

REPRESENTATIONS

OBJECTOR

Name	Address	Objection/ Support
<p>Provided</p>	<p>Email and address supplied</p>	<p>I wish to comment on the proposed speed limit and weight limit for various roads in Collingbourne Ducis, Ludgershall and Tidworth.</p> <p>I am a resident of Riverbourne Fields, where the new link road has been built. I wish to express huge concern to the proposals, especially the 40 mph speed limit along the link road. I think it fairly obvious that cars will not do 40mph along this road, given that it is a complete straight and a large road. I think it's absolutely bonkers that this is going to be allowed past a school and residential houses. Not only is it a safety hazard for the school but it is also going to make it extremely difficult for any residents who live on Riverbourne Fields to exit the development and join onto the road. I am sure there will be various accidents. The school itself couldn't be much closer to the road and whilst I have been informed by Mark Connolly, councillor for Tidworth, that the road is a 40 because nothing is on the other side this is not going to stop kids from running across the road and going into the woods to walk home or running across the road to meet parents parked on the other side. Parking in this area at school rush hour is bad enough as it is and whilst I'm sure yellow lines will be implicated this will NOT stop parents from using the road to pick up their kids, and I'm sure this won't be seen as an issue until a child gets hit by oncoming traffic on the road. I think some form of traffic measures need to be put into the place to try and prevent people from speeding or using the road as a race track. The Ludgershall/Tidworth hill people already speed down there and so coming straight onto a roundabout and down the new link road will encourage the speeding and accidents will happen.</p> <p>I also wish to comment on the weight restriction. I believe this to be farcical as Ludgershall has withstood commercial vehicles passing through the Butt Street area for many, many years. By restricting to 7.5 tonnes this means large lorries and commercial vehicles will have to pass by not only 1 but 2 schools and also very busy developments! Including the new development at the old barracks. I think the weight restriction should be upped to prevent such an increase passing by the two schools (possibly three with the school being built with the development at the army barracks!). I understand this was all drawn up way before the development for Riverbourne Fields was even built and so I don't think this has been taken into consideration. I also believe that the commercial vehicles are more likely to use the A303 instead as by cutting out the use of Butt Street and the Ram turning means they will have to go such a long way round just to get to the Marlborough Road.</p>

SUPPORTERS

Name	Address	Objection/ Support
Provided	Email and address supplied	We, * and * , would both like to see a weight restriction for vehicles on the A342 and surrounding area, larger vehicles seem to be increasing and unsuitable for these busy, narrow and dangerous roads.
Provided	Email and address supplied	It is vitally important that weigh restrictions are made through the Ludgershall Road. This road is far too narrow and was never built for such vehicles. The huge trucks, trailers and lorries thunder round the corner and through Castle Street. They certainly make the houses shake and the recent cracks are noticeable.
Provided	Email and address supplied	We are firmly in favour of these weight and speed restrictions- how about making Castle Street 20mph, since speeding cars will no longer be slowed by the lorries negotiating the dangerous right angle bend of the A342
Provided	Email and address supplied	<p>I am delighted to see that this weight restriction is finally coming into force, we have been waiting in hope for a long time.</p> <p>If the lorries obeyed the 30mph speed limit it wouldn't be so bad but they don't, and as our house is very near the road it literally shakes every 30 seconds when a lorry goes thundering past.</p> <p>Can I please enquire as to why the restriction is southbound only and not both ways? This will make a big difference to our lives, health and general well-being.</p>
Provided	Email and address supplied	<p>The weight limit to this area is long overdue and much need. I live in Castle Street Ludgershall on the notorious bend and witness daily the difficulties heavy vehicles and domestic car have in negotiating not only the bend but the turning on to High Street, passed the war memorial on into Castle Street and Butt Street.</p> <p>It is imperative that this proposed limit is introduced.</p>
Provided	Email and address supplied	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I am writing regarding the proposed highway/traffic changes ref HKB/TRO/TIDW</p> <p>I have endured the misery of lorries going passed my cottage since 1994. The walls are cracking and the brickwork is crumbling. The rear of the cottage is ok, so one deduces the weight of the lorries is in part to blame.</p> <p>With the hot summer, I have had to sleep with the bedroom window open. It is awful waking up each morning with a sore throat. My hanging baskets do not last very long. It is due to pollution from the lorries.</p>

The noise is a nuisance, and there are frequent altercations when jams or collisions occur.

Why you directed the Chase town lorries through that part of Ludgershall is beyond me! They should use the marvellous military track from the main Tidworth road like in the Tidworth development, signed up the military track opposite! It is military housing after all!! These lorries have added to the residents' misery even more this summer.

As you might have deduced I am in huge favour of the weight limits! Why is the Collingbourne limit southbound only though???

In addition, key issues NOT addressed by Highways in this area are as follows:

The road junction from Collingbourne where it meets the A342 is lethal. Last winter collisions took place weekly!

The road is too angled to the east, so traffic doesn't stop, it only slows down, then a quick glance to the right about 120 degrees and they pull out. In the winter particularly the low setting sun makes it hard to see traffic coming from Devizes.

The junction needs realigning to 90 degrees with a stop sign.

Finally, cars drive too fast into Ludgershall, particularly from the Collingbourne/Devizes direction. They are constantly skidding round the sharp bend. I have personally had 3 cars written off in the layby on the corner and seen countless collisions.

Please can we have a solar powered flashing speed sign on the l/h fence before the bend. Or in an ideal world a 20 mph limit between from here to the fire station. Crossing the road is lethal.

On the same wooden fence, the ash trees that have self seeded need cutting down and treating with stump killer urgently before they become another traffic hazard.

English Heritage own the land and fence. I'm sure they would permit a sign here perhaps in return for the trees being removed?

Finally, the notice in the Andover Advertiser in mid-August was totally insufficient. Many Ludgershall residents don't read this paper. The Wiltshire Gazette covers Ludgershall and Collingbourne and should have been included. The one poster was tied round a signpost that was so thin it was impossible to read! I personally have been knocking on doors in the village asking people if they knew of these proposals and they didn't!

Many of us get emails about the green bin renewals etc, so why not

		<p>use email if letters were too costly?!</p> <p>I hope this input is actually considered and was therefore worth the time it has taken me.</p>
Provided	Email and address supplied	<p>Dear sirs/madams</p> <p>Ideally I believe the road should be closed off entirely to any loading/weight bearing vehicle. We have constant issues with lorries being jammed around the bend against oncoming traffic, never mind the continual shaking of our houses. We are living in listed houses and bear the responsibility of preserving our ancient homes, yet constant heavy loaded traffic causes us increased structural problems. The amount of lorry traffic has increased significantly since we have been here just in the last 8 years and this is absolutely to the detriment of our houses and our community. The road is not appropriate for such large vehicles and safety remains a high issue, walking on the path, particularly near the bend is not a great experience, particularly when walking with children. Every day somebody gets caught out with a lorry coming around the bend on their side of the road. Not to mention the build up of traffic due to lorries having to wait to gauge around parked vehicles further down the road near the shops. Many lorries also seem to be directed up Dewey's lane which causes many issues! That road is also not appropriate for loaded vehicles and again causes traffic clashes as well as road safety dilemmas. A weight limit will certainly help if this is the best option being provided. Something needs to be done before a serious accident arises.</p>
Provided	Email and address supplied	<p>I should like to support the proposed 7.5 tonnes weight limit on goods vehicles set out in order ref. HKB/TRO/TIDW</p> <p>I live at the top of St James Street, Ludgershall, close to the A342 on which there is a sharp bend near Ludgershall castle. The noise of large, heavy vehicles around the clock, especially during night or early morning, is very disturbing, and makes sleep impossible when our windows are open. In addition the weight of the very large vehicles is not helping the road surface. Add to that, the fact that it can be extremely dangerous for cars turning out to the right into the A342 from St James Street, as large vehicles have a habit of coming round the sharp bend at surprisingly high speeds, and of necessity on the opposite side of the road. There is often very little time or room to get out of their way. Large vehicles are also coming the other way, from Collingbourne, going far too fast.</p> <p>I do hope you can get approval for this proposal as the restrictions for this area have been a long time coming.</p>
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