

Appendix 3 – Comments and Officer Response

Ref.	Comments in support of proposals	Officer Response
1.	<p>I am writing to you as the Chair of the Burton Community Association (BCA) on behalf of the trustees. During our most recent meeting, a number of points were raised about the proposed speed limit changes/ variations which are due to take place in our village. There are a couple of points of note that we, as trustees and representatives of the residents would like to raise with the local council;</p> <p>Order 1 The overall change from 30mph to a 20mph limit is very well received. We do have comments regarding the decision to limit the distance along Nettleton Road to a point 12 metres southbound from junction with Church Hill. This distance does not cover the area where the children’s play area is situated. We would ask for the order to extend the distance along Nettleton Road southbound to a point which includes the play area and the farm entrance opposite, based on the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrians (incl. children) use the road which does not have a defined footpath, any street lighting and is very narrow.</li> <li>• The sight lines when emerging from Church Hill into Nettleton Road are limiting for drivers/pedestrians, and any vehicles travelling northbound into the village would be slowed sooner when arriving at this point.</li> </ul> <p>Order 2 We support the change of speed limit from 40mph to 30mph as an important improvement for road safety, especially for those residents living on Hillside and pedestrians walking along the road which doesn’t have a footpath. There is also a busy goods vehicle transport yard along this stretch of road which will benefit from slower traffic when emerging/entering the yard.</p> <p>In addition, the trustees also discussed the potential for improving the overall road safety along the main road (B4039) through the village, which currently remains at 30mph. Our Community Speed Watch team monitor the speed of traffic along this road and have witnessed some drivers exceeding this speed, sometimes unacceptably fast. Together with poor street lighting this remains some concern to us. The trustees are cognisant of the long processes for the implementation of these</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p> <p>With regard to order 1, the proposed 20mph speed limit adheres to the extents of the existing 30mph speed limit. This aligns with the Wiltshire Council 20mph speed limit policy whereby 20mph speed limits may only be introduced where a 30mph speed limit currently exists.</p> <p>In relation to the B4039 and requests for further changes, these may be requested through the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group process. More information of this process can be found here <a href="https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups">https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups</a> alongside a form for completion which should be returned to Nettleton Parish Council in the first instance.</p>

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	speed limit area changes, but would in the future be looking towards other measures to improve overall road safety for our community.	
2.	<p>I welcome the proposal for new speed limits in this proposal.</p> <p>However, with regard to Nettleton Road, I would draw your attention to frequent use of Nettleton Road by pedestrians from Nettleton to access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) the Burton Play Area, via its entrance some 60metres south of the junction with Church Hill;</li> <li>ii) their parish church of St Mary's, at the top of Church Hill;</li> <li>iii) The Old House at Home public house;</li> <li>iii) the Burton Farm Shop, the nearest shop since the closure of Nettleton Post Office. These are sole community amenities serving Nettleton.</li> </ul> <p>The main route of pedestrian access is from Nettleton Green, via the long-standing footpath that was used by pupils at the former school, now the School House, and thence along Nettleton Road to Burton.</p> <p>Nettleton Road is also popular with recreational walkers from Burton and elsewhere.</p> <p>It would very significantly improve the safety of pedestrians if the boundary of the 20mph limit on Nettleton Road were extended south to reach the entry of the footpath near School House, with those with children using the play area being of particular concern.</p>	<p>The comments of support are noted.</p> <p>With regard to order 1, the proposed 20mph speed limit adheres to the extents of the existing 30mph speed limit. This aligns with the Wiltshire Council 20mph speed limit policy whereby 20mph speed limits may only be introduced where a 30mph speed limit currently exists.</p>

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3	<p>I would like to ask the following Questions.</p> <p>1. In relation to Order 1</p> <p>- I do not understand why the area is limited to the 12 metres south from Church Hill, given that the children's play area is south of the designated point and is most</p>	<p>With regard to order 1, the proposed 20mph speed limit adheres to the extents of the existing 30mph speed limit. This aligns with the Wiltshire Council 20mph speed limit policy whereby 20mph speed limits may only be introduced where a 30mph speed limit currently exists.</p>

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<p>certainly an area where there is a high level of children accessing the village play area. Surely it makes more sense to include this area of Nettleton road as well and not start it half way down the road? Why has this not been considered as part of the amendment?</p> <p>- The only people accessing the areas of Church Rise, Church Hill, The Meads and Burton Farm Close are local residents and they would not be travelling above 20mph in any case since they are residents, there is probably little chance of going 20mph in any case and are already aware of the safety issues?? So the only effective change is about 100yds of Nettleton road.</p> <p>2. In relation to Order 2</p> <p>- Whilst I understand there is an additional change from 40mph to 30mph in the northern part of B4039 which is of benefit, why is there no change from 30mph to 20mph in the actual village itself? This is the worst part of the B4039 and one where the speed of 30mph seems excessive in relation to the number of children and pedestrians on that stretch of road (certainly more than on the above order for Nettleton road.</p> <p>- The speed of 30mph (which is often exceeded as will be evidenced by the Burton Speedwatch group details of which I am sure you will have access to) is too fast for a small village like Burton. This is compounded especially on days when there are events at Castle Coombe circuit, where cars are routinely travelling more than 30mph, and often above 40mph, with little regards for residents.</p> <p>- The speed watch group reported in January 2024 that 34 vehicles in 6 sessions exceeding 36mph and in February 2024 that 40 vehicles were above 36mph. Have these speeds and reports been considered in your thinking?</p> <p>I appreciate that changes are slow to make and require consideration from all parties, but I would be grateful for your comments in relation to my above queries. <b>I do not wish to slow down the proposals</b>, but do suggest that you consider and think more broadly about the impact of your proposal and not the narrow limit proposed.</p>	<p>With regard to order 2, the speed limit assessment did not recommend any further reduction in speed from the existing 30mph speed limit. This assessment process takes into consideration average vehicle speeds, vehicle volumes and collision statistics when determining the appropriate level of speed limit.</p> <p>Where there are concerns regarding pedestrian safety, engineering measures to mitigate these concerns should be investigated. A request for measures to address pedestrian safety concerns may be raised through the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group process. More information of this process can be found here <a href="https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups">https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups</a> alongside a form for completion which should be returned to Nettleton Parish Council in the first instance.</p>
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