wife and I have observed on many occasions near misses caused by traffic travelling too fast along the lower road. Lowering the speed limit would reduce the potential for serious accidents.</p> | <p>The comment is noted.</p> |
| 4 | <p>I am fully in support of the proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Lower Bemerton. Living on a stretch of Lower Road where there are no pavements (and near a blind bend) I would welcome any steps which will encourage traffic to slow down. This will make the road safer for the considerable number of cyclists and pedestrians - including school children from Bemerton St Johns - who use this stretch of road.</p> <p>I would like to see this speed limit introduced as soon as possible.</p> | <p>The comment is noted.</p> |
| 5 | <p>I would like to support the change of speed limit to 20 mph as proposed.</p> <p>I live at Bemerton Farm and it is a nightmare driving into Salisbury along Lower Road, which is used as an alternative to the Wilton Road by so many vehicles. Many of these do not live on Lower Road or in Quidhampton, are in a hurry and 'bully' their way along the road. A lower speed limit (enforced!) should reduce the problem.</p> | <p>The comment is noted.</p> |

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| 6 | I heartily endorse the proposed speed limits; the area covered has several blind corners, and stretches where there is no pavement for pedestrians, so a reduced speed limit will improve safety. | The comment is noted. |
| 7 | Traffic needs to be slowed because of narrow roads and poor sight lines on several sharp bends .There is no foot path in places .It is also vital that there should be a pedestrian crossing between St John's Church and School | The comment is noted. |
| 8 | I am in agreement that Lower Bemerton should be a 20mph zone. As a mother of 3 young children I walk daily to the school and it is very unsafe. I use a double buggy and access is dangerous to the school. Anything that can be done to make the community and access to the school safer for our children should be done. | The comment is noted. |
| 9 | My wife and I would fully support the proposed changes BUT there will need to be clear signage and speed bumps. If no speed bumps then it will be treated as at present. | The comment is noted. |
| 10 | We fully support this proposal the village is often used as a rat run for non locals unfamiliar with the blind bends and lack of pavements. We also feel the new double yellow line proposal will add to the number of speeding cars through the village as the road will become free of parked vehicles to slow the through traffic down. | In general the comments are noted, but picking up on the comment concerning the proposed introduction of 'No Waiting Any Time' (NWAAT) restrictions in Lower Bemerton, it is not anticipated that the Council's proposals will result in an increase in the speed of traffic travelling through the area. None of the proposed lengths of NWAAT restriction are long enough to result in an increase in the speed of traffic when coupled with the traffic calming effect of the physical layout of the road network and the parking that already takes, and will continue to take, place in Lower Bemerton. |
| 11 | I am completely in favour of a 20mph speed limit being implemented in lower bemerton. I feel it would make the road a lot safer for pedestrians and other road users. It can often be tricky to see if there are other cars coming when approaching the right of way traffic calming measures so a much slower approach to the places where you must give way means it's far safer as gives more time to assess if cars are coming and also is a lot easier to stop. Another reason is that the roads are very narrow and having a slower speed limit enables road users to have far more control over their vehicle when cars approach, the road can get very muddy around the edges so a slower speed means users have much more control when moving over due to approach of another car. Lastly, and possibly the most important reason for a speed limit change is the school. With over 200 pupils attending ranging from 4 years to 11 years, that's a lot of children using the area to walk to school and that's not taking into account all the younger siblings that accompany pupils on the way to & from school. Yes a majority of them are with their parents but that doesn't stop trips & falls off the pavement happening, or energetic children messing around with friends and accidently ending up in the road and | The comment is noted. |

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| | <p>with younger siblings in tow who may not realise the dangers, a stropky 3 year old can easily evade mums hand and run into the road. At 30mph there is a thinking distance of 9 metres (distance travelled whilst driver notices hazard and applies brakes) and a stopping distance of 14 metres (distance until car comes to a full stop) so that's a total of 23 metres equivalent to 6 car lengths to notice a hazard and stop. At 20mph there is a 6 metre thinking distance and a 6 metre stopping distance equalling 12 metres it would take to stop after noticing a hazard that's almost half the length of stopping at 30. At 30 mph a child has an 80% chance of survival, at 20mph the child is likely to survive with minor injuries. The sad thing is that most of the time councils implement a lower speed limit after a tragic accident has happened, don't let that be and change it before something terrible occurs.</p> | |
| 12 | <p>I am in favour of this proposal as the primary school is on this road, the road is very narrow in places and people park along there causing a hazard for the school children who cross the road even during the school day.</p> | The comment is noted. |
| 13 | <p>I am just writing to express my opinion about reducing the speed limit to 20mph in Lower Bemerton. As a resident who walks her children to school every morning, this would be a god send. The amount of people who abuse the speed limit now is quite shocking. I would say a lot of cars don't stick to the 30mph speed limit, including some parents of children at the school!</p> <p>There is one particular bad point on our route to school, by the small church on the corner of Lower Road and church lane, no pavement and each morning it's a real nervous moment passing through there, knowing that some drivers will still drive through fast ignoring the pedestrians.</p> <p>Please reduce the speed limit to 20mph.</p> | The comment is noted. |
| 14 | <p>I strongly support this proposal as these roads are dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists due to lack of pavements, numerous parked cars, narrow carriageways, blind bends and traffic travelling too fast.</p> | The comment is noted. |
| 15 | <p>I am for the introduction of 20mph at Lower Bemerton. As a parent of a young child who walks to the local school, I think it is imperative to implement the 20mph limit along our roads, some parts of which does not even have a pavement. The school encourages active travel and this reduction in speed will be safe for all users.</p> | The comment is noted. |
| 16 | <p>I would like to lodge my support for the proposals to impose a 20mph speed limit through Lower Bemerton. I am a resident of St Andrews Road and both of my children attend Bemerton St John School.</p> <p>The route through Quidhampton and Lower Bemerton is a rat run for commuter traffic and any restrictions to reduce speed and give a little</p> | The comment is noted. |

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| | more consideration to pedestrians (particularly school children) would be welcomed. I regularly walk my children up and down Church Lane and any speed restrictions imposed on this route would be greatly welcomed. | |
| 17 | I would like to say that I am in favour of the proposed changes to the speed limit! I don't believe the roads in the Lower Bemerton area are safe to travel on any faster than 20mph due to the parking issues, widths of the roads, lack of pavements, and most importantly the Primary School on Lower Road that has over 200 children attending, most of which walk along and cross the roads covered in this proposal! Cars are often travelling faster than 30mph especially on the strip from Bemerton Farm to St Andrews Church a lower speed limit may make them think more and reduce their speed. | The comment is noted. |
| 18 | I consider the proposal to reduce the speed limit in Lower Bemerton to 20 mph to be a very good idea, with the narrow road and lack of pavement in places it would make it safer for the children attending St. John's School as well as residents of Lower Bemerton. | The comment is noted. |
| 19 | I think this is an excellent idea, as vehicles go far too fast along here and there are lots of children that walk to school and also have to cross these roads | The comment is noted. |
| 20 | | The comment is noted. |
| 21 | The traffic problems along Lower Road are caused by the use of the road as a rat run during rush hours in the morning and evening. It is almost impossible to go over 20 mph along this road so reducing the speed limit will NOT address the problem. There is a lack of parking also. The road is often used by heavy lorries which get stuck and damage cars. Far better to look at ways of limiting traffic through one way systems or closing the road at St Andrews church completely during certain times (apart from emergency vehicles). | <p>It is accepted that Lower Road is used as a rat run by some motorists seeking to avoid the A36(T) Wilton Road. The only way to address the problem of rat running motorists is to make the alternative routes they use less attractive than the routes they are looking to avoid. Therefore, the proposed introduction of a lower speed limit, which would make the road slower to travel along, could actually be argued to be making Lower Road less attractive to rat running motorists.</p> <p>Although it was quite some time ago now the possibility of introducing one way systems in Lower Bemerton and Quidhampton has been considered by the Council. Following consultation, these proposals were rejected by local residents because of the impact they would have on their own travel patterns. More generally, evidence suggests the introduction of one way systems leads to an increase in the speed of traffic as motorists are aware that they will not be meeting vehicles travelling in the opposite direction and as a result they drive faster. Making a road faster to use would make it more attractive to rat running motorists.</p> <p>The whole of Lower Bemerton and the neighbouring Quidhampton are already covered by a 7.5t weight limit restriction. This restriction extends from the A36(T) Wilton Road (northernmost extent of the weight limit restriction) to Cherry Orchard Lane (easternmost) to Lower Road (southernmost) and the A3094 Netherhampton Road (westernmost). The weight limit restriction means that vehicles over 7.5t in weight are not</p> |

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| | | <p>legally allowed to be driven along Lower Road; however, there is an exemption for vehicles that are delivering to properties situated within the extents of the restriction (as outlined above).</p> <p>Responsibility for undertaking enforcement action against vehicles travelling in contravention of the weight limit restriction rests with the Police. If the correspondent witnesses any vehicles travelling in contravention of the weight limit restriction they are advised to report them directly to the Police by phoning 101 or by emailing salisburynpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.</p> |
| 22 | <p>Re the proposed Lower Bemerton speed limit of 20mph, I see no point in it as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the road is quite narrow in places several places so traffic automatically slows down anyhow, b) I doubt anyone does over 20mph anyhow in most places, c) it is virtually unenforceable as any mobile speed camera would be highly visible, and would be a waste of time as there are no speeders. <p>So, all in all, a waste of money that could be better spent elsewhere.</p> <p>Lastly, there is growing evidence roads are safer the less regulated they are!</p> | <p>Whilst, the correspondent may not personally agree with the proposed introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in Lower Bemerton, it would appear that their view is in the minority. As is shown in this report the proposed introduction of 20 mph speed limit in Lower Bemerton has been identified as a community priority through the Area Board and Community Area Transport Group processes and its proposition has received a significant level of community support at the Traffic Regulation Order consultation stage. As is set out in this document, members of the community believe that a lower speed limit would contribute to an overall increased feeling of road safety in Lower Bemerton, particularly for parents of children attending Bemerton St. John's School.</p> |