

Objections

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1	<p>We hope that the 20 mph speed restriction will be set and would like it to be extended to cover more of the current 30 mph stretch of road to include the junction with Broadstones where the buses stop. Because of on road parking the sight lines on exiting this junction are appalling and the area is used by children and elderly pedestrians from the estate.</p> <p>I would like to comment on the speed limit changes in Monkton Farleigh.</p> <p>They are excellent as far as they go, but still do nothing to reduce the danger posed to users of the public footpath which leads from Broadstones to the C213 at the point approximately 80 metres south of its junction with Broadstones.</p> <p>This footpath is used frequently by pedestrians, dog walkers, and children with scooters and bicycles. It is an exit from Broadstones used daily by children going to and from school.</p> <p>The exit is not clearly visible to drivers arriving in, and leaving from, the village, neither is traffic coming from the village clearly visible to pedestrians exiting from the path.</p> <p>Unfortunately the effect of a 50 mph sign clearly visible to a large number drivers descending the slope out of the village is to make them feel obliged to be travelling at 50 mph when they are level with sign. This leads to a large number of vehicles passing the path exit, accelerating very quickly. In fact many of them are already accelerating towards the signs when they pass the road exit onto the C213 from Broadstones.</p> <p>I believe there are a number of further actions which could help to alleviate the current dangers being posed to pedestrians.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 30 mph limit should be extended further to discourage drivers from breaking it too soon. This would acknowledge human nature, and driver attitudes to speed restricted areas. 2. As the C213 is narrow, and in places blind due bends and hedges; it is used regularly by children, cyclists, horses and walkers; and its pavement is narrow, the maximum limit all the way to the A363 should be no more than 40 mph, and realistically, to be safe, 30 mph. <p>This road leads to and from narrow country lanes, it is not a 'through road'. It is used primarily as access to and from the village. I cannot imagine putting proper speed limits on this road could be considered as hindering drivers journeys, and therefore I cannot see there is any good argument against it.</p> <p>I live at number 36 Broadstones, which is the last house next to the road before the signs, so I am</p>	<p>The support for the advertised 20 mph speed limit is noted.</p> <p>The extent of the 20 mph speed limit was considered as part of the initial assessment work that was undertaken. The findings of this are set out in the resultant Assessment Report that was considered by Monkton Farleigh Parish Council and the Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group (CATG).</p> <p>The Assessment Report set out that the actual driven vehicle speeds passed the Broadstones junction were too high to meet the criteria for a 20 mph speed limit unless substantive engineering features were to be provided to ensure compliance.</p> <p>Two options were provided in the Assessment report, namely the 20 mph limit that has been subject to advert and a slightly longer length of limit with full engineering features. After consideration by the Parish Council and the CATG it was decided not to pursue the option with engineering features.</p> <p>Changes to the existing 30 and 50 mph speed limits are outside the scope of the proposals being considered by the advertised orders and as such cannot be considered as part of this report. Should the correspondent wish to take these suggestions further then they should in the first instance raise them with Monkton Farleigh Parish Council who in turn can raise them with the CATG for consideration.</p> <p>Similarly measures to highlight the presence of and improve footpath / pedestrian provision are outside the scope of this report. Again the correspondent is advised to raise their concerns and suggestions with the Parish Council in the first instance.</p>

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	<p>constantly aware of how quickly vehicles pass this point.</p> <p>The current 50 mph speed limit is utterly ridiculous and inappropriate for a village. Hopefully, common sense will prevail at last for the safety of those who live here and those driving through the village.</p>	

Support and other comments

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	<p>To whom it may concern We are asked to reaffirm our support for the 20 mph restriction around this village. I'm just adding my name to that list in support of the proposal</p> <p>To whom it may concern. I support wholeheartedly the proposal for a 20 mph in the centre of Monkton Farleigh. This will improve road safety for the pupils at the school as well as the movement of traffic generally.</p> <p>I am writing to show my support for a 20 MPH speed limit in my village. I have two small children and find walking through the village a worrying experience. We do not have a pavement outside of our house and the very steep grass verges make it impossible to walk safely beyond our property. Cars travel through the village at great speed, particularly along my road (near the pub). I would like to see the speed reduced to 20 MPH so that I can feel safer when walking on the road and the narrow pavements.</p> <p>In response to the consultation please record my full support for the proposal.</p> <p>I write to express my strong support for the petition to reduce the speed limit in the village to 20 mph. The traffic through the village has increased dramatically over the past few years and we are in urgent need of a much lower speed limit. There are no pavements in many parts of the village; the roads are used by children walking to school and by horse riders, all of whom are in danger from speeding cars.</p> <p>Just wanted to send a quick email before the consultation period ends on the 7th supporting the speed limit reduction in Monkton Farleigh to 20 mph. As a father with an 11 year old using her bike on the roads I am often concerned by fast, loud traffic moving past our house. We recently had a baby too, and a 20 limit would certainly help with my confidence in raising him in the village safely.</p> <p>We write to express our support for the reduction of the speed limit in Monkton Farleigh to 20 mph. We live on the lane coming out of the village to Kingsdown and risk our lives every time that we sat foot on the lane. There is no pavement and the lane</p>	<p>Comments of support are noted.</p>

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	<p>is one car wide, making it incredibly hazardous to walk along. We also have two young children.</p> <p>I write to support the introduction of 20 mph speed limits in Monkton Farleigh. Reduced speed limits will make a valuable contribution to road safety, reduce the risk to children and other pedestrians and help control the increased flow of traffic in the village.</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of Monkton Farleigh Parish Council to say that we fully support the proposed Traffic Regulation Order LJB/TRO/MFAR. I refer to the proposal to introduce a 20 mph speed limit through Monkton Farleigh. I support the proposal but would like to understand the way in which local signage will be changed if the proposal is implemented. Are you able to confirm that the current 30 mph signs will be replaced by 20 mph signs on the existing posts rather than by the installation of additional signposts?</p> <p>I have been copied your reply to an enquiry from a resident about street signage in the event the proposed 20 mph limit in Monkton Farleigh is approved. As chair of the Parish Council I was heavily involved in the bid for a 20 mph limit and retain my strong support for its introduction. That said I have the greatest sympathy for the concerns. I understand the legal constraints under which you work but would ask that the greatest care is taken to keep to a minimum new signage. In that context I wonder if it would be possible for you to review current signage in the village with the view to removing anything that is no longer helpful or required.</p>	<p>The existing 30 mph speed limit in place at Monkton Farleigh is by 'virtue of street lighting'. In effect this means that whilst terminal signs are provided indicating the limit it is the presence of street lights that remind motorists that a 30 mph limit is in force. More details on this can be found in the Highway Code.</p> <p>The new 20 mph limit will require additional repeaters throughout the length of the limit as well as the terminal signs. This is dictated by national legislation on the signing of speed limits.</p> <p>However, the number of repeater signs will be kept to the minimum required and where possible existing street furniture will be used for mounting purposes. In addition it is noted that there are a number of existing signs that are no longer considered to be required and these will be removed wherever possible.</p>
	<p>We are a group of residents who live directly around the staggered crossroads at the centre of the village of Monkton Farleigh. This family community contains 13 children between the ages of 2 and 16 years, older residents having grandchildren who visit regularly. Typically the children like to ride bicycles, walk their dogs, ride horses and walk to school around the lanes leading from the crossroads.</p> <p>The popular village school -Churchfields -is situated 90 metres from the crossroads. It now has subscribers who necessarily drive their children to the school from the surrounding villages and towns, including Bradford on Avon. The newly refurbished village pub, situated 50 yards from the crossroads has significantly increased its advertising which brings more traffic into the village, directly using the crossroads. At Farleigh Rise the Bannerdown Benching and Monkton Farleigh Mines businesses have a direct influence on traffic speeding past the pub and negotiating the crossroads, particularly at early morning and late afternoon commuting times.</p> <p>A major problem for this area - and the village as a whole -is the lack of off street parking, which has resulted in major</p>	<p>Support for the advertised 20 mph speed limit is noted. The other concerns raised are outside the scope of the proposals being considered by the advertised orders and as such cannot be considered as part of this report. Should the correspondent wish to take these concerns further then they should in the first instance raise them with Monkton Farleigh Parish Council who in turn can raise them with the CATG for consideration.</p>

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	<p>parking problems on the corners of the crossroads. The recent yellow lines restricting parking at the school cover an unnecessarily long length, thus forcing residents' vehicles to be parked on the crossroads corners.</p> <p>Monkton Farleigh is a working farming community which we love living in, not least for the wonderfully maintained fields and lanes in this area of outstanding natural beauty. The large, farm vehicles and their local drivers need to move constantly around the village in a careful and considerate manner throughout the day to execute the business of Monkton Farleigh Farms.</p> <p>Over the last years, we have been appalled by the amount of traffic that seems to use the village as a 'through route', so exacerbating the congestion at the crossroads. We are suspicious that satellite navigation technology and autoroute websites send traffic through the village for some routes- largely using Prospect Lane, Farleigh Rise which has a single file lane with a hill of 14. Having monitored the behavior of the traffic, it is obvious that there is a tendency with more modern car engine capacity, to accelerate far too speedily when exiting from the crossroads. Turning into the Street, vehicles have to drive along part of the pavement, now worn down to virtually nothing, because of the parked vehicles near the crossroads.</p> <p>Some of the properties around the crossroads area have their entrance gates situated directly on to the lanes. One elderly resident regularly takes his life into his own hands due to his failing eyesight. Traffic speeds unacceptably, both towards and exiting from the crossroads along the lane leading from the crossroads towards Kingsdown where entrances to properties are not easily seen. This lane - ridiculously – has NO CURRENT LIMIT AT ALL. The traffic assumes, therefore, that it comes under the totally unacceptable 50mph limit currently from The Villa at the turning from the A363. There is room on this lane for single file traffic only, resulting in vehicles having to back up, often turning into driveways and sometimes damaging the dry stone walls and gates.</p> <p>Having driven along the newly settled 20 mph limits in Westwood and Limpley Stoke, we consider we have a more desperate and pressing need to slow down the traffic approaching and exiting the village.</p> <p>We would be glad an opportunity to welcome you and show you our concerns at first hand. We urge you, for the safety of our villagers - young and old alike - to consider the village, particularly the lanes approaching the staggered crossroads, as a potential zone for a 20 mph limit.</p>	