

Appendix 3 – Comments and Officer Response

Ref	Comments received in support of the proposals	Officer Response
1.	<p>A reduction in speed from the A363 to Monkton Farleigh Village and from the village to Farleigh Rise is necessary to make it safer for cyclists, horse riders and walkers.</p> <p>The village hall is in Monkton Farleigh and to attend events in the village hall requires using these roads. The village hall provides social meetings and is a focal point for our community. We prefer to not use the car as there is little parking. The pub is also in Monkton Farleigh which is a focal meeting point. We also use these roads for exercise and for wellbeing to be outside.</p> <p>It would be preferable if the road speed from the A363 was 30 mph as there are sections where there is no footpath. With the introduction of a bus service into Bath and Bradford on Avon being able to safely walk to the bus stop will reduce the use of cars. This would also help those who use the medical centre in Bradford on Avon where parking is often a problem.</p> <p>The road has several bends which is dangerous for cyclists and horse riders to be faced with either traffic trying to overtake or driving towards them and we have had many reports of cyclists and horse riders being forced into the hedges.</p> <p>In a village that is split - Farleigh Rise, Farleigh Wick, Pinckney Green and Monkton Farleigh it is important to make it a safe environment for the whole community.</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p> <p>The section of the C213 currently subject to a 50mph speed limit does not meet the criteria for the introduction of a 30mph speed limit as set by the Department for Transport due to its limited frontage development. The introduction of a 30mph speed limit on this stretch of road would not be sufficient to alter driver behaviour as the visual cues to drivers as to the characteristics of the route would remain as existing. This would lead to poor compliance and an increased potential for conflict.</p>
2.	<p>I support reducing speed limits in the interest of making the roads safer for pedestrians</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p>

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<p>3.</p>	<p>The roads on which the lower speed limits are planned are all narrow, used regularly by horse riders, pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>In several places sightlines are very poor.</p> <p>In particular the roads which are currently restricted either to 50 or 60mph are really dangerous for walkers, especially those with small children or dogs as sidewalks, where they exist, are narrow and often overgrown in summer.</p> <p>Lower speed limits will be welcomed by all of us who live in the village.</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>I live in Monkton Farleigh and support the various speed limit changes.</p> <p>Traffic is steadily increasing through our village and I feel the current speed limits are inappropriate. Most surrounding roads should be designated as Quiet Lanes and often have horses, pedestrians and cyclists on them. The current limits do not reflect the multi-uses of these lanes and I support the reduction in speed limits.</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>I would like to express my wholehearted support for these proposals, the result of a long-running community-led campaign to bring about positive change for this rural community and to protect and enhance the environment for vulnerable road users including walkers, cyclists, horseriders and children.</p> <p>Of particular importance is the proposal to introduce a 30mph limit between Farleigh Rise and the village centre. This will have a hugely positive impact in terms of making the village more accessible on foot and cycle to residents living in Farleigh Rise, particularly to services like the school and pub. Likewise, the extension of the 20mph limit to more logical</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p>

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	<p>terminals and the reduction in speed between Pinckney Green and the village will have a very positive impact for the many horseriders, walkers and cyclists who use this route.</p> <p>I strongly support the recommendations made in this TRO and look forward to the introduction of the new, reduced speed limits for the community.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>With regards to the above proposed changes, as a resident of Monkton Farleigh for over ten years, I can safely say it is about time that something was done to reduce the speed of traffic in the area.</p> <p>The current limit of 50mph on the A363 at the end of the entrance road to the village of Monkton Farleigh is farcical and I have been lucky on more than one occasion to have avoided a serious accident due to the ridiculous speed of traffic coming up the hill through Sally in the Wood. There is insufficient signage to warn motorists of the impending junction and emerging traffic from the village and it is highly probable that in the near future there will be a serious accident at that point.</p> <p>Added to the fact that the road into the village is also 50mph, and the first part of the road has no footpath, I'm sure you can see the danger especially as the road is used by horse riders from the nearby stables, people out walking and is frequently crossed by deer making their way up to the woods.</p> <p>Reducing the speed limit in the whole area and installing proper signage to try and prevent people from speeding and ensuring the safety of all road users is the only sensible course of action and one I hope you will look favourably on.</p> <p>Whatever speed the limit is reduced to on the main A363 will never stop some people from endangering others but at least</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p>

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	you can say you tried. Also, as a deterrent, it may not be a bad idea to have the mobile police speed camera set up at the junction on the odd occasion and you would boost the coffers of the council substantially!	
8.	<p>I fully support these proposals.</p> <p>I consider it vitally important that the regulation of speed through and surrounding villages is controlled to the same extent as urban conurbations. These country lanes are narrow, of variable width and are used by walkers (including in our case school children), cyclists and horse riders; and, of course by slow moving agricultural vehicles.</p>	The comments of support are noted.
9.	I fully support the proposed changes to speed limits in the Village. Roads are narrow, cars are bigger and users seem to drive faster. We get a lot of people walking for recreation, plus cyclists and horse riders.	The comments of support are noted.
10.	The current speed limits through and around the village and outlying properties is too high. Fully support the recommendations to reduce these.	The comments of support are noted.
11.	<p>I would like to express my strong support for all of the proposed speed limit changes for Monkton Farleigh as set out in draft traffic regulations.</p> <p>I would add that the proposed reduction in speed limit from the A363 into Monkton Farleigh, (from 50mph to 40mph) which I support, would have been better if the reduction had been to 30mph.</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p> <p>The section of the C213 currently subject to a 50mph speed limit does not meet the criteria for the introduction of a 30mph speed limit as set by the Department for Transport due to its limited frontage development. The introduction of a 30mph speed limit on this stretch of road would not be sufficient to alter driver behaviour as the visual cues to drivers as to the characteristics of the route would remain as existing. This would lead to poor compliance and an increased potential for conflict.</p>
12.	Very sensible and fully support	The comments of support are noted.
13.	I am writing to say that I fully support the proposals for reducing speed limits in and around Monkton Farleigh as	The comments of support are noted.

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	<p>detailed on the attached notice. My family has lived in the village for over 70 years and so I have known it all my life. I walk a lot and also ride horses and both pursuits have become more and more risky as the number of vehicles has increased. I am sure these proposals would go a long way towards making the village a safer place for everyone.</p>	
14.	<p>The current speed limits are far too fast for the narrow roads in the village. It can feel dangerous walking along the narrow pavement when two cars approach each other from different directions, some roads have no pavement available. Wildlife can often be found killed on the roads in the village so a reduction in the speed limit would also benefit the animals that live here.</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p>
15.	<p>I have lived in Monkton Farleigh for 35 years. We support a school, church and Public House as well as a lively and vibrant community. The roads in the village are mostly not wide enough for 2-way traffic, this is further hampered by a lot of on street parking particularly in the older parts of the village (a necessity of few houses with drives). Whilst the area directly by the school is now 20 mph speed limit, there is a problem with traffic gathering speed from Pinckney Green in one direction and additionally from Kingsdown in the other. The proposal would force these routes to become slower and the proposed extension of 20mph through the village is much welcomed in making a safer and quieter village to live in for all</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p>
16.	<p>Shame the limits can't be lowered given the nature of them- very windy.</p> <p>A virtual pavement would be good where there are no pavements and is near residential properties</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p> <p>A request for consideration of a virtual pavement may be made to Monkton Farleigh Parish Council using the Highway Improvement Request form found here <a href="#">Local Highway and Footway Improvement Groups - Wiltshire Council</a>. Should the parish council support the request, this can then be taken to the Bradford on Avon Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group for further investigation.</p>

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<p>17.</p>	<p>The imminent arrival of the Dx1 bus service on the A363 means that the road out from the village towards the A363 (C213) will become the pedestrian route to the bus stop. As on a stretch of this road the speed limit is only being reduced to 40mph, not 30mph, as I, and many in the village would have preferred, and as this stretch of road has areas without pavements, in these areas it would seem a good idea to put in place some extra security for pedestrians.</p> <p>This might be in the form of 'pedestrians on road' warning signs or if practicable, a virtual pavement.</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p> <p>A request for consideration of a virtual pavement may be made to Monkton Farleigh Parish Council using the Highway Improvement Request form found here <a href="#">Local Highway and Footway Improvement Groups - Wiltshire Council</a>. Should the parish council support the request, this can then be taken to the Bradford on Avon Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group for further investigation.</p> <p>'Pedestrian in road' warning signs are to be provided as part of the implementation of the speed limit changes.</p>
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4.	<p>I wish to support the proposed reduction in speed limits around Monkton Farleigh.</p> <p>It is frustrating that it has taken so long and required so much effort by concerned villagers to achieve this result. The proposals do not include details of the traffic calming measures to be introduced in the new 20mph section near Broadstones.</p> <p>I do not wish to delay the implementation of the current proposals but it seems inconsistent and inappropriate that the speed limit in the residential area at Pinckney Green will become 40mph whilst it is 20mph for the rest of the village.</p> <p>The turning from C213 onto A363 is hazardous and the reduction of speed limit on this section is welcome. I would encourage Wiltshire Council to ask BANES to review the speed limits on the lower section of Sally in the Woods (A363) to bring them into line.</p> <p>I do wish my comments to be considered as a formal objection to the advertised proposals</p>	<p>The proposed measures near Broadstones will take a 'lighter touch' approach with road markings being used to formalise parking arrangements and highlight the change in speed limit.</p> <p>The unclassified road through Pinckney Green does not meet the criteria for the provision of a 20mph speed limit, however this proposal does seek to reduce the existing speed limit to 40mph.</p>