

Comments Received – Support

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Comments Received</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Officer Comment</u>
1.	<p>Supports the proposal, stating “the lower speed of motorised traffic will reduce the risks posed by such traffic to cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders who frequent many of these roads, improving road safety”.</p> <p>Resident By email Cheltenham Drive, Chippenham</p>	Support	Comment in support of the proposal is noted.
2.	<p>“I would like to put on record my support for this 20mph speed limit”.</p> <p>Cycle campaigner By email</p>	Support	Comment in support of the proposal is noted.
3	<p>“My wife and I would be supporters of an Order being made as at certain times of the day vehicles drive dangerously exceeding the existing limit”.</p> <p>Suggested further physical traffic calming measures be included in this proposal too.</p> <p>Resident By email Sheppards, Corsham</p>	Support with comments	<p>Comment in support of the proposal is noted.</p> <p>Physical traffic calming measures were considered as part of the assessment. The assessment concluded these were not required due to the majority of mean speeds recorded were at or below the threshold of 24-mph.</p> <p>Where there are vehicle speeds recorded slightly higher than the threshold (at Moor Green and Elly Green) there will be ‘lighter touch’ engineering measures applied, using road markings and/or additional 20-mph roundels on the carriageway in these areas.</p> <p>Further details can be found in the report “20-mph Speed Limits Assessments Corsham” dated August 2022, which is available on request.</p>
4.	<p>Supports the proposals but would like an extension to the speed limit to include the Housing Estates off Potley Lane, as the</p>	Support with comments	Comment in support of the proposal is noted.

	<p>current proposals isolate those living in military provided accommodation on Shearwater Way and Culcroft Road.</p> <p>“The stretch of Upper Potley way does not have any pavements or pedestrian space so when people walk along that road (the only possible access to Neston from the military accommodation) they are interfacing with cars, lorries (for the leafield industrial estate) and bikers (from the nearby motorbike training academy) travelling at the national speed limit. This obviously has safety concerns for those who use this road and the risk is increased during low visibility and poor weather”.</p> <p>Resident By email</p>		<p>Potley Lane is currently being investigated separately under a pedestrian improvement scheme and there may be potential in the future for speed limit changes to be included too. These comments will be passed to the officer investigating these improvements for consideration as part of their own studies.</p> <p>Shearwater Way and Culcroft Lane cannot be included with any 20-mph speed limit because these roads are not designated as Highway.</p> <p>DfT Circular 1/13 states speed limits should not be used to solve problems with isolated hazards, such as bends in the road.</p>
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Comments Received - Objections

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5.	<p>“I object to this proposal. I have seen no evidence of a persistent problem with serious accidents caused by excessive speed in the areas listed”.</p> <p>The objector cites concerns over the safety of lowering the speed limit, suggesting it creates frustration for drivers and increases pollution levels.</p> <p>The objector is also concerned about enforcement of the new proposed speed limit.</p> <p>Resident By email Freestone Way, Corsham</p>	Objection	<p>These proposals have been requested and supported by Corsham Town Council and were discussed at the former Community Area Transport Group Meeting (now known as Local Highway Footway Improvement Groups or LHFIGs).</p> <p>Wiltshire Council is following the guidance given to Local Highway Authorities from the Department of Transport within Circular 01/13 “Setting Local Speed Limits”, and its own adopted Council policy for 20mph Speed Limits.</p> <p>The guidance adopted by the Department for Transport has been developed following significant studies on the effectiveness of 20-mph speed limits and whether they increase pollution levels. The consensus is that driving more slowly at a steady pace saves fuel and carbon dioxide emissions, so an increase in pollution levels would not be expected, unless drivers are driving in an unnecessarily</p>

			<p>low gear.</p> <p>20-mph restrictions are promoted where existing vehicle speeds fall below the threshold for active enforcement i.e. they are self-enforcing. Speed enforcement remains the responsibility of the Police. The Police have been consulted upon as a Statutory Consultee to the Traffic Regulation Order and have not raised an objection to the proposal. Additionally, Wiltshire Police have extended their community Speed Watch initiative to include 20-mph restrictions, should a need be required.</p>
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