

Purton – Ridgeway – Various Orders

| Name | Address | Objection/ Support | COMMENTS |
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| Name withheld x 2 | Upper Mill, Purton SN5 4FL – online form | Support | My wife and I fully support the closure of this road. We often walk across this road to visit the shops and you cannot see down the road towards Purton. I have witnessed children nearly being hit by oncoming traffic which is dangerous. The road is also extremely noisy for all the houses on our street. |
| Name withheld | Downs View, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, SN5 3LZ | Support – wants more | Whilst I welcome any speed restriction within the parish and local areas, I am wondering why this has not been extended into the main part of the village of Lydiard Millicent. I have already made a comment regarding the increase in traffic flow through The Street in the last 2&1/2 years we have been living here. It is not what I would call a safe walking route for local people to walk small children to school. There is no clear sign to indicate a school is nearby. Along with the narrow pathways at the Swindon end of The Street, it is quite frankly not safe. My child has been brushed by a car driving passed. The chicane causes drivers to be irrational and impatient. Surely this calls for some better signage and lower speed limits during school pick up/ drop off times. |
| Name withheld | Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LD – online form | Support | I support the proposal, it follows what appeared in the planning application. The new estate has generated significantly more traffic in my road, I see the proposal as ameliorating this. |
| Anonymous | Dew Pond Close, SN5 4FS – email | Comments | <p>We live at Dew Pond Close which is at the top end of the estate, with our turning near the entrance of Cowleaze. This is where traffic will be diverted into the estate once Purton Road is closed.</p> <p>In order for us to access the local shop at Peatmoor on foot, and more importantly for my child to access her school bus stop, it will involve having to cross this road at this point by Cob Hill. To get to the bus stop my daughter currently crosses via the zebra crossing, which is in place and walks down Upper Mill to the stop.</p> <p>I'm very concerned not to see adequate crossing facilities on the plan at this end of the estate or confirmation to show the zebra crossing remaining.</p> <p>It is currently extremely dangerous for us to cross Purton road to get to the local shops. But with the increase in traffic into the estate, the traffic speed coming off the roundabout, round the corner into Cowleaze it will be an accident hotspot without an adequate pedestrian crossing point.</p> <p>I should also point out that there is a significant</p> |

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| | | | <p>slope into the estate which will no doubt speed cars up.</p> <p>We have no option but to cross at this point in the road to get to both the bus stop and shops and would like reassurance that my children's safety will not be compromised if the zebra crossing is removed.</p> <p>The zebra crossing was felt necessary at this point in time without the diversion, so I want to make clear that the increase in traffic should make it even more necessary for the future.</p> |
| Anonymous | Washpool – email | Objection | <p>1. Firstly we can empathise with residents of Ridgeway Farm in that it is felt to be an utter waste of time and expense to close a section of the Purton B4553 road and to create a new route via The Buffer and Cowleaze within this development. The entire concept has been seen as ridiculous and been met with strong opposition. It is anticipated that the change will cause an inconvenience to road users who use the existing Purton Road route either way, between the Sparcells Roundabout area and Swinley Drive area onwards.</p> <p>These proposals seem unnecessary, inconvenient and may also pose a danger to the school area in Ridgeway Farm, and irritation to both road users and residents of Ridgeway Farm on the whole.</p> <p>However should this new route be also a means to incorporate traffic calming and include HGV restrictions which in turn affect Common Platt, the Washpool road (C70) we are keen to be included in any proposed traffic calming adjustments insofar as we would want to see an update in the entire location in a streamlined fashion.</p> <p>If the existing Purton Road is replaced by a longer route, our worry has been that the affected traffic movement may cause existing traffic to divert and we'll see levels effectively increase along the length of Stone Lane, Common Platt, Washpool, The Elms onto Tewkesbury Way (B4534), in both directions as road users may try to find quicker ways of getting to and from locations, if the existing Purton Road.</p> <p>2. Secondly, for many years the speeds on all these roads and along the entire length of Common Platt, Washpool, and The Elms, have been incorrectly and inconsistently assigned, changing from 30 to 40 then 30 again, there seems to be confusion having to check at what point one should be driving at 30 or 40.</p> <p>Further up the stretch of road - the C70 - is essentially a country unclassified road, the speed should be set the same ALL ALONG at 30 mph, not only in order to keep the speeds consistent but to LOWER speeds to avoid accidents, and basically any problems due to speeding! Many</p> |

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| | | | <p>complaints have been made over the years! Can we now hope be heard too ? Furthermore the sharp bend in the road at The Elms, coming around in front of the gated entrance to Old Shaw Lane, should be narrowed or calmed considerably and chevrons erected at the properties on the bend. There is plenty of photographic evidence of incidents where speeding has caused damage and accidents along this bend. There are ditches along Washpool where bits of car headlights and other car body parts are left behind where speeding vehicles have ended up in the ditch. At present the speeds are terribly high in general, many drivers treat these stretches of road, particularly along Washpool lane, as a speed track !! We wonder if It will take a fatality before something is done ??? Our daughter very nearly got run down by a motorcyclist who approached from the culvert in Washpool going in the direction of The Elms past the layby to where she was attempting to cross over to (to get the school bus); had she not had the quick-thinking sense to immediately step back away from the roadside we may well have experienced a terrible outcome that morning. Please listen to us and what makes total sense to be done ! Thank you</p> |
| Anonymous | Cowleaze, Purton SN5 4FQ – email | Wants 20mph on Cowleaze | <p>Cowleaze is already a very dangerous road. The traffic speeds down the hill and children are regularly playing in the street. There is no formal places to cross the road and the bus stop is also on cowleaze so we will have people regularly walking across the road. enforcing a 30mph speed limit is not enough in my experience of the road. I would recommend 20mph just like the buffer which leads to the school. All the roads should be 20mph just like the rest of the estate. I have seen so many children playing and families that use the road as a cut through to the school and to walk towards the shops at peatmoor. As a resident I would be happy with a 20mph limit as this would be safer and encourage drivers to slow down it is currently a race track!</p> |
| Name withheld | The Street, Lydiard Millicent – online form | Support | <p>ANY measures to reduce speeding in and around Lydiard Millicent are thoroughly welcome! The roads are like a race track and its only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured by the selfish and completely irresponsible idiots that somehow believe they are beyond the law.</p> |
| Name withheld | The Street, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LU – online form | Support | <p>The part closure of Purton Road AND the new main road through Ridgeway Farm must continue. This was part of the planning permission and other roads CANNOT take the additional traffic that will be generated if this does not go ahead.</p> |

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| | | | Use of Cowleaze as a main road was clearly documented when the RF site was built and this must continue! |
| Mr Andrew Cornell | Washpool SN5 3PN – online form | Support | <p>We welcome the proposal to reroute the B4553 through Cowleaze in the new Ridgeway Farm development and the introduction of a new T-junction between the rerouted B4553 and Washpool (C70) as shown in the original approved plans for the development and shown in the map attached to this proposal.</p> <p>It has been brought to our attention by a group named "Friends Neighbours of Common Platt, Washpool & Stonelane" (sic), that the residents of Ridgeway Farm are objecting to this rerouting of the B4553 along Cowleaze to Mead Way. Since the new housing development at Ridgeway Farm has been occupied, the volume of traffic using Washpool as a rat run through to Tewkesbury Way has increased significantly, with the vast majority of cars exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. In fact a significant number of cars travel along Washpool, a narrow, unlit country lane with no streetlighting or pedestrian walkway well in excess of 50mph.</p> <p>I for one have been clipped by a car as I walked along the lane with my dog and the car failed to stop. I reported this to the police. This is not an isolated incident.</p> <p>We would hope that the introduction of the new T-junction from Washpool onto the B4553 will persuade at least some of these drivers to follow Cowleaze down to the roundabout at Mead Way and reduce the heavy rushhour traffic in Washpool.</p> <p>While I support the proposed speed limits shown in this proposal, our experience is that, unless they are regularly enforced, they will be almost universally ignored. Because the speed limit is not enforced, drivers feel that they are free to treat our road as a race track! Sooner or later someone is going to be seriously injured or killed if this situation is not dealt with.</p> |
| Mrs Laura Cutter | Upper Mill, Purton SN5 4FL – online form | Objection | <p>I feel that the closure of Purton Road and the redirection of traffic through the Ridgeway Farm estate should be reconsidered. The school and play park are directly in the middle of the estate and the soon to be busy road. As a resident of Upper Mill I feel that our street will be used as a rat run for traffic because it will be quicker for traffic to cut across. This being said, in the mornings cars park all down this road to be able to walk to the school which makes it harder to cross the road.</p> |

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| Name withheld | The Fox, Purton SN5 4EF – online form | Comment | I'm finding the maps are a little too small for me to read, but do you know where the traffic will be re-routed following the Prohibition of Driving along the Purton Road and Washpool sections? I'm a little concerned that the hundreds of cars that use the length of the B4553 in both directions will have to come through the Village/The Fox/Stone Lane/Manor Hill depending on the direction they are travelling. These roads are not designed for and could not cope with any additional traffic. |
| Anonymous | Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LD | Comments | <p>As a long term resident of Lydiard Millicent and living on Stone Lane, I am deeply concerned about the latest level of traffic through our area. We have a continual flow of traffic through a small rural village all day with massively increased numbers at rush hour/school times. The plans to put a new access road through the latest housing estate at Ridgeway Farm was a lifeline, we as residents, were hoping for. We believe that this proposed road was decided upon some time ago and now it appears it may not go ahead because the residents of Ridgeway Farm are unhappy . Our parish with its outlying roads is under continual bombardment from excessive speeding vehicles. We are subjected to abuse from these drivers, and our children and pets are at constant risk. There have been two cats killed last summer and one severely injured on these once quiet roads, how a child has not been killed is a wonder. We as residents want you to consider serious speed controls through our village to make our lives safer and less stressful from this increase in traffic. There is a chicane style speed control on Stone Lane inside the 30mph zone that has encouraged excessive speeding and driver aggression from the day it was put into operation. It simply does not work and makes leaving the local driveways very difficult. We, as residents, should have some form of traffic management in the same way that the new residents of the Ridgeway Farm estate are being given. Compulsory 20mph speed limits and speed humps through Stone Lane and the areas of Washpool and Common Platt would make so much difference to our lives. We appear to have been forgotten by our Parish Council, they give no support to our plea's for traffic control and calming so we feel we need a more direct approach. Please consider our appeal for suitable speed limits within our Parish and traffic calming measures that would deter the new housing estate residents using our roads as a rat run. This is making our lives a misery and destroying our village community. We find the speeding vehicles, sometimes in excess of 70mph, poor driving standards and abuse from many drivers to be totally unacceptable. Our roads are falling apart with collapsing tarmac and potholes due to the</p> |

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| | | | huge increase in traffic and nothing is being suggested to improve the situation. |
| Mr Shelton Davies | Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LD | Comments | <p>Stone Lane is currently suffering and the views of the residents ignored. This is destroying the nature and fabric of our village.</p> <p>The volume of traffic has increased tenfold in the 20 years I have lived here, causing accelerated wear. Speeds have increased along with the ignorance/arrogance of drivers that race through our village. The recent chicane installed as a traffic calming measure is not only ineffective but counterproductive drives race to beat the approaching cars.</p> <p>Measures are desperately needed to reduce the volume and speed through the village. A 20 mph speed limit would make for a much safer village and discourage our village being used as a rat-run. However, it seems acceptable behaviour to ignore speed limits, so control and enforcement measures also need to be introduced, as previously mentioned, the current chicane is a failure, this needs to be replaced by more aggressive measures, such as humps (as installed elsewhere here in the village).</p> <p>I hope you will seriously consider the recommendations detailed above, residents of Lydiard and Stone Lane in particular are thoroughly fed up with the level of traffic blighting our village.</p> |
| Name withheld | Cowleaze, Purton SN5 4FQ – online form | Objection | <p>I think the closure of the Purton Road needs to be reconsidered, by all means keep Cowleaze as a spine road, but surely having an extra road to Mead Way will relieve pressure, rather than swapping one road for another.</p> <p>The road is too close to the Ridgeway Farm school to be a 30mph limit with HGVs coming down it, as well as the impact to houses on the road, especially to the odd numbered side of Cowleaze where there is just a pavement and not the grass verges on the even numbered side. These vehicles will be travelling right past front doors.</p> <p>The Purton Road has no residential properties on it at the part that is proposed to close so should remain open to allow the larger vehicles down it, with Cowleaze acting as a further access road to relieve build up of traffic, but with a 20mph speed limit due to the close proximity to housing.</p> |
| Name withheld | Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LD – online form | Support | <p>I support the proposed changes and believe that this will greatly reduce the number of large articulated vehicles negotiating the dangerous bend by the Casa Paulo restaurant where the junction with the C70 is. I was pleased when I first saw the proposal and elected not to object to the Ridgeway Farm development because I could see the traffic benefits for Washpool and Lydiard</p> |

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| | | | Millicent. The proposal is supported on the grounds of improved road safety. |
| Name withheld | Ash Close, Common Platt SN5 5DF – email | Support | <p>I wish to write in support of the Orders set out in LJB/TRO/PURT</p> <p>I am particularly supportive of the diversion of the B4553 onto Cowleaze, and thus introducing the 30mph limit and 7.5 Tonne max restrictions on the C70 (former B4553) Washpool/Purton Road, and the Prohibition of Driving on the C70 from the junction with the B4553 Cowleaze to its junction with the Buffer.</p> <p>I and other local residents had already contacted Wiltshire Council recently, as Lydiard Millicent Parish Councillors had alerted us to rumours that the plans to divert the current B4553 through the new Ridgeway Farm site along Cowleaze may not happen. I am pleased to see that this is not the case from reading the TRO, and from the reply from Wiltshire Council (attached). I am pleased that the new purpose-built Spine Road/Cowleaze will take the B4553 as set out in planning consent 10/04575/OUT. This will alleviate problems for many of the residents along or near the current route of the B4553, which is no longer suitable for the volumes and weights of traffic it now has. Traffic volumes have been increasing significantly over the years, including numbers of heavy lorries (we have data from traffic surveys) and the current B4553 is less suitable than the newer, wider Cowleaze route. The impact of diverging from the agreed plans would have a significant impact on residents, from the dangerous corner at Casa Paolo through to the vibrations felt in houses close to the road, so I am very pleased to see that the original plans are being adhered to.</p> |
| Mr Andrew Fletcher | Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LD – online form | Support – wants more | <p>The objective to take all traffic travelling on the B4553 away from the residential areas of Washpool and Common Platt is a good one as the road in this area cannot cope with high volumes or speeds of traffic. However, enforcement of the existing restrictions has been poor and without enforcement of the weight limits as well as some manner of traffic calming cars and HGVs heading for J16 will continue to pass through these areas at great risk to the residents. If nothing changes then nothing will change. Signs and posted restrictions are not enough alone. I understand that Trading Standards has resigned its involvement in the Lorry Watch scheme and no public body has as yet taken its place. How does the Council propose to ensure that the restrictions are adhered to?</p> |
| Name withheld | SN5 3LD – online form | Support | <p>I support the amendments suggested in the TRO. The parish of Lydiard Millicent and most relevantly Common Platt and Washpool have suffered with an increase in traffic including</p> |

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| | | | coaches and HGVs along roads which are unsuitable for that purpose. This traffic should be routed through the larger roads, as suggested by the TRO and measures put in place to ensure that restrictions are adhered to by remaining road users. Numerous accidents and incidents have occurred in recent years and failure to implement the TRO will only exacerbate the situation. |
| Anonymous | - Email | Support | I think it's a good idea closing the Purton Road and having the main road go through Cowleaze. It's a bigger, wider road and hopefully it will stop some congestion that we suffer on the Purton Road. |
| Mr Colin Goddard | The Elms | Support – wants more | My property is situated on the 90 degree bend on the C70 at The Elms. I am in favour of the road closure provided the 30 miles per hour speed restriction is extended right through The Elms to the Tewkesbury Way junction. |
| Cllr Millie Groom | Mollie.groom@wiltshire.gov.uk - Email | Objection | <p>Lydiard Millicent residents protest most strongly about the inclusion of the Spine Road extending into Purton Road, Common Platt, Washpool etc. At the time of the consultations and hearings we strongly campaigned for the road to be closed from Casa Paola to the Spine Road because we knew the proposed Spine Road was too narrow. Indeed Kevin Fisher was out early in the morning taking measurements and reporting those measurements to the actual hearings. We learned that the Inspector apparently 'lost her laptop'!! This really is not good enough and is truly unacceptable because that section of 'road' is not much more than a lane, as indeed are Common Platt and Washpool.</p> <p>I would suggest that you examine the accidents which take place at the Casa Paola junction which are showing signs of increasing, and nearby to junction of Stone Lane with Common Platt/Purton Road. On four occasions one lady living in The Close has had speeding cars drive over the the junction and finish in her back garden. Several times we attempted to have the road blocked but the issue appeared to be a red line issue. TW extolled the central square where parking was available to everyone and I enquired whether a child's bicycle would be parked alongside an HGV. Everyone knew that TW were building a too-narrow road - in order to build more houses??</p> <p>Be that as it may Lydiard Millicent residents have no wish to have hgvs travelling through their narrow lanes and roads. The development is in Purton and Purton received the benefits of that development; the roads should be in Purton. The roundabout which was installed and then taken up would be ideal as it is so near the link to the main road. A similar link road at the other end of the</p> |

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| | | | development should be considered now and built I would suggest. LM RESIDENTS DO NOT WISH TO INVITE HGVS AND MORE ACCIDENTS. |
| Anonymous | Cowleaze SN5 4FQ – email | Objection | 1) Not agree with road closure (Purton). 2) Speed limit on Cowleaze should be 20 or 30 mph. |
| Anonymous | Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LD – email | Support | <p>I have been anticipating the closure of Purton Road ever since the plans for the estate were published. The traffic levels, as anticipated, have risen markedly since the estate has been occupied. If the changes to the roads go ahead as per your plans, I am confident that the current traffic levels will be reduced. This is for two reasons. Most of the traffic along Stone Lane and Purton Road is between Royal Wootton Bassett and Swindon. The traffic will find it inconvenient and time consuming when it is routed through the estate to Mead Way and I am sure many of them will find an alternative route. Secondly, the alterations to J16 of the M4 are almost complete and it will be a huge improvement to the traffic flow there and many of the drivers currently using Stone Lane as a rat run will go in that direction instead.</p> <p>I understand that the residents of the estate are objecting to the closure of Purton Road as they, understandably, don't want the traffic routed past their houses. However, if Purton Road is left open, there will be no incentive for the traffic to find an alternative route and the current unacceptable levels will continue.</p> <p>I urge you to reject the representations of the estate residents and continue with your plans. At the very least give it a good trial; at least 12 months so that the effect of the alterations can be assessed.</p> |
| 2x Anonymous | Cowleaze, Purton SN5 4FY – email | Objection | <p>I live at 80 Cowleaze and have just heard of the purton road closures I would not have bought my home if I had known that it was going to be the main Purton Road. This is dangerous for all residents who live on the estate and come the summer holidays there will be children playing out more this is an accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>I will not be able to access my drive as the purton road already becomes a standstill in the evening when people are coming home from work.</p> <p>The noise is going to be unbearable there is no off road parking for visiting friends and family on cowleaze so this is going to be an extra hassle the road is not wide enough to be a main road and children coming from school will have to cross cowleaze also my daughter getting the bus will have to cross the road coming back from college. I am absolutely against the idea of closing the purton road along with my husband.</p> |

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| Name withheld | Common Platt, SN5 5JX – online form | Support | I support the changes proposed to the roads around common platt because the bit of road I live on is too narrow for two lorries to pass each other or for the school buses to pass each other. Routing them through the Ridgeway farm estate where the road is straighter and wider makes sense. Removing of the roundabout at the top of Swinley Drive has meant the traffic doesn't slow down to 30mph at present so I welcome the reduction to 30mph for the length of the road. |
| Mr Clive Heard | Common Platt, Purton – online form | Comments – wants more | Having reviewed all the documents pertaining to this change in infrastructure I would like to recommend the following changes. 1. The road between the Washpool roundabout (Casa Paolo) and the Buffer should also be reduced to 20mph with the original proposal of chicanes to slow the traffic down. 2. A footpath should be installed along the same length of road. 3. This will provide a safe route for children catching buses to RWB Academy, and Bradon Forest. Also any people en route from Ridgeway Farm, or Swinley Drive to Casa Paolo and residents from Ridgeway Farm walking to the shops at Peatmoor via the pedestrian access onto Ridgeway Farm opposite 21 Common Platt. |
| Anonymous | – email | Support | I fully support the proposal to re-route the traffic via Cowleaze having considered the following: The new road [Cowleaze] has been designed to take the intended traffic with a wide road and suitable spacing between the road and houses, including a ribbon of verge, as well as wide pavements. The existing rural roads towards Common Platt and the Casa Paolo junction were never designed to take the traffic volumes and vehicle weights that have been using the roads. It's evident from the damage to the road surface and signage that the existing Washpool and Purton Roads are not fit for the current purpose. The further plans to reduce speed limits in the area, and prohibition of traffic towards Swinley Drive [from the 'Sparcells' roundabout), all appear to be very necessary to ensure a safe environment for residents and road users and to help the traffic flow in the area. One change I would like to see considered is a further reduction in the proposed speed limit from 40mph to 30mph (currently propose 50 to 40 mph) on the Washpool Road (B4553) towards the Casa Paolo junction. Alternatively, if the speed limit reduction proceeds to the current 40mph proposal, then a redesign of the junction on the Washpool Road is considered at the Casa Paolo junction to Washpool. As a relatively frequent user of the junction, I am conscious it has a |

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| | | | dangerous layout and this opportunity should be taken to make the junction safer. I've heard of numerous accidents and near misses at the junction. |
| Name withheld | Beech Drive, Common Platt, SN5 5DQ – email | Comments | Just a short comment to say that the current road design with the asymmetric cross-road between Swinley Drive, Purton Road and The Buffer is dangerous. It is significantly more hazardous turning right out of Swinley Drive than the former roundabout, especially as cars fail to heed the very short 30mph section. This twinned with cars coming up the Buffer and having priority to turn left (and then often immediately right), makes for a confusing and hazardous situation. Any alteration that reduces this risk of this current road design would be appreciated. |
| Mr Mark Horsley | Cowleaze56@hotmail.com 56 Cowleaze, Purton SN5 4FQ – online form | Objection | |
| Name withheld | Common Platt – online form | Support – wants more | The 30 mph needs to be extended more north of casa paola (B4553 casa paola to bremhill). This is because there are properties 3 and 4 common platt and the new house, 3 field gateways and footpaths crossing the road on the brow of the hill. Other than that I support the proposal. |
| Mrs Linda Jesson | Common Platt, Purton – online form | Support – wants more | The 30MPH speed limit should be extended from Casa Paola junction further north than is proposed, as it would then include properties that have been excluded. I support the closure of the Purton Road and the realignment of the B4553. |
| Mr Andre Kayani | The Mews, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3NQ – online form | Support | I fully back the closure of the Purton Road and the re routing of the B4553 through Cowleaze and Ridgeway farm development. This was the original plan when Ridgeway Farm was put to planning back in 2010 and should be adhered to. The current junction at Casa Paulo is extremely dangerous and should heavy goods vehicles should never have been allowed to pass through it. In addition the increase in traffic due to Ridgeway Farm is putting extensive pressure on that junction in addition to the increased traffic on smaller roads through Lydiard Millicent. It's certainly a case of waiting for a major accident to happen with the current road layout so I hope WC ensures these plans at carried through. |
| Name withheld | Beech Drive, Swindon SN5 5DQ – online form | Support | I believe the closures and restrictions proposed will be of benefit to the area and should go ahead. Although it could mean a slight extra journey time for me, Purton Road is no longer suitable for the amount and weight of traffic that travel along it, and should rightly be diverted elsewhere. |

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| Name withheld | Squires Copse, Peatmoor, Swindon SN5 5HB – online form and email | Objection | <p>I am writing with reference to the above consultation as a local resident who will be negatively impacted by the proposal (though a Swindon Borough Council Resident, not a Wiltshire County Council one).</p> <p>At present, the situation at the junction between Swinley Drive (from Peatmoor) and Purton Road and the Buffer (from the Ridgeway Farm development) is causing very bad traffic problems. It is dangerous exiting from Swinley Drive and during rush hours is gridlocked dangerously back along Swinley Drive and along the Purton Road in the evenings. This has been caused by the removal of the roundabout that used to be at the junction of Swinley Drive and Purton Road. Locals are bemused by why this was removed as it worked well and would certainly have helped in the current chaos and eased the daily near misses and road rage that can be witnessed at that junction.</p> <p>I understand that the proposal is to shut Purton Road so that traffic coming from Swinley Drive (and from the rest of Purton Road from the Lydiard Millicent end) all goes through the Ridgeway Farm development or back along Swinley Drive. This is going to have a massively negative impact on both Peatmoor and Ridgeway Farm in that it will push traffic that currently doesn't use these routes through housing estates, past schools and making our lives worse. This is a lot of traffic. I can see no reason for doing this and it would surely make more sense to keep the road open so these huge increases of traffic don't end up flowing through the estates when there is no good reason for them to have to do so. It will impact on the health of children as they walk to school and will increase pollution for those living in both estates. The proposals will also increase air pollution from idling cars as there will be more traffic jams.</p> <p>I therefore strongly implore you to not shut off the Purton Road but rebuild a roundabout so that traffic has more options and can flow more freely. I would like to register my opposition to your plan. It is extremely dissatisfying that these decisions that will have such a big impact on our lives in Peatmoor are totally out of the hands of any of our own elected representatives so I ask that when you make your deliberations, you take our views into account (although no one I know locally seems to know about this consultation).</p> |
| Anonymous | The Elms, Nine Elms, SN5 5PN | Support – wants more | <p>Our property is situated on the sharp bend on the C70, adjacent to the locked gate, and we are directly affected by the traffic using the C70 lane. We have witnessed probably 150 incidents where speeding vehicles travelling from Tewksbury Way direction have over shot the sharp bend directly opposite the front of our house, and ended up in</p> |

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| | | | <p>the ditch, or actually onto the green itself, or vehicles travelling from Washpool Common Platt direction crashing into our next door neighbours wall.</p> <p>A reduction in the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph, seems a simple solution, and perhaps other traffic calming methods could be considered. We are fully aware of expenditure constraints, but would welcome any solution to reduce the speed of the traffic on the C70.</p> |
| Mr Niruban Krishnan | Cowleaze, Purton, SN5 4FQ | Objection | <p>My suggestion is to keep the Purton Road open as it's keep the options like Cowleaze and nearby road for traffic as currently operated, I don't see any benefit of closing the Purton Road, rather if traffic goes through Cowleaze will be more risky for kids and residents, school kids will be safe. I hope you assess the suggestion considering the health and safety of Cowleaze residents and school kids.</p> |
| Name withheld | Ash Close, Swindon SN5 5DF – online form | Support | <p>I fully support all the proposals for introducing 20mph speed limits, 30 mph speed limits, 40 mph speed limits, road closures, 7.5 tonne weight limit, no waiting on the Buffer and a new pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>Not implementing these proposals will have a detrimental impact on people living adjacent to the new Ridgeway Farm development.</p> |
| Lydiard Millicent Parish Council (| - email | Support and comments | <p>Lydiard Millicent Parish Council strongly supports the proposed Road Traffic Orders. Its understanding is that the measures, which these orders introduce, reflect the agreed measures to mitigate some of the impact of the Ridgeway Farm development, and increased traffic generally, on our narrow country roads. We consider them essential to protect our residents' amenity and safety.</p> <p>The two road closures (Order 6) and the weight restriction (Order 7) are necessary to prevent the remaining stretch of the Purton road (from its junction with Swinley Drive) becoming the default route for traffic, including HVGs, and a rat run into Swindon. The Washpool Road, which is single track in places, with a narrow bridge to the south of the area under consideration, already suffers from unlawful use by HVGs, and we would welcome any further steps to mitigate this. Our roads are old, narrow, and not suitable for large volumes of traffic. One of our residents has remarked that these roads are narrower than the new road running through Ridgeway Farm and were built more with horse and carts in mind than modern traffic!</p> <p>The Washpool/Purton Road junction at Casa Paolo is known locally as an accident black spot and, indeed, Taylor Wimpey in their design and access statement described it as "a hazardous</p> |

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| | | <p>junction". We would welcome clarification as to what the proposed layout for this junction will be. Subject to this, we welcome the proposals to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph along the remaining stretch of the Purton Road (Order 3) and that part of the road immediately north of the junction (Orders 4 and 5). However, the Council remains extremely concerned about safety on these roads, and would suggest the 30 mph limit is extended to the junction with Cowleaze Drive rather than a change to 40 mph. Although not included within your Traffic Orders at the moment, the Council would further suggest the 30 mph speed limit is extended to the South along the C70 to include the entire Washpool road to its junction with Tewkesbury Way. There have been many accidents and near misses, throughout this area and Councillors would also like to see additional traffic calming put in place along the Purton Road. Residents report that speeding here has increased since the change in layout of the Swinley Road junction and the removal of the roundabout there.</p> <p>The Council also considers that the speed limit for the Washpool Road should be 30mph <i>from the Washpool/Cowleaze junction</i>, and where the B4553 is realigned at the North West corner of the estate, and that the Orders should be amended accordingly. This stretch of road is already very hazardous, and this is only likely to increase with the additional traffic accessing and leaving the development. Our residents do not have the benefit of pavements and risk their safety every time they want to cross the road or visit a neighbour. Bends and hidden dips in the road make walking particularly hazardous, with many drivers driving at inappropriate speeds, frequently endangering pedestrians, cyclists and other road users.</p> <p>There are also currently three footpaths which adjoin this road, PURT75, 76 and 77. These link Common Platt, and, ultimately, the new development, with Purton, and all its amenities. Reducing the speed limit on this stretch of road would make it safer for those using these footpaths. It is assumed use of these will increase with the new development. Improvements could encourage more people to walk, to use more sustainable modes of transport to access local facilities, and for recreation. We would respectfully request, therefore, that consideration be given to additional traffic calming measures on this stretch of road, particularly where it abuts footpath PURT76, possibly a chicane or traffic island. A raised curb would, at least, allow pedestrians to take refuge on the verge.</p> <p>In summary, Lydiard Millicent Parish Council is in full and unanimous support of these regulations, and would wish to see an extension to the 30 mph</p> |
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| | | | <p>limit along the length of the C70 to its junction with Tewkesbury Way, and North towards the new T junction, where the B4553 is re-routed. Additional traffic calming should be introduced where Public Footpaths cross the highway, to ensure pedestrian safety. Clarification as to the final layout of the Casa Paolo junction would be appreciated; our understanding at the moment is that a mini roundabout will be installed.</p> |
| Anonymous | Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LD – email | Support | <p>We are strongly in favour of reducing the speed limit in Stone Lane to 30mph for the whole road. Many drivers appear to think the 40mph zone means 50mph. As residents of Stone Lane with children and cats, it would be safer and greener to reduce. The rate limiting step is the junction at Casa Paolo's so it will not add to journey time for people going that way and as the road gets busier every year the speed on Stone Lane will not affect their journey time.</p> |
| Mr Kevin Merrick | Common Platt, Purton SN5 5JX – online form | Support – wants more | <p>The B4553 Purton Road has steadily increased in both volume and speed of vehicles using this small country road and the local residents have suffered tremendously, with accidents, near misses, verbal abuse, noise pollution, exhaust gas pollution, verge degradation and fear. Seeing that the weight limit be introduced is a relief however we constantly see non authorised vehicles use this road without prosecution now and foresee no change.</p> <p>The speed reduction of the intersection area around the B4553 and C70 from 40 to 30 mph is welcome but needs to extend much further up the northerly direction and possibly up to the new intersection with the Cowleaze junction and redirection of the B4553 as will be.</p> <p>At this stage a traffic calming device such as speed humps to deter the racing that happens throughout the day up the hill of The Pry would relieve the noise and chaos that happens throughout our daily lives.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that you give our comments due considerations as it is our lives you are dealing with.</p> |
| Name withheld | Common Platt, Purton Sn5 5JX – online form | Support – wants more | <p>I would like to say that I support the original plan for Cowleaze Drive to be the main thoroughfare for traffic and for the closure of part of Purton Road. As a resident of Common Platt for the past 6 years I have become increasingly aware of rise in traffic along the Purton Road and the speed of said traffic. In particular the stretch of road from the corner by the Casa Paolo Restaurant up to the Pry is extremely busy with fast cars and hgvs. The junction on the corner is extremely difficult to navigate if you need to turn right towards Washpool. You cannot see far enough to the left to judge oncoming traffic unless you cross the chicanes and then you are at risk of collision. The</p> |

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| | | | <p>problems turning right then leads to a build up of traffic unable to get passed.</p> <p>I understand there is a proposed speed limit of 30mph along part of this stretch of road; however, it does not go as far as the footpath that crosses the road at the top of hill. I would like to suggest that a 30mph speed limit is introduced from the proposed new junction with Cowleaze Drive until the section of road due to close and that some form of physical speed restriction is put in place at the footpath crossing.</p> <p>Local Residents walk along this road regularly and wish to do so without fear.</p> |
| Anonymous | Common Platt, Purton, SN5 5LB – online form | Support | I live at Common Platt, and I am in favour of the current road plans associated with the re-routed Cowleaze B4553 through Ridgeway Farm. |
| Jennifer Merritt | Common Platt, Purton – email | Support | <p>The traffic control plans for ridgeway farm estates must be maintained. The development was agreed with this road routes plan being a major part of the consultation and the permission to go ahead.</p> <p>Common Platt and Stone Lane particularly B4553 have no paths and cannot cope with the volume of speed of traffic coming through it now the new estate is in place. Not all houses have been built or residents moved in and at rush hour the congestion from Casa Paulo reaches all the way to our house, the last house in Common Platt. This stands to get worse as the junction at Casa Paulo is dangerous. Other considerations or reasons it needs to be maintained is the single track bridge which was reinforced a couple of years ago, need weight restrictions on it after all the construction traffic and the volume causing the road surface to break up again. Also with no paths and several children the volume of traffic on this road need to be controlled if not reduced to try and avoid the probability of a nasty accident, I myself have now in the last 8 weeks of my baby being born had two incidents where I was run off the road with my pram as a driver refused to slow down and also had oncoming traffic and another who nearly clipped the pram by going to over take on the bend instead of waiting and then needing to pull in to avoid oncoming traffic.</p> <p>I hope that the safety aspects and the respect for the original plans are upheld irrespective of the volume of residents at the development who may appeal. If it is not money needs to be spent elsewhere to protect the roads / residents / walkers in question.</p> |
| Anonymous x2 | The Elms, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 5PL – email | Support – wants more | Extend the proposed 30mph on the C70 from Washpool to Tewkesbury Road. (Letter available to view on request). |

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| Anonymous x 2 | Selbrook House, The Elms, Lydiard Millicent, SN5 5PP | Comments | We request that the traffic be restricted from Tewkesbury Way through the Elms and Washpool to be a consistent 30 mph. A mix of 40 mph and 30 mph isn't working and the situation where traffic is constantly breaking the 40mph limit is extremely dangerous. |
| Name withheld | The Street, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LU – online fomr | Support | I agree with all the proposals as they stand. As I understand it, these changes to the road infrastructure were agreed when planning permission was granted for the Ridgeway Farm estate, and purchasers have been made aware of them before committing to purchase their properties. During the construction of the Ridgeway Farm estate there has been a vast increase in traffic volumes on both Washpool Road and Purton Road - neither of which were ever built to support the volumes and weights of traffic currently using them. This is evidenced by the state of these roads, and the number of road safety signs that have been crashed in to. The proposed road closure, weight restriction extensions and reductions in speed limits would bring welcome relief and improved road safety to residents who live on affected routes. It would also be better for vehicles and HGVs to use a modern road, designed to carry them, to access Mead Way/Purton Road via Cowleaze. |
| Anonymous | The Elms – email | Comments | I'm writing as a resident of the elms(right on the 90 degree bend). Over the past twenty years we have had many accidents of cars over shooting the bend and ending up in the ditch or beyond. From the other direction they end up in the garden opposite. These idiots still want to approach the bend at 60 mph. All we would like is to extend the 30mph restriction all the way from Casa Paoulo restaurant to the Tewksbury junction. Obviously a chicane similar to Lydiard Millicent would also help I doubt any of the above will happen but we just want the opportunity to state our case. Thank you very much. |
| Purton Parish Council | - Email | Comments | That the road north from Casa Paola is to have a point where the 30mph changes to 40mph and the request would be to continue the 30mph and not change the limit to safeguard the houses and farm entrances in this stretch leading to Common Platt. |
| Anonymous | SN5 5DF – email | Support – wants more | Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above proposals for the Ridgway Farm/B4553 I'm pleased to see that as passed, in the original plans. Which have always been available to be viewed. That Cowleaze is to remain as the main spine road, with a 30 mph speed limit. |

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| | | | <p>This road is substantially wider with extra wide pavements verges and lightning, than the current B4553.</p> <p>The new weight restrictions proposed are needed as at present (my house being the closest to the road) vibrates when heavy vehicles pass.</p> <p>I regularly have to walk along part of this road which is quite unnerving especially at night. With this in mind an extension of the 30 mph limit along the rest of Washpool Road would make access safer for the residence who on the proposed plans is a 40mph limit at the moment. Although the amount of traffic will be reduced some will still require to travel to Common Plat.</p> <p>The connection of the Buffer to Swinley Drive thus scrapping the presents arraignment, which is proving to be a difficult / dangerous junction to navigate.</p> <p>Public transport can't proceed from the Buffer to Swindley without traffic on Swinley Drive holding back by some distance. Difficult to do when traffic is backed up down Swinley Drive. At present there is insufficient space for traffic to emerge from Swinley Drive to take up correct positions to turn left an right at the same time. This causes frustration and risk taking.</p> <p>I also note that the traffic calming along the present B4553 do not appear on the proposal. Have these plans been removed. We have not been consulted regarding this?</p> |
| <p>Mr Kevin Rowbotham</p> | <p>Kr228@hotmail.com 106 Cowleaze, Swindon SN5 4FY – online form</p> | <p>comment</p> | <p>Firstly, I'm not sure I see the logic of how the pros outweigh the cons for closing an existing road to redirect the traffic through a residential housing estate but I'm aware it was already in the existing plans.</p> <p>As the traffic will now be directed down a road with numerous private driveways and additional junctions, this will result in additional congestion near residents' homes due to delays in the flow of traffic and make it difficult for residents to get out of driveways or exit side roads at busy times. How will this be mitigated and how has it been measured that this will be at an acceptable level? This additional congestion, especially at peak times, will also result in an increase in noise and air pollution near homes and a school due to engine idling and slow moving rush hour traffic. How has it been determined that the "real world" noise and air pollution will be at acceptable levels?</p> <p>As the residential estate is home to hundreds of residents and there will be a higher number of pedestrians going to and from school at times of peak traffic, there seems to be a lack of pedestrian safety measures in place? Has an audit been completed to clarify what safety measure are recommended to reduce the risk of much higher traffic levels to pedestrians?</p> |

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| | | | <p>When the traffic is redirected through the residential area, will there be traffic calming measures to attempt to reduce speeding, especially around the school?</p> <p>Will there be an environmental weight restriction to vehicles with a maximum gross weight of 7.5 tonnes or above to manage congestion on the roads, reduce risks to vulnerable road users, including pedestrians and cyclists and protect the character and environment of the residential estate?</p> |
| Name withheld | Washpool – email | Want more | <p>We are not alone amongst previously rural communities who now suffer the consequences of development, going from 'The Western Development' to 'Ridgeway Farm'.</p> <p>The existing community were promised as part of the Ridgeway development, that road traffic actions would be taken, including road closures, that would reduce both through traffic and 'Rat Run' traffic.</p> <p>As far as we know, purchasers of properties in the Ridgeway development were aware of these conditions when they purchased their properties. You obtained conditional agreement from the residents of: Common Platt; Washpool; and The Elms, by withdrawing these conditions, you are breaking your word to all of us!</p> |
| Name withheld | SN5 3LD – online form | Support | <p>The Ridgeway Farm development has resulted in a large increase in traffic through Lydiard Millicent. Hopefully, the proposal will reduce the traffic strain therefore I fully support it.</p> |
| Anonymous | Lower Mill, Purton SN5 4FP – email | Support - wants waiting restrictions | <p>The speed restriction proposed is welcomed, however, there is more required to make our street (Lower Mill) a safer street. Currently 3 properties (11, 15 and 17) regularly park their cars in front of their houses, directly opposite a junction. This continues to be the case when there is space on their driveways. Multiple times this has caused near misses as well as blockages on the street.</p> <p>In addition to causing traffic issues, our street has shared access - no designated pavements. People regularly walk all over the road and are always walking in the middle of the road into the junction due to these cars.</p> <p>In absence of pavements, I feel that a strict no parking zone should be in place for properties directly opposite a junction. Especially given that parking has been provided elsewhere.</p> |
| Mr Adrian Short | Washpool – online form | Support | <p>The plan to reroute the B4553 needs to remain in place and go through Cowleaze as intended and planned for originally, the current junction with Washpool Road when turning from the North off the B4553 is very dangerous and the cause of many near misses if not actual incidents due to the speed of travel for those approach the</p> |

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| | | | junction and the lack of visibility for those turning right in to Washpool Road. I believe that routing through Cowleaze will also improve some of the queuing on to the roundabout at Peatmoor as well. |
| Anonymous x2 | The Elms, Shaw, Swindon, SN5 5PL - email | Comments | <p>We have lived at our current address for over 30 years and have seen a large increase in the amount of traffic passing our house at peak times most noticeably since the development of Ridgeway Farm. It is very clearly a 'rat run' for traffic wishing to avoid hold-ups on the Purton Road and Mead Way.</p> <p>Traffic travels at speed, making it difficult for people to walk along the road safely when taking their children to school. There is no place of refuge along the road such as a footpath.</p> <p>The speed limit is 40mph actively encouraged at a point before numbers 1-2 The Elms, our house is on the sharp bend and we have seen a number of accidents each year where cars have missed the bend, braked hard and then either ended up in the ditch opposite or jumping the ditch altogether and ending up on the piece of common land opposite our house. Fortunately no-one has been travelling towards the bend from the other direction at the time. There have been at least 4 so far this year. As far as we are aware none of these accidents have been reported as they have not resulted in any injuries, have only involved one car and people have managed to be towed out of the ditch. When we have gone out to check on the occupants of the cars, the comment has often been, "but it says to go 40mph" or "I didn't see the bend". We can only see this situation getting worse with the increased volume of traffic and people who do not know the road well.</p> <p>It would seem to make sense that if the B4553 were to be re-routed through Cowleaze then the volume of traffic may reduce on this road and as a result perhaps be fewer 'near misses'.</p> <p>Please take our points into consideration for the consultation.</p> |
| Mr Robert Tindall | Shaw, Swindon, SN5 5PL – online form | Comments | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I would suggest the plans provided for the various proposals are not very clear. 2. As a resident of The Elms(SN5 5PL for over 30 years I feel we should have our say. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. The C70 has become a 'rat run' at peak times with cars driving at speed. Our house is situated on the sharp bend just after the signs indicating a 40mph speed limit. Already this year we have found several cars either in the ditch on the bend, having missed the corner or actually jumping the ditch altogether and ending on the piece of common land opposite. None of these have resulted in injury but have damaged cars considerably. It is sheer luck that no-one has been hit whilst travelling towards the bend from the other direction. When we have gone out to |

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| | | | <p>check on these accidents people have said "but it says 40mph" or "I didn't see the bend." With the increased traffic, things are not going to get any better. There is no footpath or point of safety for pedestrians on this route either. None of these accidents have been reported as the damage is only to the cars and not to any property. We have seen 4 accidents of this kind so far this year.</p> <p>It is almost impossible to walk along this road at peak times due to increased volume of traffic. A number of people use this road to walk their children to school at great risk to themselves. A footpath is needed between the cottages. A speed limit of 40 mph marked as it is only encourages people to speed on this road and miss the bend, generally breaking hard and then losing control or at the very least travelling on the wrong side of the road at the bend.</p> <p>It is essential that the overwhelming flow of traffic is reduced and it would seem that re-routing the B4553 through Cowleaze would reduce the number of vehicles on this road as it has increased significantly since the development of Ridgeway Farm.</p> |
| Anonymous | Clayhill Copse, SN5 5AL | Objection | <p>Thank you for letting me comment on this consultation regarding the planned closure and rerouting of Purton Road through the Ridgeway Farm estate. I would like to strongly oppose to closing of Purton Road as I don't see how it benefits anybody.</p> <p>I live in Peatmoor and since the interim road changes we have lost our traffic calming roundabout and gained a very dangerous junction at the end of Swinney Drive. You would now shut off Purton Road and push all the traffic through The Buffer encountering narrow roads, traffic calming measures that will cause a total stoppage of traffic than expect traffic from Peatmoor to turn right across a "free for all" junction into a main road in front of a school.....WHY ?? The road through Ridgeway Farm has dozens of houses with cars that will need to reverse onto this busy main road STUPID to what gain....?? You may not be aware....But when we had the recent snow the buses were unable to run through Ridgeway Farm (No surprise) The idea that closing Purton Road is wanted or beneficial to anyone is laughable.</p> <p>I am sure my concerns and others will fall on deaf ears but at least we having been able to vent our frustration to people who will take no notice of the views of those residents it really affects.</p> |
| Name withheld | Lydiard Millicent, SN5 3LP – email | Support – with comments | <p>I am concerned at the volume of traffic, including lorries and school buses on narrow country roads, potentially made worse by the new development, and any potential further developments north of Ridgeway Farm. Although there is currently a weight restriction in place, south of the Casa</p> |

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| | | | <p>Paolo junction, this is sometimes ignored, and residents in Stone Lane, Washpool, and Common Platt frequently report problems with HVGs using this as a shortcut to Swindon. Washpool Road also suffers from being on several school bus runs, with the size and number of school buses increasing in recent years. Verges are being constantly eroded, residents report damage to parked cars, fences and road traffic signage. The Casa Paolo junction is an accident blackspot. There are no pavements in the area and walking anywhere (even from one house to another) is very dangerous. This is exacerbated by the topography of the area, with curves and dips in the road, which reduce visibility. Some cars travelling north from the Washpool side of Casa Paolo, open-up on the short straight stretch of road unaware of (or unconcerned by) pedestrians, cyclists or horse-riders, who may effectively be hidden in the dip. Likewise, motorists coming south from Bremhill have reduced visibility because of the bend in the road.</p> <p>There are three footpaths, which intersect the Washpool Road, PURT75, 76 and 77, creating safety issues for pedestrians, especially when Ridgeway Farm residents start to use them. These footpaths form a link to Purton, which removes the need to use the busy, dangerous, Washpool Road. The issues are exacerbated uncertainty over what is happening to the Casa Paolo junction (which Taylor Wimpy, in their design and access statement dated June 2011, describe as “a hazardous junction”). In addition, removal of the roundabout at the top of Swinley Drive now means that traffic travelling west along the Purton Road, does so at greater speed. The Purton Road closure, speed limits and weight restrictions are necessary to address the above issues. In addition, I would like to see—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Traffic calming measures on the Purton Road, to slow down traffic travelling west from the Swinley Road junction.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The extension of the 30mph speed limit on the Washpool Road from its junction with Cowleaze.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Traffic calming measures on the Washpool Road to make it safer for pedestrians; some form of raised curbing and possibly a chicane/island to allow safer access to footpath PURT76.</p> |
| 2x Anonymus | Common Platt, SN5 5DF – email | Comments | <p>We would like to make a few comments regarding the proposals for changes to the road infrastructure around Ridgeway Farm, Purton, Swindon, and also local press coverage of Ridgeway Farm residents’ objections to the original plans to close Purton Road and make the new Spine Road the main access route. The Spine Road, now called Cowleaze, was</p> |

always designed and constructed to take the heavy traffic off the B4553, a country road which was never designed to take the existing weight of extremely large lorries and hundreds of cars at peak times. The proposal takes a more direct route from Purton and Cricklade and avoids the extremely dangerous and impractical junction at the Casa Paolo restaurant, and would allow a better flow of traffic to the Mead Way roundabout.

The current Swinley Drive/Buffer junction is very difficult to use at peak times, traffic is at a standstill most working days outside the houses facing Purton Road, leading to heavy lorries and cars causing a great deal of vibrations in the houses and increased exhaust fumes.

Buses from Bradon Forest school currently pick up and drop pupils along Purton Road where there is insufficient room for other traffic to safely pass. This causes tailbacks and frustration for following traffic.

Lorries which meet on Purton Road and at the Casa Paolo junction have to slow down to less than walking pace to pass each other, adding to vibration, noise and exhaust pollution.

The state of the road from Swinley Drive to Casa Paolo is deteriorating badly, potholes and poorly fitting drain covers make driving this part of the road a nuisance, so continuing to use this as a main road will only make it worse.

In the original plans, prior to any consultations, the entire length of Purton Road (B4553) was to be closed off to alleviate the increasing volumes of traffic from Lydiard Millicent and Purton, this would have been an ideal solution to redirect the increasing volume of traffic onto a purpose built road.

A handful of local residents in Peatmoor objected to the full closure stating various reasons such as a more difficult access to local schools and churches.

This led to the decision that only the eastern end be closed off – from Swinley Drive to Mead Way. We hope that a handful of Ridgeway Farm residents do not have the power to influence the current proposal. It is now too late to alter this proposal, considering that ALL the residents of Ridgeway Farm must have been aware of the overall plan to make Cowleaze the main through route prior to purchasing their property.

The closure of Purton Road from Swinley Drive to Cowleaze at the Mead Way end has probably been accepted as the definitive solution (to a development which nobody wanted and thousands objected to) by the residents of Common Platt, Sparcells and Peatmoor.

We expect that the new proposals regarding this closure with the introduction of new speed limits and weight restrictions will go further to mitigate

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| | | | the negative impact of the current inadequate road system. |
| Name withheld | The Willows, Common Platt SN5 5DG – online form | Support | I would like to offer full support to the scheme, which proposes the most appropriate route for today's volume of traffic in the area, based on the research and design proposed by Taylor Wimpey at the Ridgeway Farm design stage. The volume of traffic and risk of accident at both the cross roads of Swinley Drive and Purton Road and the Casa Paulo junction means the current layout cannot be a long term solution. |
| Mr David Wilkinson | Willow House, Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent SN5 3LD – online form | Objection | The B4553 is like a main road at rush hour and quite busy at other times. Rerouting it through a residential estate, Ridgeway Farm, will produce traffic jams and delays in the estate including past a school and do nothing to reduce traffic down Stone Lane. it is very bad practice. |
| Mr Dan Wilson | The Elms, Nine Elms, SN5 5PL | Support – wants more | We have no issues with the proposal as it stands, we are hopeful it will go some way to containing the expansion and speed of traffic in our area (along the Washpool/C70 road, which is not suitable for the increasing usage we are seeing caused by the various Northern expansions of Swindon. We have one addition for your consideration and that is that the proposed 30 mph limits be extended to the end of the C70 where it joins Tewksbury Way . This road, at the Tewksbury Way end remains a 40mph zone despite there being housing with no footpaths and an extremely sharp 90 degree bend and a single lane bridge all within a few 100 metres of each other. It would make sense to use this opportunity to standardise the speed limits in this tricky area and make everything 30mph which would better safeguard the motorists, the residents and the large numbers of horses and cyclists that use this country lane. Thank you for your consideration |
| Name withheld | Ash Close, Common Platt SN5 5DF – online form | Support | I agree with all of the proposals outlined in this TRO. The current road layout is dangerous and ineffective. The volume of traffic and the size of the vehicles, notably HGVs, using the current B4553 are not sustainable. We have traffic thundering past our house all night and day, the queues and junctions are abhorrent. We only moved in 8 years ago and the B4553 was a quiet country lane that had very light traffic, it is now a main road, we can't have the windows open at the front of our house or converse with any neighbours because of the volume of the traffic. The state of the road alone is enough to show that it is overused. A concern that I do have about the new road layout proposal is that Swinley Drive traffic will increase and the HGVs will choose that route instead of going through Ridgeway Farm to Mead Way. This is very dangerous for this |

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| | | | residential road. My children and many others cross this road to go to and from school and the shops every day, drivers do not heed the zebra crossing and recently a young child was knocked over by a car on this very road. A weight restriction on Swinley Drive is the only way to stop the HGVs from using this road as a cut through. Please can something be done before someone is killed? |
| Mrs Kelly Wright | The Moors Stone Lane, SN5 3LE – online form | Wants more | After so many deaths of pets on Stone Lane including near misses of many people including my pram due to having to cross the on a corner. Please can you explain why the speed limit is not being reduced on this road. It's a straight road into and out of the village so people speed up making it highly dangerous. |