

Comments and Officer comments

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1	<p>I am writing to thank the council for reconsidering the current road limitations at Woolley Green. As someone which uses this road regularly i find the current speed limit far too high.</p> <p>There have been numerous accidents in recent times around the stretch of the road with the bend and i feel this is mainly due to traffic driving too fast and being unaware of the potential for vehicles to appear with very little warning - potentially overlapping the other side of the road.</p> <p>I approach this road with great caution and am fearful of accidents.</p> <p>Whilst I am pleased the council has considered lowering the speed limit i think this doesn't go far enough. I think a speed limit of 20 - 30 mph would be far more suitable on the approach and bend of the road.</p> <p>There needs to be better signage to warn drivers of the dangers.</p> <p>I would also like to see improvements to the pedestrian crossing - where a very serious accident took place recently.</p> <p>My children use this crossing regularly to visit their friends in Woolley and i worry very much about the safety.</p> <p>It needs to be much more visible to motorists - who i believe should be driving no more than 30mph when they approach this crossing.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing and drawing at Appendix 4</p>
2	<p>I note that the proposal is to reduce the limit from 50mph to 40mph. This is inadequate. The limit here should be a maximum of 30mph. I am a regular user of this road and have a number of</p>		

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	<p>friends who live on Woolley Street and in Woolley Green and I cannot understand how it could ever have been appropriate to have a 50mph limit.</p> <p>Anyone who has driven on that road knows what a narrow road it is and a difficult chicane with reverse camber through Woolley Green. Indeed whenever vehicles do meet on the road they are forced to reduce their speed to below 20mph when passing.</p> <p>This is clear self evidence that a 50mph limit is inappropriate and indeed a 20mph limit at the chicane would be acceptable to both vehicles and residents. At the very least the whole of the B3105 from Holt Road Junction (Forewood Common) to the Bath Road Junction should be made a 40mph and throughout Woolley Green made a 30mph limit max.</p> <p>The recent spate of accidents including near fatal accidents in Dec 2016 and Jan 2017 should clearly demonstrate to Wiltshire Council the danger if action is not taken to avoid future accidents which are inevitable if something is not done.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment - collision history</p>
3	<p>I am writing in response to the published proposal to reduce the speed from 50 mph to 40 mph along the stretch of road at Woolley Green, Bradford-On-Avon.</p> <p>As Grandparents of 4 young Grandchildren, we are particularly concerned for their safety when crossing this dangerous fast and busy road. It is quite frightening to stand waiting at the inadequate crossing, where earlier this year, two of our Grandchildren were involved in a collision with a van that was out of control. They were standing on the pavement/grass verge waiting to cross. This has had an impact on everyone in the area needing to cross this road, as clearly it is a risk in doing so.</p> <p>Whilst the proposal to limit the speed by 10 mph is welcomed, it is not enough to give pedestrians more confidence of improved safety. The bend is very sharp indeed and the approach to it would still be too fast in our opinion. So much more could be</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>

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	<p>achieved in the interests of safety with better signs and activated lights, as seen in many other areas that appear to be less dangerous! Please consider our concerns, as these improvements would vastly increase the safety of all pedestrians and motorists in this area and reduce the risks considerably.</p>		See substantive comment – additional signing
4	<p>I just wanted to take the opportunity to comment on the Woolley Green consultation.</p> <p>As a frequent visitor to Woolley Green I am all too aware of the alarming speeds along this stretch of road. I welcome the reduction to 40 but feel this should reduce further. There is clear evidence of the danger of even relatively fast moving vehicles.</p> <p>I'd urge further action.</p>		See substantive comment – level of speed limit
5	<p>I write from Woolley Green where I have been fortunate to be a resident for the past six years.</p> <p>During this time the weight of traffic has substantially increased as the B3105 is used by more and more trucks and lorries of a size inappropriate to the road width. They continually encroach across the centre line of the road.</p> <p>The generalised traffic problem is enormously aggravated by the current speed limit and signage. While large lorries must perforce go slow, the current 50mph speed limit encourages car and small van drivers to reach that limit or often even surpass it. The dangers are clearly seen in the several recent accidents, amazingly and thankfully none of them yet fatal.</p> <p>Your indication that you may lower the speed limit to 40mph is a help but does not go far enough. A 40mph limit on the whole of the winding, narrow B3105 from the Holt Road junction would be more</p>		

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	<p>appropriate with the limit clearly signed to reduce to 30mph at the Woolley Green zig-zag. I have seen, in other similar situations warning of tight bends, signs such as "Dangerous Bend", which seem to be effective alerts. Possibly "Pedestrians Crossing!" - as all of us living at Woolley Green do frequently.</p> <p>I urge you to do all in your powers to come up with a solution which will make this dangerous bend somewhat safer.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
6	<p>Although a proposed reduction of the speed limit through Woolley Green on the B3105 to 40mph is welcome I do not feel it goes far enough to solve the critical situation at Woolley Green and Woolley Park for the following reasons.</p> <p>Firstly I do not feel adequate research has been carried out to assess the amount of habitation and businesses that are currently at Woolley Green and Woolley Park. There are 20 households, 24 businesses, and a family hotel with 14 access points onto this extremely busy road.</p> <p>The B3105 from Forewood Common to the Bath Road is a narrow, twisting country lane which has in effect become the bypass for Trowbridge, Bradford on Avon and Bath for vehicles wishing to gain access to the M4/M5. The B3105 is now treated as a major trunk road heavily used by commuters and HGVs serving the industrial estates of Melksham, Trowbridge and Westbury made all the more possible by the Hilperton Link Road. An estimated 6000 vehicles per day use this road.</p> <p>There has been a history of collisions on this road, the frequency and seriousness of which is becoming greater as evidenced by the three images below.</p> <p>This appeal for tighter traffic controlling measures on this road is not only from a local residents pedestrian safety point of view but takes into</p>		<p>The level of frontage development was taken into account during the Assessment Report. See paragraphs 5 to 15</p> <p>See substantive comment - collision history</p>

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	<p>account the safety of motorists. It has to be said that the resultant cost to the NHS, Emergency Services and disruption to Employment and Industry from a collision as in the enclosed images should be weighed against the cost of a workable traffic controlling measure on the B3105.</p> <p>I feel the proposed 40mph limit on the eastern approach to Woolley Green starts too close to Woolley Green for an adequate motorist response.</p> <p>I would urge the adoption of a 40mph limit from Foreword Common to the Bath Road, a 30mph zone through Woolley Green and Woolley Street to Woolley Village. Advisory 20mph Max bend signs to be sited on approaches to the double bend at Woolley Green.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
7	<p>Whilst welcoming the reduced speed limits outlined in this TRO, I feel it does not go nearly far enough.</p> <p>The area of Woolley Green and Woolley Park is not a quiet backwater, there are 20 households with 21 children and many over sixties, 3 farms, 19 businesses, 2 holiday lets and a family hotel with 14 access points onto this extremely busy road.</p> <p>Woolley Green has long been a hot spot for accidents and this is now exacerbated with the increase of traffic (6000 vehicles a day) many of them being HGVs as they bypass Hilperton, Trowbridge, Bradford on Avon and Bath on route to the M4 and M5. Below is the most recent collision on July17th when 2 HGVs collided outside the cottages fronting the road by Woolley Park farm where a family with 4 children live. According to police records the lorries were said to be "not speeding" (although they could legitimately been doing 50mph) but it demonstrates that the road is too narrow at this point to allow 2 HGVs to pass and is therefore unfit for purpose.</p>		<p>The level of frontage development was taken into account during the Assessment Report. See paragraphs 5 to 15</p> <p>See substantive comment - collision history</p>

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	<p>July 17th 2017. Accident involving 2 HGVs at narrow point on B3105 by Woolley Park farm. Road closure 2days.</p> <p>The new residents from Kingston Farm will no doubt come this way too to avoid the town centre, thus increasing the flow even more. We are concerned not only for the safety of Woolley Green residents but also for the safety of the motorists.</p> <p>Many of the accidents have been unrecorded, not having met the criteria to be recorded - i.e. involving fatal or life threatening injuries. The recording of accidents and injuries seems to be very underplayed - for example the accident involving our neighbour's children was described as an incident with "minor injuries". The children were hit whilst waiting at the crossing on their way home from school in January this year, the 12 year old girl sustaining severe leg injuries needing major surgery and the 10 year old boy was not only struck on the arm but watched in horror as his sister was tossed into the air by the van.</p> <p>January 23rd 2017 Woolley Green crossing where 2 children were hit whilst waiting at the crossing.</p> <p>Residents are compiling a record to show the frequency and extent of accidents along this road. PDF below</p> <p>I propose the following improvements be implemented along this stretch of the B3105:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A 40mph limit from Forewood Common to the Bath road with a 30mph zone through Woolley Green and Woolley Street to Woolley village. - Advisory vehicle activated signs suggesting max speed 20mph on the double bend. - The signage to indicate pedestrians crossing (which was supposed to have been installed at the time of the crossing installation but was never implemented.) 		<p>This collision has now been recorded as Serious by the Police</p> <p>See substantive comment - collision history</p> <p>See substantive comment – Extent of proposals</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>

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	<p>This appeal for tighter traffic control on this road is not only for the safety of local residents but also for the safety of the 6000 motorists a day passing through.</p> <p>I would suggest that the cost to the Emergency Services, Police, NHS and disruption to employment and industry from a collision such as pictured in the image below, should be weighed against the cost of a workable traffic controlling measure on the B3105</p> <p>December 16th 2016. Woolley Green. Head on collision involving 3 cars and all emergency services.</p>		
8	<p>We very much appreciate the time and effort the council has put in to try and make Woolley Green safe, and whilst we are encouraged with a speed reduction we are afraid limiting the speed to 40mph is not enough to insure the security of both pedestrian and drivers.</p> <p>The reason we know that a 40mph limit is not enough is that living in Woolley Green and driving in and out, and through, we have quickly had to realise that only at a 30mph maximum speed can this road be taken without any risk. Indeed the bends and the lack of visibility are such that any speed above 30mph makes it extremely tricky to follow the curvy road.</p> <p>We are lucky enough to know that because of experience- but most of the drivers through Woolley Green will not have this experience and will only be relying on the speed limit to adapt their driving: the visibility is such that it prevents them from anticipating the sharpness of the bend and only when they are in it can they realise that they need to decrease their speed to 30mph- at which point it is often too late as the numerous accidents have shown.</p> <p>For this reason, it is in the interest of both the</p>		See substantive comment – level of speed limit

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	<p>pedestrian and the drivers to have a 30mph limit. We are in a fortunate situation where all the parties involved have their interest aligned and having read all the reports and recommendation no one living in, working around or driving through Woolley Green has opposed having a speed limit at 30mph. Both drivers and pedestrian know they need it: the pedestrian to stay alive, and the drivers because while they strive to reach their destination as fast as possible, they are keen to do so safely (the situation has been made more acute by the recent collisions particularly the HGV accident by Woolley Park Cottages); all the business around the Green have been supporting such a limitations: whether it is the hotel or the future holiday accommodation- they would rather stay alive and keep they patrons alive too. A 30mph limitation involves no cost to the council (as opposed to a 20mp one). In such circumstances it is hard to see why the council would take the risk of only lowering the speed limit to 40mph and not to 30mph.</p> <p>Without evidence of anyone or any reason supporting a speed limit above 30mph, we urge you to reduce the whole speed limit of the B3105 from Holt Road Junction (Forewood common) to the Bath Road Junction to 40mph limit and the speed throughout Woolley Green to a 30mph limit. We hope this can be implemented before there are more casualties.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p>
9	<p>Living in Bradford on Avon, use this route and aware of the accidents that have occurred along this stretch of road at Woolley Green.</p> <p>I would like to add my voice to those asking for: -A 40mph limit from Forewood Common to the Leigh Park cross roads with a 30 limit through the double bend at Woolley Green; -An advisory vehicle activated signs suggesting</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>

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	<p>max speed 20mph for the bends;</p> <p>A signage to indicate pedestrians crossing.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>We write concerning the recent proposals relating to a reduction of the speed limits on the B3105 either side of Woolley Green.</p> <p>The partial reduction to a 40mph limit is an acknowledgement that there are a real safety issues for both motorists and pedestrians along this narrow, restricted view section of the road and, specifically, through the tight Z-bend at Woolley Green.</p> <p>However, the proposal falls short of adequately addressing these issues. The section to the south east of Woolley Green is to remain at 50mph. There has recently been a serious HGV collision on this stretch at a point near Woolley Park Cottages, where the visibility of oncoming traffic is particularly poor. Motorists invariably tend to accelerate as they leave the Holt Road junction, often approaching the blind spot on this section at something close to 50mph.</p> <p>The whole stretch of this road, from the Bath Road junction to the Holt Road junction should be reduced to a 40mph limit. In addition the extremely hazardous Z bend (evidenced by the head-on collision in December 2016 and the collision which resulted in serious injury to a child pedestrian in January 2017) should have a speed limit of 30mph, with signage on the south eastern approach being placed far enough from the Z-bend to allow sufficient braking distance. It is not physically possible to take this bend at a speed approaching 40mph; a 40mph limit will simply continue to encourage complacency. A 30mph sign will provide an effective cognitive trigger and will reduce the risk of motorists losing control.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>

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	<p>We hope you will revisit your proposals and increase the chance of them producing the desired effect of improving safety for motorists and pedestrians.</p>		
11	<p>It is my understanding that a preliminary decision has been made to reduce the speed on the bend at Wooley Green to 40mph.</p> <p>Please could I express my concern that this speed restriction alone is not sufficient.</p> <p>I regularly visit Wooley Green as I am Auntie to two children who live there. I myself have two young children (2 and 5) and we often need to cross the road to visit the park, the town, walk back from school etc. Cars and other vehicles travel at high speed and there is very little time from when they come round the bend to the point where we need to cross (the crossing point). This means that drivers do not have much time to slow down before they are confronted with small children making their way across the road (this can be a slow process at times with a reluctant 2 year old).</p> <p>All possible measures should be used to reduce the speed of traffic e.g. reduce speed to 30 miles per hour through Wooley Green to indicate to drivers that this is a place where pedestrians regularly cross the road and reduce the speed of impact should a child run into the road. Reduce the speed to 40 on the whole of the road so that drivers will approach the area with caution. Warning signs need to be installed so that drivers are made aware of the speed restrictions and likelihood of people/children crossing.</p> <p>In addition to the hazard of crossing the road by foot, it is also very hazardous to pull out onto the road from Wooley Green. It truly feels that you take your life in your hands (and of your passengers) when you pull out onto the road.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>

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	<p>Please could I urge you in very strong terms to take the necessary action to prevent further serious accidents at Woolley Green.</p>		
<p>12</p>	<p>I am contacting you following correspondence with a number of concerned constituents about the numerous accidents on Woolley Green road in Bradford on Avon.</p> <p>As a consequence of poor signage and excessive speeds, the stretch of road is infamous for numerous accidents with both cars, lorries and pedestrians and residents have kept a record of this since 2011 (see attached). In January 2017, Ms Alice Hossent's young children were hit by a van that lost control on the bend at Woolley Green, skidding on the road and hitting them both as waited to cross on their way home from school. Ms Hossent's daughter sustained a serious leg injury which required intensive surgery and the incident has had a profound impact on the family.</p> <p>Since this particular accident earlier this year, there have been two more serious crashes, including one with two lorries colliding opposite Woolley Park cottages, which is a narrow stretch of road with high sided hedgerows with limited visibility.</p> <p>As a result of this, Ms Hossent and others ran a petition that gained over 500 signatures from local residents who all strongly consider that the speed should be reduced dramatically on Woolley Green. The Traffic Reduction Order (TRO) proposed to reduce the speed from 50mph to 40mph on the bend. While they welcome this review, they feel that this is still too fast and hope for Woolley Green and Woolley Street to be reduce to 30mph, whilst the whole stretch of the B3105 lowers to 40mph.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could review this case in light of the concerns raised by both the residents of Woolley Green and the wider Bradford on Avon</p>		<p>See substantive comment - collision history</p> <p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>

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	<p>community. I'm sure you would agree that it be dreadful to see further accidents that could potentially be prevented by the lowering the speed to a more appropriate and safe level. Ms Hossent advises that she and her family do not feel safe using the road, as many vehicles are unaware of the dangers of a narrow carriageways, tight chicane and hidden entrances and exits.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and I look forward to your response. I do hope Woolley Green is made safer and more secure for my constituents.</p>		
13	<p>We are writing in response to the recent traffic order LJB/TRO/BRAD40 at Woolley Green, Bradford-on-Avon.</p> <p>In Jan this year our friends children (aged 12 & 10) were hit by a van whilst stood at the pedestrian crossing in Woolley Green. This is not an isolated incident and Woolley Green has long been a hotspot for accidents which many of us have attributed to the excessive speeds and poor signage. We feel that a reduction to 40mph is not sufficient to make the area safe and would like to see it extended to 30mph.</p> <p>We hope that you will consider this further.</p>		See substantive comment – level of speed limit
14	<p>Although many will welcome the 40mph limit to be extended from Leigh Park hotel traffic lights down to the Green, and a reduction of speed from 50 to 40 from Woolley village to the Green, it does not go far enough.</p> <p>It would be a huge safety improvement to have the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A 40mph limit from Forewood Common to the Leigh Park cross roads with a 30 limit 		See substantive comment – extent of speed limit

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	<p>through the double bend at Woolley Green - ideally starting from Woolley Park Farm cottages</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Advisory vehicle activated signs suggesting max speed 20mph for the bends. 3. The signage to indicate pedestrians crossing - which was supposed to have been installed at the same time as the crossing but was never implemented. 		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
15	<p>I sometimes need to travel along the B3105 from Hilperton through and past Woolley Grange.</p> <p>The road seems to carry a large number of very large articulated lorries (the Apetito lorries in and out of the Trowbridge plant to name but one)</p> <p>I am very surprised that the first sharp bend does not have a 20 mph limit (or ADVISED speed) or a solar powered flashing speed display/ warning</p> <p>I consider 25 mph to be more than enough, myself</p> <p>As you are aware, there have been a lot of accidents / incidents on this road - unfortunately if no-one is injured and / or no report is made than the incident is not recorded.</p> <p>If you haven't driven along this road yourself I suggest you do so and consider the possible consequences of two vehicles skidding on a wet / frozen surface on that bend and the possibility of a fatality.</p> <p>The whole road, especially the curved sections near the Woolley Grange Hotel is ' unfit for use'</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
16	<p>We are writing in response to this consultation, and in support of the local residents who are desperate to see speeds reduced along this road and through</p>		

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	<p>Woolley Green.</p> <p>We regularly drive or cycle through Woolley, and it is clearly a dangerous stretch of road, especially through the S bend at the green, which is blind and in a residential area. This is clearly evidenced by the shocking history of accidents.</p> <p>We support the residents in calling for a 40mph limit along the whole stretch of road from Bath Road to Holt Road. This should be reduced to 30mph with further traffic calming measures through Woolley Green.</p> <p>We trust that you will treat this matter very seriously, and do the right thing for the safety of road users and the local residents.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
17	<p>I'd like to request a proper crossing for pedestrians. It's really hard to cross so as to access the footpaths across the fields. it'd be especially stressful with children. 40mph around those bends is too fast in my opinion even if it wasn't a natural pedestrian crossing.</p>		<p>The criteria for a formal crossing facility are not met at this location. See Assessment Report paragraphs 16 to 22.</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>
18	<p>Please reconsider the reduction of speed limit at Woolley Green from 40 mph to a lower, more sensible speed</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>
19	<p>I've been a resident of Bradford-On-Avon for over thirty years and am therefore well acquainted with the road systems and pedestrian pathways in the town. As you can see from my address above I am not resident in the area of town under discussion.</p> <p>However, as well as being a car driver, I am also an active member of a town walking group so feel I have direct experience of the road under discussion. Over the last decade in particular, traffic has greatly</p>		

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	<p>increased on the B3103, as has the speed. Yet little account appears to have been taken of the residents of the area or other towns people who walk in this area and need to cross the road. The bends on the road in the Woolley Grange Hotel Area are sharp and visibility very limited. It therefore seems strange that there has been a plan which does not include a 30 mph limit here.</p> <p>I understand there have been accidents on this road involving pedestrians being injured. This type of incident is surely likely to be repeated as more people on foot will be appearing once the Kingston Farm development is fully complete and resident settled in.</p> <p>In my opinion, the limit should be 30 mph, <u>not</u> 40 mph, and this should be accompanied by better signage on <u>all</u> approaches to these roads.</p> <p>The residents of Woolley Green are not the only ones concerned with this matter. I hope pedestrian safety and common sense prevail.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
20	<p>I write representing Woolley Grange Hotel, a business property with an entrance on Woolley Street leading off Woolley Green on the B3105.</p> <p>I am very concerned about the speed limit on the B3105 and the speed limit along Woolley Street past our hotel entrance.</p> <p>I employ upwards of 60 staff at the hotel most of whom are local and live within a 10 mile radius of the hotel who drive or walk to the hotel.</p> <p>The hotel is focussed at welcoming families, so we attract guests with young children to stay with us and can number 45 adults and 45 children at any one time. Additionally we offer a spa membership which particularly attracts families with young children. Our current membership levels are around</p>		

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	<p>400 adults and children.</p> <p>Whilst the B3105 Woolley Green - Site Assessment produced by Wiltshire Council Speed Restriction 7. states 'it would be reasonable to expect '20' or more properties with direct frontage access' for 30 mile an hour speed limit there is a larger population than you perhaps are not aware of staying and visiting the hotel on a daily basis, walking along and pulling out onto Woolley Street and directly accessing B3105.</p> <p>Many staff walk to the hotel along Woolley Street. Woolley Street is a single file pavement which inevitably means family groups living locally, staying at the hotel and walking into Bradford-on-Avon (to support the local shops, restaurants and attractions) and those using the spa, end up walking in the road. They are walking with pushchairs and as it's a single file pavement, they are inevitably very close to the road. The road is a national speed limit of 60 miles an hour and we see cars pull away fast after the 20 mile an hour restriction ends by Grange View travelling towards the bend and the hotel entrance.</p> <p>Woolley Street is narrow for two cars to pass and yet some drivers still drive very fast along the road making it even more difficult to pass and increasing the danger to other road users and pedestrians.</p> <p>We have had instances over the years of cars pulling out of our drive and being hit or nearly hit by cars traveling too fast around the bend driving towards Woolley Green. When we have had previous contact with the Highways department when we were trying to get road markings painted to show the middle of the road we received the response that people self regulate when there are no markings and take more care compared with when there are painted road markings. However I and colleagues have on numerous occasions had to avoid cars coming around the bend too fast.</p>		

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	<p>I have an orchard across the road from the hotel and would like to offer it as a space for guests to use, but cannot due to the speed cars drive along the road.</p> <p>My team have provided first aid assistance twice in the last 9 months to those involved in accidents on Woolley Green, records of which I know you are aware. There have been numerous other accidents over the years, details which I know have been submitted to you by local residents.</p> <p>For the above reasons, I request you reconsider reducing the speed limit to 40 miles an hour from the intersection with the B3109 at Bradford Leigh and the intersection with B3106 at Forewood Common and reduce the speed to 30 miles an hour within the vicinity of Woolley Green and from Grange View to B3105 along Woolley Street.</p> <p>I would welcome the opportunity to meet on site for you to see first hand the issues for pedestrians.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p>
21	<p>We are writing in response to the recent traffic order LJB/TRO/BRAD40 at Woolley Green, Bradford-on-Avon.</p> <p>We've been campaigning for years to make the roads safer at Woolley Green and whilst we welcome the current Traffic Order to reduce the speed limit, we feel it doesn't go far enough. In Jan this year both our children (aged 12 & 10) were hit by a van whilst stood at the pedestrian crossing in Woolley Green. The van hit a pothole and skidded onto the pavement while they were waiting to cross the road. This is not an isolated incident. Woolley Green has long been a hotspot for accidents which we attribute to the excessive speeds and poor signage. Many vehicles are unaware of the dangers of the narrow carriageways, tight chicane and hidden entrances/exits, and so vehicle speeds can be inappropriate for conditions of the road. We feel</p>		

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	<p>that a reduction to 40mph is not sufficient to make the area safe.</p> <p>The residents of Woolley Green have been compiling documented evidence of the collisions over the past 6 years to show the full picture of events. It details the number and frequency of crashes, most are of a serious nature. We attach for you below. We also attach a .pdf of the comments raised by the residents of Woolley Green in response to the Wiltshire Council's traffic assessment report (ref: WC-WG-SA-R001) of the area which was published a few months ago. The overriding feeling with all the residents is that the whole stretch of the B3105 from the Holt Road junction (Forewood Common) to the Bath Road junction should be a 40mph limit and the Woolley Green area to be a 30mph limit. Furthermore, we want to see better signage (including Vehicle Activated Signs) and stronger bollards at the crossing point. We also qualify for the Council's Local Safety Scheme (LSS) budget as there have been more than 3 recorded collision injuries in the last 3 years.</p> <p>The high sided hedges and narrow carriageways on the approaches to the Green are a danger to vehicles even at low speeds especially when passing other vehicles, particularly lorries. Many lorries use this stretch of road and when two pass, there is inches of space between them. This is a daily occurrence and is one of the reasons why a 40mph limit is unsuitable. According to Cllr Philip Whitehead, there can be up to 6000 vehicles a day that pass along this section of road especially now that the Hilperton bypass connects the A350 to the A46 and this level of traffic is only set to increase with the forthcoming housing estates at Kingston Farm and Spitfire homes off the Holt road. We feel strongly that a 40mph limit isn't enough to stop these accidents occurring.</p> <p>Since our children's accident in Jan, there has been</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – collision history</p> <p>See substantive comment –extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>

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	<p>two more collisions, one very serious involving 2 lorries colliding opposite Woolley Park Cottages (between Woolley Green and Forewood Common). Again, this was on a very narrow stretch of road with high sided hedgerows and limited visibility. The police report suggested that the lorries weren't speeding, yet the TRO is recommending that the limit of 50mph be maintained along this stretch. The speed along this whole section needs to be reduced and warning signs need to be erected to warn of these narrow carriageways and bends not to mention the forthcoming tight chicane.</p> <p>We urge you to reconsider the TRO and reduce the speed limit to 30mph in Woolley Green and extend a 40mph throughout the whole stretch of the B3105.</p>		
22	<p>I am writing in response to the above traffic order which concerns the B3105 at Woolley Green.</p> <p>I have been visiting Woolley Green for the last 10 years since my son, Chris Hossent, and his family moved there from London. I thought it was a lovely place to live and ideal for Evie and Leo, my two grandchildren, to grow up as it was a fairly quiet village and the country roads around the Green were far less busy of traffic than the congested London roads where they used to live.</p> <p>However, with the gradual increase over the ensuing years in the volume of traffic on the B3105, it has unfortunately lost much of its idyllic charm and has now, in fact, become a danger to the local community owing to the high number of accidents along the approach roads and around the green itself. Not the least in this mention is the accident in which my grandchildren were involved last January when a high-sided van skidded on a pot-hole as it rounded the bend, mounted the pavement where they were waiting to cross the road and ploughed into both of them. It is a wonder that they were not killed.</p>		

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	<p>When I visited Woolley Green again this week, as I was waiting to pull out of the lane onto the B3105 for a heavy stream of traffic to pass, an articulated lorry swung around the blind bend towards me and had to cross over the white line in the centre of the road to negotiate the bend, narrowly missing a car and several others which were following. There could have been a major pile-up of vehicles coming from both directions, myself included.</p> <p>Whilst I realise that there is little that can be done about the bends around Woolley Green, I feel more could be done about improving the pedestrian crossing point, reducing the speed limit and placing highly visible caution signs along the approach roads so that drivers can be made more aware of the hazards; more importantly, so that the residents can go about their daily lives knowing that their local council has done everything in its power to improve the traffic conditions for the maximum safety of themselves and the drivers of all passing vehicles.</p> <p>Therefore, I urge you to take this opportunity to make positive changes for the better along the B3105 stretch of road before yet another accident should occur and someone is killed.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
23	<p>I am writing in response to the above proposed traffic order and to express my concern that the proposed limit of 40mph will prove inadequate in terms of improving road safety for both pedestrians and vehicles.</p> <p>As the grandparent of Evie and Leo Hossent, who were involved in a traffic accident at Woolley Green in January this year, my wife and I regularly visit my son and his family. Even before the accident we had concerns about the volume and speed of traffic around Woolley Green. For vehicles exiting the lane from Woolley Green Cottages on to the B3105 the speed of traffic approaching from both directions coupled with the severe bend makes the manoeuvre</p>		

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	<p>extremely hazardous.</p> <p>In the case of the incident involving our grandchildren, it was in many respects “an accident waiting to happen”, given the poor quality of the road surface, the blind spot created by the bend and the current inappropriate speed limit. Had the concerns of the local residents been both listened and responded to sooner, then perhaps our grandchildren might have been spared their traumatic ordeal. Indeed on our most recent visit in early July we were dismayed to see that the road surface is in a very poor state of repair, there are still potholes and the speed limit has not yet been reduced from 50mph.</p> <p>Whilst any reduction in the speed limit would be welcome it is my considered opinion that a reduction to 30mph through Woolley Green is imperative in order to protect pedestrians and drivers alike. As you will note from my address I live in Somerset, a rural County akin to Wiltshire. Here many villages now have 30mph and sometimes even 20mph speed limits. Therefore I would strongly urge you to reconsider the TRO and reduce the speed limit to 30mph and provide adequate and timely signage to warn of the severe bend in the B3105 on the approach to Woolley Green.</p> <p>Thanking you in anticipation of your speedy response to my concerns.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
24	<p>I am writing in response to the above reference proposal for the B3105 at Woolley Green.</p> <p>I live in Milton Keynes and I regularly travel to Woolley Green to visit my brother and his family and I have been concerned for many years about the speed of the traffic along this stretch of the B3105 and the associated risk to public safety. My niece and nephew - Evie and Leo Hossent - were recently involved in a road traffic incident whilst standing on the pavement waiting to cross the road to their</p>		

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	<p>house, so I fully support all attempts to reduce the speed limits and increase the number and type of warning signs for road users.</p> <p>The stretch of road through Woolley Green can be described as treacherous, especially in adverse conditions, and the high hedges and blind corners combined with inappropriate traffic speed has led many of the residents to campaign for change and I fully support their efforts. Any plan to reduce traffic speeds, add clearer signage and improve pedestrian access has got to be a cost worth paying. I would describe the exit from Woolley Green onto the B3105 as dangerous for cars let alone pedestrians given the speed at which vehicles are allowed to travel around those bends.</p> <p>The injuries that my family have suffered as a result of a vehicle losing control and mounting the pavement and hitting the children could have been prevented and every effort should be made to ensure that other road traffic incidents of this nature do not happen again on this stretch of road.</p> <p>Please take this opportunity for change, and improve the safety for residents and road users alike. Thank you.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
25	<p>I am writing to ask for the installation of signs indicating the direction of the bend and that also flashes 30 at motorists as they approach, and that one of these is installed at each end of the double bend at Woolley Green on the B3105.</p> <p>Although it is good that the Council are considering reducing the speed from 50 to 40 from Leigh Park Hotel traffic lights down to Woolley Green, it is unwise to enter the bend at either of these speeds.</p> <p>There have many accidents as the bend simply takes people by surprise, by the time they realise how sharp it is they have no time to lower their</p>		<p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>

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	<p>speed sufficiently quickly. With forewarning of the nature of the bend, they would be better prepared and in better control of their vehicles.</p> <p>A reduction in speed on the double bend would also make using the pedestrian crossing more safe.</p> <p>Please will you look again at this double bend and think of how better to ensure safe passage for everyone – for motorists to be better prepared and for pedestrians to be able to cross.</p>		See substantive comment – level of speed limit
26	<p>I grew up at Woolley Green where my parents still live and I visit frequently now with my own children. The hazards caused by the sharp bend of this busy narrow road has been the scene of innumerable accidents and near misses over the years including the tragic death of 10 year old boy in 1982. The emotional impact of his death remains high for his family and our community.</p> <p>Whilst I commend the reduced speed limits outlined in this TRO I do not believe this goes far enough. I was one of the 543 people who signed a petition in February 2017 which was presented to Michelle Donolan MP to reduce the speed limit further at Woolley Green. With 6000 vehicles/day using the road, the risk to motorists, cyclists and residents remains critical especially for users unfamiliar with the road.</p> <p>As can be seen from the tyre marks on Woolley Green, lorries in particular frequently mount the curb because they have misgauged the sharpness of the bend, slowing traffic down effectively is the only way to reduce this significant risk.</p> <p>As you will know there is a 7x higher risk of fatalities between 20 and 30mph. Given the sharpness of the bend, narrow width and high heavy goods vehicles volume of traffic, 20mph is critical to reduce the risk and costs of future collisions here. With growing strains on health and policing budgets, the low cost</p>		See substantive comment – level of speed limit

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	<p>measures proposed below to reduce road speeds at this location will provide highly significant cost benefits into the future.</p> <p>The area of Woolley Green and Woolley Park is not a quiet backwater, there are 20 households with 21 children and many over sixties, 3 farms, 19 businesses, 2 holiday lets and a family hotel with 14 access points onto this extremely busy road.</p> <p>Woolley Green has long been a hot spot for accidents and this is now exacerbated with the increase of traffic (6000 vehicles a day) many of them being HGVs as they bypass Hilperton, Trowbridge, Bradford on Avon and Bath en route to the M4 and M5. Below is the most recent collision on July17th when 2 HGVs collided outside the cottages fronting the road by Woolley Park farm where a family with 4 children live. According to police records the lorries were said to be "not speeding" (although they could legitimately been doing 50mph) but it demonstrates that the road is too narrow at this point to allow 2 HGVs to pass and is therefore unfit for purpose.</p> <p>The new residents from Kingston Farm will no doubt come this way too to avoid the town centre, thus increasing the flow even more. We are concerned not only for the safety of Woolley Green residents but also for the safety of the motorists. Many of the accidents have been unrecorded, not having met the criteria to be recorded - i.e. involving fatal or life threatening injuries. The recording of accidents and injuries seems to be very underplayed - for example the accident involving our neighbour's children was described as an incident with "minor injuries". The children were hit whilst waiting at the crossing on their way home from school in January this year, the 12 year old girl sustaining severe leg injuries needing major surgery and the 10 year old boy was not only struck on the arm but watched in horror as his sister was tossed into the air by the van.</p>		<p>See substantive comments – collision history</p> <p>This collision has been categorised by the Police as Serious</p>

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	<p>Residents are compiling a record to show the frequency and extent of accidents along this road.</p> <p>I propose the following improvements be implemented along this stretch of the B3105:- -A 40mph limit from Forewood Common to the Bath road with a 30mph zone through Woolley Green and Woolley Street to Woolley village. - Advisory vehicle activated signs suggesting max speed 20mph on the double bend. - The signage to indicate pedestrians crossing which was supposed to have been installed at the time of the crossing installation but was never implemented.)</p> <p>This appeal for tighter traffic control on this road is not only for the safety of local residents but also for the safety of the 6000 motorists a day passing through. I would suggest that the cost to the Emergency Services, Police, NHS and disruption to employment and industry from a collision such as pictured in the image below, should be weighed against the cost of a workable traffic controlling measure on the B3105</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
27	<p>We lived in Woolley for 25 years until June of this year. We continue to be frequent visitors and use Woolley Street on a very regular basis, as pedestrians, cyclist, and by car.</p> <p>We fully support the TRO to reduce the speed limit to 40mph through Woolley Green and along Woolley Street.</p> <p>And also the proposed 50mph limit out to the Bath Road and to the Holt Road.</p> <p>However, we consider that this is not adequate to resolve the very substantial safety issues through Woolley Green and also along Woolley Street to Woolley. As you know Woolley Green has had a number of very significant accidents of late</p>		<p>See substantive comment – collision history</p>

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	<p>including personal injuries.</p> <p>The B3105 is simply and demonstrably unsuitable for the volume of traffic and the size of vehicles now using it. This has worsened substantially over recent years and may be linked to the opening of the 'Hilperton Link' - traffic heading north to the motorway at Bath?</p> <p>Whatever the cause, we have in recent times frequently witnessed the road coming to a standstill, not only because of terrible accidents, but also on a very frequent basis as 2 HGV's can barely pass each other - they have to stop, pull in the wing mirrors and squeeze past. It is simply not safe to cycle on this road. The road is too narrow to take the traffic now going through, and this makes it very unsafe for residents. We understand that not all accidents are recorded. Very recently an HGV fell onto its side, filling the narrow B3105 - just as well I was not there on my bicycle or in my little KA - I would be dead.</p> <p>We have first hand experience of active speed limit warning signs and they are very effective in drawing driver attention to their speed -these should be installed at the approaches to Woolley Green.</p> <p>There is also quality of life and safety of pedestrians at Woolley Green - a crucial issue as they have no alternative but to cross the road and walk along Woolley Street. They cannot walk along the B3105</p> <p>Wiltshire Council are thankfully taking a first step in reducing the speed limit but they simply MUST consider long term plans to take traffic out of Woolley Green.</p> <p>Then there is the issue of Woolley Street. 40mph is an improvement over derestricted, but this does not go far enough. You need to consider the safety of Woolley Green and Woolley residents, plus the safety of the many families that visit Woolley</p>		<p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>

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	<p>Grange - a key business in Bradford on Avon. The footway is only about 1.2m wide, the road way is 4.2 -4.5 ish wide or so wide - cars have to slow 40mph is an unsafe speed to be driving when you are so close to pedestrians. As I am sure you are aware, the statistics are that a pedestrian is much safer when traffic travels at 20mph (hence the limit at Woolley). For the safety of residents and visitors alike Wiltshire Council should therefore consider traffic calming and a slower limit along Woolley Street.</p> <p>We therefore welcome the orders as a first step but firmly believe that Wiltshire must consider the long term safety and quality of life of residents and visitors.</p>		Comments are noted
28	<p>I'm writing in connection with the proposed new speed limit for Woolley Green.</p> <p>While a reduction is welcome, the proposal isn't adequate. The village is small, with a very twisty road, joining roads, pedestrians crossing and multiple driveways that have lots of use.</p> <p>The speed limit should be 30mph, anything more is dangerous. This is evidenced by the regular accidents that occur in the village.</p>		See substantive comment – level of speed limit
29	<p>I am writing regarding the TRO offered for the B3105 at Woolley Green.</p> <p>I drive along this road very frequently and strongly believe the 40mph limit proposed is insufficient. In fact, I believe there is a high risk of repeat incidents on this dangerous bend at this speed. I urge you to reconsider and reduce the limit to a maximum of 30mph.</p> <p>This very busy route is frequently crossed by both local residents and walkers.</p> <p>Please would you also consider installing advisory activated signs suggesting a maximum speed of 20</p>		See substantive comment – level of speed limit

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	mph and signage to indicate pedestrians crossing. I appeal to you to reconsider the 40mph limit before anyone else is injured or killed.		See substantive comment – additional signing
30	I am writing to say I feel the proposed speed limit of 40 mph. through the bend at Woolley Green should be reduced to 20 mph.		See substantive comment – level of speed limit
31	<p>Further to the very welcome announcement that you are proposing to reduce the speed limit along certain roads in the town and vicinity I am writing in particular reference to the B3105 at Woolley Green.</p> <p>While we are pleased there will be some change, we feel strongly this is still too fast for cars on the bend. We want to see the whole stretch of the B3105 reduced to 40mph with a 30mph limit on the bend at Woolley Green along with improved signage to slow traffic and give plenty of prior warning of both the bend and of pedestrians crossing.</p> <p>Please reconsider the proposal to reduce to 30mph - we do feel that a residential area such as Woolley on such a bend, with previous history of accidents including very serious injuries to children, so have a 30mph limit.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
32	<p>I am a pedestrian who crosses Woolley St almost every day, and I'm frequently a driver along the B3105 from the Holt Road to Sladesbrook B3109. I wish to reduce the speed limit in the new proposals LJB/TRO/BRAD40</p> <p>There is a proposal to reduce the designated speed limit on the B3105 from 50 mph to 40mph. This reduction is a welcome measure but at the bend it is insufficient. The current 50mph limit is too fast for safety, so I am pleased that a reduction is proposed, but this measure is insufficient over the whole stretch of road proposed.</p>		

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	<p>Approaching Bradford on Avon from Holt/Trowbridge along the B3105, at the top of Woolley Street there is a tight double bend, without a clear line of sight across it. There is also a courtesy crossing for pedestrians across the B3105 at exactly this bend. The traffic should not be going faster than 20mph at this point, therefore the speed needs to be reduced gradually from 50mph to 30 to 20 travelling from east, west and south in readiness to deal with this chicane safely.</p> <p>I use this route as a motorist because it enables me to approach Whitehill, where I live, without the congestion associated with the Holt Road by the cemetery and in Silver St. This congestion must increase as the new factory comes into use and the new housing becomes occupied, as well as development in Holt and Trowbridge, so the B3105 will be more heavily used, especially by through traffic east/west. Vehicles driven by drivers who are likely to be in a hurry. The speed must be managed more effectively, as it is already in the case of the gradual reductions from 50mph to 30mph approaching BoA along the Winsley bypass and Winsley Rd, and the Bath Rd.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – Extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>
33	<p>Although many will welcome the 40mph limit to be extended from Leigh Park hotel traffic lights down to the Green, and a reduction of speed from 50 to 40 from Woolley village to the Green, it does not go far enough.</p> <p>The following safety improvements should be implemented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 40mph limit from Forewood Common to Leigh Park cross roads. 2. 30mph limit through the double bend at Woolley Green - ideally starting from Woolley Park Farm cottages 3. Advisory vehicle activated signs suggesting max speed 20mph for the bends. 4. Signage to indicate pedestrians crossing - which 		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>

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	was supposed to have been installed at the same time as the crossing but was never implemented.		
34	<p>I write to object to the recent traffic order – LJB/TRO/BRAD40 – concerning speed limits on the B3105 in the neighbourhood of Woolley Green. Even ignoring the effect of traffic feeding into and from Woolley Street the S-bend at Woolley Green has been a concern to local residents and traffic passing through this very dangerous couple of bends. As I understand Woolley Green residents have documented to you in the past, there has been a series of accidents, some of a serious nature, that demand action to be taken.</p> <p>The proposed reduction in the speed limit to 40mph on that section of the B3105 and Woolley Street is welcome. However, it does not go far enough to meet and alleviate the concerns over speed around the S-bend. 40mph at that location is just not safe, as past accident history has demonstrated. For that short stretch of road, a top speed of 20mph with appropriate warning signs would be much safer and be welcomed by both the local residents and, indeed, the drivers who have to negotiate this difficult stretch of road.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider this traffic order and change it to make that part of the B3105 safer for both drivers and local residents.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – collision history</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
35	<p>I am writing with regard to the proposed speed reduction on the B3105 at Woolley Green. Whilst we appreciate the proposed reduction in the speed limit to 40mph we feel this does not go far enough. We have witnessed the result of numerous accidents as we live on the Green at Woolley since we moved here in 2010. Most importantly one of our neighbours suffered a serious injury whilst waiting to cross the road at the crossing point when a vehicle lost control on the bend and mounted the pavement</p>		

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	<p>causing serious leg injuries.</p> <p>Since then we have witnessed overturned lorries and cars.</p> <p>The speed limit needs to be reduced to a maximum of 30mph around the bend and also to a maximum of 40mph on the approaches either side. The road is narrow and with the increased number of wide vehicles, both lorries, vans and motor cars that have increased in width since the 1960's there is little room to pass safely. There is also an additional dwelling entrance on the Holt side of the bend as well as the Woolley Green driveway. Access and exit from this drive is hazardous when vehicles are travelling at speed. Visual perception of oncoming vehicles from both directions is extremely difficult especially in low light conditions.</p> <p>I would like to see speed signs that advise drivers of the speed they are doing and possibly cameras.</p> <p>I would be grateful for your attention and would urge you to consider reducing the speed limit to 30mph at Woolley Green and to 40mph on the approaches.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
36	<p>I am writing to you in light of recent news that the stretch of road near Woolley Green (B3105, B3109 and Woolley Street) may be reduced in speed limit from 50mph to 40mph. Whilst I applaud the change, I urge you to go further and make a change to the speed limit which absolutely reflects the danger of these roads, especially at Woolley Green where the current speed limit is not helping the prevention of accidents.</p> <p>The amount of issues on these roads over the past years back up the need for change and I am delighted there is at least a plan for bringing this. However, the change needs to be significantly slower around Woolley Green and a maximum of 30 mph should be introduced in good time prior to the</p>		<p>See substantive comment – collision history</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>

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	<p>bend to allow for slowing down through the Green.</p> <p>Just in January this year a lorry lost control on the green with terrifying consequences injuring children walking home from school. Since then I understand there have been more incidents concentrated around the area of Woolley Green - I know that the residents of Woolley have put together comprehensive documents which underline the need for change and now.</p> <p>I would ask that in the light of all of the evidence you have, you create a safer area by reducing the speed limit significantly.</p>		
37	<p>I would like to firstly begin by saying I am pleased this issue is being looked at and suggestions for reducing the speed are being discussed, in my opinion this is absolute necessity.</p> <p>I have been witness to the aftermath of an accident at this spot and it was very obvious the speed limit being 50 mph had been the cause of such an awful accident, and I understand there are many accidents at this spot.</p> <p>In fact every time I drive out of the parking (for the houses) and Woolley Green, I feel I am dicing with death. The cars come round the blind corner so fast, possibly the only reason there haven't been more accidents is that many people know the road, so slow to 30mph at these points but there are also many people who don't know (and with the new developments) more people who will be driving down this road and will come round at 50 (or even 40 is too fast) and will cause more and more chances of further accidents.</p> <p>I am also aware there was a fatality there in the past, due to the fast road, this should never happen.</p> <p>I strongly request the speed limit along the main</p>		See substantive comment – collision history

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	<p>road be reduced from 50 to 40mph and then reduced further around the bend at Woolley Green to 30mph NO MORE and certain road slowing signs be put in place.</p> <p>Signs will be put up anyway, this has been agreed so to make them 30mph instead of 40mph makes no difference with cost. Yes there may be a slightly higher cost to put traffic calming measures in place but price on a life or life long injury is more. As time goes on there will be more developments, more and more traffic so at some stage this will need to happen, so make it happen now!</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
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	have, you create a safer area by reducing the speed limit significantly.		
38	<p>I am writing with regard to the proposed 40mph limit on the B3105, I live on the corner of the S bend as traffic comes from Holt/Trowbridge into the bend. 40mph is clearly too fast for this bend and a lower speed is needed to safely navigate the bend. For drivers unfamiliar with this bend, a 40mph gives the wrong information of a safe speed. This road is heavily used by HGVs and as the road is narrow, they can often be well into the opposing side of the road when traversing the bend. Apart from the collisions on the bend, northbound vehicles are hitting the stone wall on the south side to avoid collisions, as there are often displaced stones on the road. Southbound HGVs often have to mount the verge and drive across the bottom of our drive to avoid oncoming traffic.</p> <p>We have 4 children (one who is registered disabled) who cross regularly at the crossing at Woolley Green. This crossing is dangerous as there is poor visibility of incoming traffic from both directions. Having traffic travelling at 40mph gives very little time for pedestrians to cross once they have stepped on to the crossing and starting to cross. The recent serious injury of a young girl on the crossing was by a driver doing far less than 40mph, a higher speed would have been even more serious. This incident has had a profound effect on the confidence of our children from using the crossing, meaning that they are often driven instead of walking at an age when they should be independent. The signage warning of the bend is substandard and there is insufficient warning that vulnerable people are crossing the road. The crossing is barely noticed by many drivers.</p> <p>Further down the road is narrow with a number of concealed entrances to Woolley Park Farm and other properties. Two HGVs approaching at 50mph</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – collision history</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>

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	<p>in this narrow stretch with bends and entrances is dangerous as the recent closure caused by the HGVs collision early this year demonstrates.</p> <p>Additionally HGVs are hitting the stone walls on both sides of the carriageway between Woolley Green and Woolley Park Farm. Displaced stones are often in the carriageway. I have had two punctures hitting these stones and witnessed vehicles also getting punctures for the same reason. I have on a number of occasions had to retrieve stones from the carriageway in the interests of safety and notified the highways department at Wiltshire Council who have also removed stones. (report 1405695) For these reasons I believe a 40mph limit should be in place from Woolley Green to the Holt Road, with a 30mph limit through Woolley Green.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p>
39	<p>We are writing to voice our concern at the number of serious traffic incidents that have occurred over the last several years at Woolley Green. We have been resident in Bradford on Avon for the last twenty five years and use that stretch of road regularly. Driving from the town, past Woolley Grange Hotel, and turning at the junction with the B3105 is quite alarming, especially when turning right towards Trowbridge. The bend in the road almost immediately after this T-junction is extremely sharp but traffic using it, as a bypass for Bradford on Avon, tend to be going at quite a speed. I have friends who live at Woolley green and extreme caution is needed to exit their drive. Many of the accidents have occurred because lorries and tractors do not realise the sharpness of the bend, take it too fast and result in them turning over, frequently with disastrous results.</p> <p>The traffic along this stretch of road will increase as Bradford on Avon grows and a new development planned at Kingston Farm will only exacerbate the problem. We understand there are now proposals to issue a Traffic Order reducing the speed limit to 40mph from the Leigh Park Hotel traffic lights to</p>		

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	<p>Woolley Green. We do not feel this goes far enough as traffic coming from the Forewood Common direction may be travelling at speed and not be prepared to slow down enough to take the bend safely. I urge you, therefore, to reduce the speed limit to 40mph on the stretch of road from Forewood Common with a further reduction to 30 mph on the bend at Woolley Green. The erection of intended pedestrian crossing signs is also a matter of some urgency. As the daylight hours decrease, the dangers on this bend will increase.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
40	<p>I am writing with reference to LJB/TRO/BRAD40 and the proposal to introduce a 40 mph limit on the roads leading up to and through Woolley Green.</p> <p>I am pleased to see that some consideration is being given to the traffic situation in this area but feel that it does not go nearly far enough. How many accidents will it take before more appropriate safety measures are taken? The cost of dealing with the increasing number of accidents in this area and on the lives of those living and visiting Woolley Green must far outweigh the cost of implementing obvious measures such as an advisory vehicle activated sign of 20mph on the bend and signage to indicate pedestrians crossing.</p> <p>I very much hope that something more than a 40 mph restriction will be implemented.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>
41	<p>I work at Woolley Grange Farm (Owned by Mr Ben Singer)</p> <p>I have to walk the stretch of road with no pavement from the farm to Woolley Street twice a day.</p> <p>40mph limit plan is an improvement but still dangerous in this residential area in my opinion. Especially due to the history of regular injury and fatality in this exact location.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – collision history</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>

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	<p>Please amend the restriction to 30mph. Add plenty of signage, crossings and pavement markings.</p> <p>I much appreciate your consideration.</p>		See substantive comment – additional signing
42	<p>We have for reference a copy of your Traffic Regulation Order Consultation document outlining your proposals for a new 40MPH speed limit in the Woolley Green area.</p> <p>We are residents of the Woolley Green Cottages which front onto the B3105 just 100 meters South East from the entrance to Woolley Park Farm, which is shown on your Consultation plan in the 50MPH zone.</p> <p>We would ask you to revise the termination point of the new 40MPH speed limit on the B3105 and extend it to the South East side of the Woolley Green Cottages, for the following reasons:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The long, slight horizontal curve in the road alignment in front of these cottages conceals the vehicular entrance from the cottages making it a dangerous spot for all road users. (Made worse by a boarding boundary fence having being erected too close to the road) The Post Office workers and Other council employees will not use this entrance due to the danger it poses in exiting the property. 2. The overgrown hedges at both sides of the road at this point also means that there is a perceived reduction in the width of the road along the curve and travelling at 50 MPH is far too fast for safety, especially bearing in mind the type of traffic using the road i.e. from bicycles up to 8-10 wheel heavy goods vehicles. 3. There have been two serious accidents on the B3105 outside these cottages in the last three years whilst we have lived here. The first involved my vehicle which was hit whilst exiting Number 111. This resulted in £12,000 of damage but 		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>

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	<p>fortunately no person was hurt. The second just this July, when two large lorries collided, one overturning and blocking the road for 24hours. All these accidents were caused by excessive speed because people were travelling too fast for that particular section of road. (We are not saying they were exceeding the speed limit we are saying that the limit is too high)</p> <p>4. Your proposals include the extension of the 40MPH zones in two directions from Woolley Green along the B3105 to the North West and along Woolley Street road to the South West. Both these sections have a longish section of open road with no houses at either side. But you have not chosen to extend the 40 MPH on the B3105 in the South east direction as far as the Woolley Park Cottages which would involve a shorter section of open road and also would encompass the most dangerous section of road in the area as described above.(I understand that a general consideration for fixing speed limits is for roads with houses at both sides of 30MPH and at just one side 40MPH).</p> <p>We have been corresponding with the Wiltshire CC Highways Department for over two years regarding the danger to road users of this section of road and whilst we have had positive written commitments for the hedges to be cut and the roadside fences to be removed nothing has changed. We have had letters in which you gave us hope of improvements but unfortunately no action has been taken. Please refer to Case Ref No 15/00588/ENF.</p> <p>The reduction of the speed limit outside the Woolley Green Cottages would be a considerable help in making the road safer and allaying our fear of future accidents, so we look forward to hearing a positive results following your future Consultations on this matter.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p>
43	<p>As both driver & cyclist, I would like to request that</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>

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	<p>the limit in this area should be reduced to 30mph.</p> <p>I use the B3105 regularly from Bradford on Avon to access the local countryside for exercise. On several occasions I have had near misses on this section of road, where motorists have mis-judged the corner, or simply not left enough room to pass a cyclist safely. A narrow stretch of road with banked edging leaves no room to avoid the dangers that seem to be becoming evermore common.</p> <p>I am sure the well documented accidents in this area confirm these worries, but on behalf of the many cyclists who use this area (both residents and visitors). I would urge you to re-consider a reduced speed limit.</p>		
44	<p>The proposed limit of 40 m.p.h. for the junction of Woolley Street and the B 3108 is too high. I live in Woolley and regularly use this junction. I (and other residents), approach with extreme caution at under 15 m.p.h. to avoid as far as possible potentially disastrous consequences. I may have to brake hard to avoid a fast van on my side of the road or the tail of a large Lorry which is also partly over my side. The problem is exacerbated when a cyclist is added to the mix! The sign warning of oncoming vehicles is unhelpful as it is too near the bend to allow vehicles to slow down in time. A 20 m.p.h. limit and much clearer signs ,(perhaps "pedestrians crossing"), would be the answer.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p>
45	<p>Amendments to speed limits on the B3108 and Woolley Street at Woolley Green</p> <p>The proposed maximum limit of 40mph is still too high. It should be borne in mind that these roads are used by all traffic from cyclists to commercial vehicles complying with the maximum allowed gross weight. This stretch of the B3108 contains two sharp blind Z-bends, a junction with Woolley Street and</p>		

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	<p>blind entrances to Woolley Park Farm and the Woolley Grange Farm. Woolley Street has a blind bend near the Woolley Grange Hotel just before the junction with the B3108. There are already "Road Narrows" and "Oncoming Traffic in the Middle of the Road" warning signs on the B3108, but these are too close to the junction for vehicles travelling at 40 mph to reduce speed sufficiently to safely negotiate the bends.</p> <p>There has already been a precedent set by the 30mph limit on the roads between the bridge across the Avon on the B3105 and Hilperton and Trowbridge, although some stretches of these roads are much wider with better views than the road under discussion. I therefore suggest that the proposed new 40mph limit is changed to a 30mph limit and is extended to beyond the entrance to Woolley Park Farm. The stretch of the B3108 between the existing 40mph limit at the traffic lights and before the Woolley Grange Farm entrance could remain at 40 mph.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p> <p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>
46	<p>I am pleased to see that the council is at last reconsidering the issue of traffic control through Woolley Green, even though it has taken numerous accidents and a near-tragic accident involving two young children to do so.</p> <p>Given the high volume of traffic using this road, especially HGVs and vans, and the catalogue of accidents that have taken place, I urge you to reconsider the TRO and reduce the speed limit to 30mph in Woolley Green and extend a 40mph throughout the whole stretch of the B3105.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>
47	<p>I am once again voicing my concern about speed issues through the VILLAGE of woolley green, how can it be not recognised woolley green should be a 30 mph speed limit, it is getting worse every day and only a matter of time before the mounting</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p>

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	accidents add up to a tragedy. It's a thriving community that is a residential area and has many business going on here and the speed limit needs to be 30mph.the HGV traffic has to be seen to be believed that roars up and down the road and along with the speeding drivers it is a nightmare to live next to the road as it is currently being used.		See substantive comment – collision history
48	I have been a user of the roads in the vicinity as a pedestrian, motorist, and cyclist for many years. I particularly support the proposals of a 40 mph limit from the junction of the B3105 and B3109 through and beyond Woolley Green. A reduction in the limits here have been long overdue. The stretch from the junction to Woolley Green is highly dangerous and driving at greater than 40mph is simply reckless. The road is narrow has a blind S bend some 200 meters East of the traffic lights and the stretch terminates, in approximately a further 100 meters in a road constriction between walls such that two HGVs cannot pass each other at greater than walking speed. There should be an even lower limit through Woolley Green as visibility is poor approaching the Green from the West and the pedestrians from the large group of houses to the North have to cross the B3105 at this difficult point to gain access to the footway into Woolley and Bradford-on-Avon along Woolley Street.		See substantive comment – level of speed limit
49	I support the reduction in speed limits in all the areas proposed in this TRO. Further I support the residents of Woolley Green in their assertion that the speed limit reduction should extend further in the Staverton direction, and that further thought should be given to reducing the speed limits further (i.e. below the proposed 40mph).		See substantive comment – extent of speed limit See substantive comment – level of speed limit
50	Following the accident involving the Hossent		

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	<p>children the speed limit through Woolley Green needs to be 30 mph at most (not 40 mph).</p> <p>Personally I would like it brought down to 20 mph (with other appropriate measures).</p> <p>The council knows that the Hilperton Gap road is funnelling traffic along this route (a 300% increase has been mentioned) - and is responsible for the pothole which caused the accident. Safety should come before cost saving all seconds off the journey to work.</p>		See substantive comment – level of speed limit
51	<p>While I welcome any reduction in traffic speed through Woolley Green, I do not feel that the proposed 40 mph limit is sufficient. 30 mph in the immediate vicinity of Woolley Green would be far preferable with greater signage especially on the approach from Forewoods Common. Both approaches to Woolley Green would benefit from a significant reduction in traffic speed. To increase to 50 mph so soon after the bend -or have the reduction so close to it, if coming from Forewoods Common- seems illogical, especially considering the location of several properties along this busy stretch of road. Traffic should slow down far earlier to be able to negotiate Woolley Green safely.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – level of speed limit</p> <p>See substantive comment – extent of speed limit</p>
52	<p>Friends of Woolley support views of residents of Woolley Green who consider that the proposed 40 mph limit through Woolley Green itself to be totally inadequate. Many of our members travel through Woolley Green to reach the B3105 and are aware of the traffic issues.</p> <p>Anyone who travels on this road regularly knows that it is extensively used by large articulated lorries and carries a large amount of other traffic as well.</p> <p>We consider that the bend into the Green itself</p>		See substantive comment – level of speed limit

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	<p><u>should not and cannot be safely driven through at a speed in excess of 25 mph.</u></p> <p>We consider that speed warning signals should be installed with an advised limit of 25 mph displayed as the bend is approached.</p> <p>There have been a number of incidents on this section of the road and some are not reported. Two articulated vehicles cannot negotiate that bend safely if approaching from opposite directions - The road itself is unfit for purpose in our view.</p>		<p>See substantive comment – additional signing</p> <p>See substantive comment – collision history</p>