

Site address – Type of Order

Name	Address	Objection/ Support
<p><b>Councillor</b> Cllr Botterill</p>	<p>email</p>	<p>Dear TRO Team</p> <p>I travel this section of road quite frequently and it forms part of one of the busy local routes connecting the various parishes of my By Brook division.</p> <p>Speaking to residents close to this location, there has been a long history of traffic using this road at speeds in excess of what is considered to be appropriate given the carriageway width, undulating nature and sight lines available. There are several narrow drives/access routes along the section in question with very restricted sight lines as the verges/hedges are relatively high along most of the road. Furthermore the driveways/access roads present almost perpendicular to the main road. Given all these adverse features, it is highly questionable whether 50mph is the most appropriate speed limit. There is already a 40mph section as shown leaving the Castle Combe area and 30mph at The Gibb and hence it would seem more appropriate to extend the 40mph zone to the entire section until it meets the 30mph zone approaching The Gibb.</p> <p>In addition a new development has been given permission which includes multiple units of holiday accommodation. This will see increased numbers of vehicles, whose drivers will be unfamiliar with the location, slowing down and making turns into the site (the entry point will be easy to miss) some turning across the traffic, as well as the same number egressing. There will also be increased numbers of walkers and leisure cyclists, many of whom will be walking along the carriageway to visit The Salutation pub at The Gibb as well as venturing in the general direction of Castle Combe which is of course the prime tourist attraction in this part of the county.</p> <p>Castle Combe Parish Council understands this location better than anyone and is also of the same opinion that 50mph is too high for the speed limit in this location – I understand the PC has made a separate representation accordingly.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could consider and take my suggestions here into account.</p>
<p>Castle Combe Parish Councillor (David Ryall)</p>	<p>email</p>	<p>The Parish Council considers the proposed 50mph limit is too high and on safety grounds should be 40mph from Whitegates to the Gibb.</p> <p>This was one of the main reasons they opposed planning application PL/2021/05597 , Woodbury Hill House conversion of old RAF buildings to holiday accommodation.</p> <p>I repeat their comments: The Transport report in the application described the B4039 as a low use road . This is patently incorrect</p>

		<p>Satisfactory visibility at the proposed new access to the site has not been proven. This is important as stopping distance in wet weather is up to 72metres at 40mph, 106metres at 50mph and 146metres at 60mph.</p> <p>The possibility of a reduced speed limit is mentioned . We consider this to be essential and of benefit to other local residents. Ideally this should be set at 40mph.</p> <p>In addition, there are no footpaths/ pavements on this stretch of narrow road with its hazardous bend. It will be quite dangerous if large numbers of holiday makers wish to walk from the site to the Gibb or the lower village.</p>
Resident	Gibb Road - email	I am in full favour of a speed restriction, but would prefer it to be 40
Resident	The Gibb - online form	<p>I support the reduction is the speed limit across the B4039.</p> <p>Due to the characteristics and location of the road, the road is often shared on weekends by cyclists and Castle Combe race track enthusiasts. This can often lead to incidents and near misses, and an enforced reduction in speed would often reduce the number of these. From memory, in summer 2020 there was significant accident on this stretch of road due to speeding.</p> <p>It should be noted that few cars reduce their speed significantly when driving through The Gibb, due to the Gibb having downhill entrances at both ends and a relatively straight road. A reduction in the speed limit prior to the Gibb entry point may result in fewer cars passing through The Gibb at 60 mph. In 2019, there was a significant single car crash in The Gibb as the driver entered the Gibb from the east side without slowing, lost control on the curve, mounted the pavement and smashed into a wall. Additionally, at the same location an overnight driver destroyed part of the wall on the pavement and fled before morning. Eventually, someone will be on that pavement when a driver loses control.</p> <p>It is advisable for traffic calming measures be considered at the entry point to The Gibb - the hamlet has no pavement in sections, and children and dog walkers often have near misses with fast moving cars in these locations. An alternative to traffic calming would be a reduction in the speed limit to 20 mph might also prevent incidents potentially resulting in loss of life.</p>
Resident	Gibb Road - email	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Re: TRO Consultation for B4039 Castle Combe 50mph speed limit Ref: LJB/TRO/CCOM50</p> <p>We are residents of 3 Gibbs Cottages on Gibb Road. One of three houses that sits directly next to the stretch of B4039 that is being considered for a speed reduction.</p> <p>We fully support the reduction of the speed limit to 50mph however, we feel very strongly that this needs to be lowered to 40mph.</p>

		<p>Reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; there is a new dairy farm and family home whose main vehicle entrance is on this particular stretch of B4039. There are tractors, lorries, cars, and cattle trucks using this entrance regularly. The national speed limit sign is just next to their entrance - cars and other vehicles increase their speed at this point, making it incredibly dangerous.</li> <li>&gt; the field right opposite our house is property of the local farmer (Ben Prior and family), we often see their tractors struggling to turn in and out of this field, due to the speed of oncoming vehicles.</li> <li>&gt; just past our house (3 Gibbs Cottages), going towards the Gibb, the road narrows and dips (similar to Kent's Bottom). Cars race through here at such high speeds. I have seen cars overtaking on this stretch at 60mph, while I am waiting to turn out of our private lane onto the B4039. It is terrifying.</li> <li>&gt; there will potentially be a new entrance built which leads to a new property development (4 Woodbury Hill House). This entrance will be right at the point mentioned above, where the road dips and narrows.</li> </ul> <p>Having lived in our property for nearly 6 years, we have seen some disgraceful driving along this road. The proximity of the Castle Combe race circuit seems to give drivers the need to speed along this road before and after any race day event. Because of this, we feel there is even more need to lower this limit to 40mph here. There is an accident waiting to happen here.</p> <p>Every other stretch of road going in and out of villages around us are 40 and 30mph, yet this section, so close to the race circuit, Manor golf club, farms, and houses, has not been considered worthy of a speed limit reduction until now. We fully support the urgent need for this reduction, and just hope the lower 40mph limit will be strongly considered.</p>
Resident	Upper Castle Combe - email	<p>Dear Sir/Madam, Reference: LJB/TRO/CCOM50</p> <p>We wish to comment on the proposed reduction in speed limit from 60 mph to 50 mph on the B4039 at Upper Castle Combe.</p> <p>While we applaud this long awaited reduction we feel it is still not a suitable speed for such a busy, fast and narrow piece of road, 40 mph would be much more appropriate for the following reasons:</p> <p>Traffic regularly speeds on this stretch of road- people accelerate as they approach the end of the speed limit ,if it remained at 40 mph from the golf club then a continuous speed would be maintained.</p> <p>There is frequent and fast moving traffic that attends the race circuit- the above mentioned piece of road is seen as a stretch of road to test how fast they can go and 50 mph would not deter these actions.</p> <p>There is also a considerable amount of large farm traffic and machinery that uses this route on a daily basis and in addition to this heavy plant lorries from Yate and Chipping Sodbury quarries use this road as a cut through.</p>

		<p>Wiltshire council have just approved a major leisure development on the narrowest stretch of this road, this will increase significantly the amount of traffic entering and exiting onto this stretch of the B4039. There will be slow, heavy plant during construction and tourists with no knowledge of the area on completion. 40 mph would make it much safer for all rather than the proposed 50mph. The speed limit from the Golf club is 40 mph, surely it is common sense to continue that limit to the Gibb both from a safety point of view and an environmental one - less acceleration less emissions into the environment. In conclusion it seems short sighted to spend time and money on a speed of 50mph that will be inadequate for the road usage and common sense seems to dictate that 40mph would be far more appropriate and safe from the outset rather than have to reduce it again in the future after accidents and maybe even a fatality,</p>
Resident	No address given - email	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>the above Reference is for the proposal of a 50mph speed limit on part of the B4039 at Castle Combe. There are a number of points I wish to raise on the proposal ie.</p> <p>The particular stretch of road (from the Gib to Whitegates) does not have good "sight lines" for the various access points eg. farm activities, house drive ways together with a holiday glamping site currently under construction.</p> <p>This road is winding in nature and includes a valley section which has seen a fatal vehicle accident in the past.</p> <p>The current speed limit on this section is 60mph. However I believe that 40mph would be a much safer option.</p> <p>What needs to be done is look at the B4039 in its entirety from the County border at the Acton Turville end to the junction with the A420 at Lanhill. It is no good "cherry picking" bits of the road to change. To my mind 40mph should be the maximum speed on any part of the B4039 in Wiltshire. Has anyone made site visits to assess the current number of speed limits on this approx 8 miles stretch and the non-conformity of motorists to adhere to any of the existing speed limits. I live in Upper Castle Combe where 30mph is the limit but unfortunately nearer to 40mph appears to be the norm with 50mph not uncommon.</p> <p>May I suggest that you undertake some more research into the useage of the B4039 before introducing any more speed limits.</p> <p>Am happy to discuss further if required.</p>

Further to a request from Democratic Services we are no longer able to include any names within the report.