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Ref	Objector	Comments received objecting to the proposal	Officer Response
1.	Purton Parish council	<p>Purton Parish Council wish to support this application, to reduce speed on Manor Hill to 40mph, but would also like to add that an additional request to change the speed from this proposed limit (Junction of Church End) to the Cemetery is considered in line with this proposal.</p> <p>The current proposal takes the road from a 60 to a 40 to the Junction of Church End and then 40mph from this junction to the side of the Cemetery into the village where it meets the 30mph.</p> <p>Please consider a change of road speed from the Church End Junction from 40mph to 30mph to meet the existing limit. This road is heavily used with traffic from Ridgeway Farm and Swindon and also Lydiard. There is a cemetery which meets the need so the Church and allows mourners to walk in procession and ease of crossing from footpaths linkage systems through our community. A speed change in this small stretch of road, would give greater safety for all our users and a reminder to those entering our community that 30mph is there for a reason to reduce speed and keep safety at the forefront.</p>	<p><i>DfT Circular 01/13 ‘Setting Local Speed limits’ provides guidance to local highway authorities on the setting of all levels of speed limit. Circular 01/13 outlines several important underlying principles, including :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The aim of speed management policies should be to achieve a safe distribution of speeds consistent with the speed limit that reflects the function of the road and the road environment.</i> - <i>Drivers are likely to expect and respect lower limits and be influenced when deciding on what is an appropriate speed where they can see there are potential hazards, for example, outside schools, in residential areas or villages and in shopping streets.</i> - <i>A principal aim in determining appropriate speed limits should be to provide a consistent message between the speed limit and what the road looks like, and for changes in speed limit to be reflective of changes in the road layout and characteristics.</i> <p><i>Circular 01/13 is further supported by guidance published in Traffic Advisory Leaflet 01/04 - ‘Village Speed Limits’, whereby an important element is the level of property density / frontage development within the village environment and its influence on the visual and cognitive messages provided to road users.</i></p> <p><i>TAL 01/04 states: “The criterion for a 30-mph limit is based on the amount of frontage development, with a requirement for 20 or more houses over a minimum length of 600 metres. This length may be reduced to 400 metres when the level of development density over this shorter length exceeds the 20 or more houses criterion and in exceptional circumstances a reduction to 300 metres is permissible”.</i></p> <p><i>It further adds: “On the basis of the minimum number of houses and length of speed limit, an average density of at least 3 houses per 100</i></p>

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			<p><i>metres over the extent of the 30mph speed limit is recommended. This minimum density should generally also apply for each 100m section, but particularly for the first 100 metres of the speed limit at each end of the village, to reinforce the visual message for drivers.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst the comments by Purton Parish Council relating to Section 1 of the assessment (existing 30mph terminal point on Church Street to the junction with Church End) are acknowledged and understood, the frontage density requirement of at least 3 houses per 100m, is not satisfied in this instance.</i></p> <p><i>Introducing 30mph limits along lengths which do meet the frontage development criterion outlined in Circular 01/13 and TAL 01/04 can lead to higher levels of non-compliance as drivers do not observe the visual messages which reinforce the presence of the limit. Equally, speed limits which are set unrealistically low for the road's function and condition may be ineffective, resulting in higher levels of driver non-compliance with the posted limit .</i></p>
2.	Cllr Jacqui Lay	<p>The consultation currently for the speed review on Church Street and Manor Hill will hopefully be widely responded to and consideration can be given to accept the parish council and my own view that the section of road from the cemetery to past the Weir Pond should be 30mph with the remainder of Manor Hill up towards Stone Lane should be 40mph. The route through Manor Hill is very narrow in places and with wider cars and also the HGV vehicles that are registered to be parked up at Manor Hill Farm means that regularly vehicles have to slow to a stop to pass through. The route is used by the service bus every time the High Street is closed (which seems to be a regular occurrence) which also struggles to pass through this narrow lane. Although Manor Hill is no longer used for wider diversions, any local road closure puts local traffic onto this route. The layby by the Church at Church End is a designated drop off spot for children to both schools so they walk to school. The footpath network out of Church Path is well used by Church goers, to include the school children when they attend services, mourners walking up to the cemetery and general public walking the paths. The footpath network by the Weir Pond</p>	<p><i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i></p>

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		connects the top of the village from footpath 90 and then across the road up to the Cricket Pitch. The section of road which is currently 60mph is unlit, no footway and driving from bright sunlight into the dark tunnel of trees or out of the trees can put pedestrians, riders etc. at risk. The cortege of mourners following the hearses also uses this route up through the trees to the cemetery.	
3.	A resident of Purton	I would like to see a 30mph limit as Road is very busy and narrow on the hill. As a pedestrian crossing the road from Church path is difficult because of the speed of cars. Also the speed of traffic on station road at work time is well in excess of 30 mph.	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
4.	A resident of Purton	This is a narrow road with no verges on the hill and bend section of the road. I would like to propose that a 30mph speed limit would be much safer and more sensible.	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
5.	A resident of Purton	My wife and I would like to express our support for the speed limit on Manor Hill to be reduced to 30 MPH so that there would be a continuous 30 MPH limit through Lydiard Millicent and into Purton. We use that road daily whilst walking the dog and cross the road at the kissing gates by Weir Pond to the cricket pitch. Many is the time that we have had to dash across because visibility is hampered by the hedgerow blocking the sight of cars coming down the hill at great speed. We have witnessed a few near misses at the junction with Church End where drivers, including ourselves, have the same problem coming out of Church End and turn right towards Purton.	<i>It would appear the objector has not fully understood the advertised proposal. In this instance the objector supports the view of the Parish Council that the section between the existing 30mph limit on Church St and the Church end junction should be reduced to 30mph rather than the advertised 40mph. Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
6.	A resident of Pavenhill, Purton	I fully support the request from Purton Parish Council for the length of Church Street from the existing 30 MPH sign to the junction with Church End to be included in the 30 MPH zone. The Church End junction has a very large footfall with Church goers, mourners attending funerals, children being dropped off for walking to school and walkers using the numerous footpaths in the area. When making your decision please consider the safety of Purtonians and extend the 30 MPH limit.	<i>It would appear the objector has not fully understood the advertised proposal. In this instance the objector supports the view of the Parish Council that the section between the existing 30mph limit on Church St and the Church end junction should be reduced to 30mph rather than the advertised 40mph. Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
7.	A resident of The Hyde, Purton.	I would like to add my support to the proposal to reduce the speed limit between Church Street to the Church End junction to 30mph to join with existing 30mph limits. This stretch of road is through a wooded area making it dark and it can be difficult for road users (drivers, pedestrians	<i>It would appear the objector has not fully understood the advertised proposal. In this instance the objector supports the view of the Parish Council that the section between the existing 30mph limit on Church St</i>

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		and cyclists) to see each other. In addition the road is narrow along this stretch, approaches a sharp left bend heading into Purton, on which there is a right-hand turning (into The Hyde and the Red House community centre). There is also the entrance into the cemetery along this stretch of the road. At the junction with Church End, there is a footpath crossing, which is frequently used by people attending church services, dog walkers, pedestrians and runners	<i>and the Church end junction should be reduced to 30mph rather than the advertised 40mph. Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
8.	A resident of the Hyde, Purton	<p>I would prefer if the speed limit, which I understand has been agreed to be lowered to 40 mph, between Church Path and the current 30 mph restriction near the entrance to the Red House (when travelling into Purton from Lydiard Milicent) was mandated to be 30 mph. It seems to make little sense to have a short section of that road reduced to 40mph on the approach into Purton from The Pear Tree, passing Church End on the right and then have another separate reduction to 30 mph.</p> <p>It makes more sense to reduce traffic speed when travelling from the Pear Tree direction towards Purton before cars reach the junction with Church End. Furthermore, the section through the trees near the cemetery is very dark even during daylight hours. As a frequent cyclist along that section I would feel much safer if the speed of passing motorists was reduced to 30mph. There are often pedestrians walking along that section of road, in addition to those trying to cross the road from or to Church Path.</p> <p>Mandating a 30mph speed limit coming down from Manor Hill into Purton would be useful to ensure that most motorists will have significantly reduced their speed before reaching what currently is a road with poor visibility and no footpath. Having a 30mph limit would ensure that a higher proportion of motorists would reduce their speed to well below 40mph.</p>	<i>Refer to officer comments at point 1.</i>
9.	A resident of Pavenhill, Purton	<p>I would like to support the proposal to decrease the speed limit to 30 mph on the approach to Purton, between the Cemetery and Weir Pond, near the Church. Pedestrians often use this area - in particular when attending a funeral, in which case the traffic really does need to slow down. Likewise, anyone crossing from Church Path to the Church, whether it be Church goers, dog walkers or children making their way to school, then the safety of the pedestrians should be addressed, especially as visibility is limited for both the driver and the pedestrian.</p>	<i>It would appear the objector has not fully understood the advertised proposal. In this instance the objector supports the view of the Parish Council that the section between the existing 30mph limit on Church St and the Church end junction should be reduced to 30mph rather than the advertised 40mph. Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>

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10.	A resident of Church End, Purton	I would like to suggest that the stretch between the cemetery and Church End be designated a 30mph limit rather than 40 as proposed. This would link the 30mph limit in the village to the one in Church End. Also, as it is an unlit road which is used by local cyclists, pedestrians (who don't know about Church Path!!) and funerals it can be hazardous. It seems crazy to suggest 30 in the village, 40 to Church End and then 30 in Church End.	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
11.	A resident of Purton	This proposed limit is too fast for a road that has a number of narrow sections and is frequently used as a rat run as the number of houses in the area increases. This road should be restricted to 30mph maximum.	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
12.	A resident of Restrop View, Purton	I believe that a restriction of 30mph would be a better option. My reasons are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It will align with the 30mph speed limit that is imposed in the rest of the village. - It will increase the safety of pedestrians crossing the road from Church Path to access St Mary's Church, footpaths and The Peartree. - It will negate motorists leaving a 30mph limit, entering a 40mph limit and re-entering a 30mph limit when travelling onward towards The Fox and vice versa. Positioning a 30mph speed limit sign by the Purton sign that is situated at the Weir Pond will act as a signal that motorists are entering the village and need to reduce their speed. Please could you reconsider the proposed speed limit and reduce it to 30mph.	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
13.	A resident of Jubilee Estate, Purton	I am in total favour of introducing this speed limit to 40mph on this stretch of road. The Manor Hill section is very narrow in places. I already take this road at 30mph max because you never know who or what you will meet coming the other way - with a scaffolding firm being based on Manor Farm, there can be some wide vehicles going up and down the hill with limited space. The Purton end would benefit from reducing further to 30mph from the tithe barn onwards as the adjoining roads are already 30mph, the banks either side are quite steep and deer will often cross the road here. There is also no pavement on this section, so anyone walking or cycling has nowhere else to duck in if the need arises.	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
14.	A resident of Purton	I regularly drive along this road which in parts is not wide enough for two vehicles to pass comfortably, with one pinch point and another narrow,	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1.</i>

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		high-banked part where you cannot see traffic coming towards you due to a bend. Please consider making this entire stretch 30mph	
15.	A resident of Purton	As I understand that the proposal is to reduce the speed limit along the road from Lydiard to Purton to 40 from 60 mph, but that this reduction will cease at the present 30 mph limit. How would this be logical? The speed limit all along the Fox is 30 mph even though there are sections of open countryside and yet, at present, from Church End to the 30 mph sign entering the village the speed limit is 60 mph. You propose only to reduce this stretch to 40 mph. Therefore drivers coming from the Fox will speed up to 40 mph before meeting the 30 mph sign and as we all know most drivers do not slow down until after they have passed a limit sign, thus rounding the bend into the village at plus 30. I take my grandchildren across the road at the Red House and I am shocked at the speed some drivers come round the bend. For the safety of my grandchildren and myself I urge you to, at least, move the 30 mph limit to before the turning from the Fox. Manor Hill and further towards Lydiard is a very narrow road and I have experienced many near misses with speeding vehicles. Therefore, I think, there is a case for 30 mph all along the route from Lydiard to Purton.	<i>Please refer to officer comments at 1. Above. The comments regarding The Fox are noted, however the speed restriction in question became operational in 2006, prior to the publication of DfT Circular 01/13 'Setting Local Speed Limits'.</i>
16.	A resident of The Hyde, Purton	I believe that a restriction of 30mph would be a better option. My reasons are: It will align with the 30mph speed limit that is imposed in the rest of the village. It will increase the safety of pedestrians crossing the road from Church Path to access St Mary's Church, footpaths and The Peartree. It will negate motorists leaving a 30mph limit, entering a 40mph limit and re-entering a 30mph limit when travelling onward towards The Fox and vice versa. Positioning a 30mph speed limit sign by the Purton sign that is situated at the Weir Pond will act as a signal that motorists are entering the village and need to reduce their speed.	<i>Refer to officer comments at point 1.</i>
17.	A resident of Purton	I think the limit should be reduced to 30mph to ensure safety of pedestrians, cyclists and other drivers. The adjoining roads are also 30mph so this would ensure continuity and reduce any confusion. The road is very narrow in places making it difficult for two cars to pass each other and it is frequently used by cyclists. In addition there are a number of access points onto the road	<i>Refer to officer comments at point 1.</i>

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18.	A resident of Purton	I would like to recommend a speed limit of 30mph as opposed to the 40mph suggested for the safety of pedestrians.	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
19.	A resident of The Hyde, Purton	The road from Lydiard to Purton has a 60 mile speed limit. It's narrow, with blind bends and brow of hills. This road is a serious accident waiting to happen and should be widened. If cost is prohibitive it should at the very least be reduced to a 30 limit and have speed humps installed to slow traffic	<i>it would not be permissible in this instance to widen the length of road between Purton and Lydiard Millicent. The provision of speed humps, as suggested, would also not be permissible under The Highways (Road Hump) Regulations 1999</i>
20.	A resident of Purton	I think 50 MPH would be a better speed.	<i>The assessment was undertaken in accordance with DfT Circular 01/13 'Setting local Speed Limits' and considers the assessed speed limit and the environment factors, including the limits used elsewhere. Taking all these factors into consideration, the report recommended the speed limit on both sections should be 40mph.</i>
21.	A resident of Hyde Lane Purton	I support the proposed speed restriction changes on the road from Purton to Lydiard Millicent to extend the 30mph limit from Church Street to the Church End junction. This extension of the 30mph zone would encourage drivers to slow down and adhere to the speed limit throughout the village. On entering Purton from Lydiard Millicent, shortly after the current 30mph zone comes into effect, there is a major crossing from Church Path and other footpaths to The Village Centre/Red House but many drivers still exceed the speed limit in this area and make this a difficult place to cross the road. Moving the start of the 30mph zone would give drivers the chance to slow down well in advance of the road crossing area.	<i>Refer to officer comments at point 1.</i>
22.	A resident of Hyde Lane Purton	<p>I am very pleased to have been informed that the speed limit between near to the end of the lane in which I live and Lydiard Millicent is, at last, being given long overdue attention. I refer to section 1 of the speed assessment report as outlined on page 7.</p> <p>As a regular driver on that stretch of road for the 34 years I have lived here it never ceases to astonish me that the speed limit changes just past the end of the Hyde.....indicating to people who don't know the road (& even reckless drivers who do) that it is fine to accelerate between here & Lydiard.</p> <p>From here the next section of the road passes immediately through a very attractive, but dark, 'tunnel' through trees, at the end of which is a much-</p>	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>

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		<p>used footpath crossing towards the church, quickly followed by another popular crossing point where footpaths are on either side of the road, just before the entrance to the Pear Tree Hotel. This opens onto the hedge-lined road near the bottom of Manor Hill, at the top of which is a section that is just wide enough for two small cars, where sensible drivers (in the minority) assess and give way. There follows gateways from properties on either side and then the drop down into what I call 'wing mirror gulch'! I lost a wing mirror to a speeding driver once early on (25mph here is the maximum sensible limit to have time to avoid such encounters, but unfortunately needs to be observed by cars in both directions!). Since then I always retract the mirrors on my small car to avoid another incident.</p> <p>I have never understood why the speed limit is relaxed at all between here and the entrance to Lydiard Millicent, given the road, footpath crossings and various entrances onto it. I also drive through Greatfield regularly and note that the 30 mph limit is in force all along that stretch of road which is wider and has clearer visibility, so it makes little sense that the road out of Purton in another direction should be regarded differently.</p>	
23.	A resident of College Road Purton	<p>Please reconsider the above 40mph order to further reduce the speed limit to 30mph for the section from the cemetery past the Weir Pond and preferably to the top of Manor Hill. This section is clearly part of the village setting.</p> <p>Government guidance relating to rural speed limits includes the following main points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is government policy that a 30mph speed limit should be the norm in villages. • It is recommended that the minimum length of a village speed limit should be 600m. However, traffic authorities may lower this to 400m and, in exceptional circumstances, to 300m. <p>- The 30mph limit from Church End would join with Church Street and Manor Hill to encompass one overall limit. This would reduce the changes in speed limit in a short distance in accordance with government guidance.</p>	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The parking area by the Church is a designated drop off spot for children to the primary and secondary schools who then have to cross the road to walk to school along Church Path. - Pedestrian access to St Marys Church requires crossing the road. Pedestrians include both elderly residents and children. For specific events throughout the year whole school primary age groups cross the road to the church. - The footpath network by the Weir Pond connects the top of the village, across the road to Purton Cricket Club and the fields beyond. This route is used by young people attending coaching sessions and also by school groups on nature walks throughout the year - The road itself is unlit, has no footway and transition from bright sunlight into or out of the tunnel of trees is hazardous to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. - Funeral processions following the hearse use the road from the church to the cemetery. - Pedestrian access to The Pear Tree hotel and wedding venue involves crossing this road 	
24.	A resident of Church End Purton	<p>The speed reduction on the road from Purton to Lydiard Millicent should be reduced to 30 mph, not 40mph (Section 1 of the speed assessment report as outlined on page 7), because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •There is a heavily used footpath that crosses Church Street at the junction with Church End. This foot path runs west up Church Path to the cemetery and on to St Mary's Primary and Bradon Forest secondary schools. The path runs east past the Grade 1 listed St Mary's Church and on to the Short Edge footpath up to the Hyde. The path branches to the south along a footpath recently put in by Purton Parish Council to join with a footpath that runs up to the Cricket Ground and beyond. These paths are heavily used by dog walkers, school children walking to and from school, villagers walking to Church on a Sunday, funeral parties moving from a funeral in the Church to a burial in the cemetery and residents of Church End to walk to the shops in the centre of Purton. •There is very little public off-street parking in Purton. As a result the layby at the Church Street end of Church End is heavily used by dog walkers wanting to access the footpaths around Purton. The Parish Council have 	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>

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		<p>provided dog waste bins on Church Path in recognition of its heavy use by dog walkers. The layby is also used by those visiting graves of loved ones in the cemetery and reaching the cemetery requires crossing the road at this point, there are no pathways beside the road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The junction at Church End lies in a dip which encourages speeding through this junction in either direction. Because of this dip, the stream that runs under the road here, often floods onto the road after heavy rain. Surprisingly, Manor Hill also floods at the top in heavy rain because of run-off from fields. And then in icy weather this surface water often freezes to ice. If police records are examined, there should be evidence of road closures when this becomes most sever. A 30 mph limit would enable drivers more time to identify the hazard and drive safely through the flood water or ice. A change to 40 mph would give the impression there are unlikely to be any hazards. •There is a corner in Church Street at the Junction with The Hyde. At this point the road is quite narrow and in a tunnel of trees. I am a driver myself, and always find it necessary to take particular care driving round this corner, particularly at night with oncoming lights, the road itself is not lit. Someone who is not familiar with the road and sees a notice for an increase in speed, may not take the necessary care to avoid an accident. 	
25.	A resident of Purton	<p>I would like to support the proposal put forward by Purton Parish Council to reduce the max speed limit from 40 mph to 30mph from Church End to Church Street in Purton. I am a resident living nearby and where cars go around the corner into the village it is very dangerous, especially where children cross the road, to go to school by the Red House, a bit further along, to Church Path. Therefore I propose the speed limit is reduced.</p>	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
26.	A resident of Church Path, Purton	<p>I write to support the proposed reduced speed limit that will hopefully reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph. from Church Street to Church End Purton. It will provide greater safety to pedestrians and dog walkers alike. The speed of vehicles along this stretch of road is unacceptable at the moment. Hopefully this proposal can be instigated as soon as possible.</p>	<i>It would appear the objector has not fully understood the advertised proposal. In this instance the objector supports the view of the Parish Council that the section between the existing 30mph limit on Church St and the Church end junction should be reduced to 30mph rather than the advertised 40mph. Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
27	A resident of Purton	<p>As a regular user of Manor Hill I feel that a 30mph restriction is a better idea. This road is narrow in several places to the extent that vehicles need to pull in and stop to let oncoming traffic pass safely.</p>	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>

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28.	A resident of Purton	I would like to see a 30mph limit as Road is very busy and narrow on the hill As a pedestrian crossing the road from church path is difficult because of the speed of cars.	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
29.	A resident of Purton	<p>We consider that a 30 mph speed limit would be more appropriate for this short stretch of winding and hilly road Manor Hill/Church Street between Purton and Lydiard Millicent.</p> <p>Speed limits in all the entry roads into Purton, which are mostly without footpaths and used by pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, tractors and other farm vehicles seem excessive compared with those in and around our local towns and villages. Particularly since the development of the large housing estates at Ridgeway Farm, Tadpole Farm and West Swindon.</p> <p>For instance on Restrop Road it is 30mph between Hook and Lydiard Green, 30mph into Lydiard Millicent, 60mph until past Bagbury Lane coming into Purton.</p> <p>It is 50mph from Cricklade to Packhorse Corner, then 60mph coming into Purton past the entrance into Hills Wastedepot and the Dental Factory.</p> <p>It is 60mph on the narrow, winding and hilly, Pavenhill from Bradon crossroad until you pass Lower Pavenhill going into Purton.</p>	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
30.	A resident of Shaftsbury Close, Purton	I walk my dogs regularly across this junction. Cars leave the village as well as coming into the village from Lydiard passing this junction at well over 40 miles per hour on average. The speed limit in The Fox is 30mph and the existing Church Street 30mph limit is currently in a dark tree lined section of road near a bend which I think motorists can easily miss. Moving the 30mph limit to the Church End junction, on the Lydiard side would make me feel much safer walking across to the church as well as the meadow leading to Purton Cricket Club.	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
31.	A resident of Purton	<p>I write with regard to the above traffic order to reduce the max speed limit on the road from Purton to Lydiard Millicent from that of 60mph to 40mph. to which I am in principle supportive of the proposal.</p> <p>However I would further support a proposal put forward by our local Parish Council that the section as detailed within section 1 of the speed limit assessment report as outlined on page 7 be reduced further to that of 30mph.</p>	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>

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		<p>The proposal would allow for the joining of the two existing 30mph limits imposed within Church St and Church End and would give clarity to motorists that a max speed of 30mph is relevant throughout our Village. It would also provide greater safety to pedestrians when entering onto the highway from Church Path directly opposite the Church End junction en-route to/from the Church and heavily used local rural footpaths in respect to the speed of vehicles entering/leaving the Village to /from Lydiard Millicent in the location of the Church End junction. Whilst I accept that this proposal is an exception to the assessment report I would ask that you give this request your full consideration in the interest of clarity and more importantly Safety to those who live in our Village.</p>	
32.	<p>A resident of Pavenhill, Purton</p>	<p>Reference Purton Parish Council's request to reduce the speed on the section of road from Church Street to join with the Church End Junction to 30 mph limits, joining with the existing 30 mph - I strongly support this request for the reduction.</p> <p>I personally am constantly amazed that having a speed reduction through The Fox of 30 mph there is then a sign permitting an increase to 50 mph - a matter of yards to the give way sign to traffic coming from the Cricklade area and Tadpole Village.</p>	<p><i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i></p>
33.	<p>A resident of Upper Pavenhill, Purton</p>	<p>We would consider it preferable to extend the 30mph limit along Manor Hill to link with that existing same limit at the end of Stone Lane.</p> <p>Parts of Manor Hill are narrow with limited forward visibility and unsuited to 40 mph, and vehicles will always tend to speed up on the steeper downhill section towards Purton, where there is the entrance to the Pear Tree Hotel and a public footpath crossing the road.</p> <p>This would provide a clearer, safer and more consistent speed regulation. We would be grateful if you would take this comment into consideration before confirming the present order.</p>	<p><i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i></p>
34.	<p>A resident of Purton</p>	<p>I wish to write in support of the proposed speed reduction changes on the road from Purton to Lydiard Millicent to extend the 30mph limit from Church Street to the Church End junction.</p> <p>This extension of the 30mph zone would encourage drivers to slow down and adhere to the speed limit throughout the village. On entering Purton from Lydiard Millicent, shortly after the current 30mph zone comes into</p>	<p><i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i></p>

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		effect, there is a major crossing from Church Path and other footpaths to The Village Centre/Red House, but many drivers still exceed the speed limit in this area and make this a difficult place to cross the road. Moving the start of the 30mph zone would give drivers the chance to slow down well in advance of the road crossing area. In support of this proposal, I refer to section 1 of the speed assessment as outlined on page 7.	
35.	A resident of Blacklands Purton	<p>I wish to complain about changing the speed limit from 30 to 40 mph in Church Street and Manor Hill.</p> <p>As someone who uses these roads often, I wish the limit to stay at 30mph as there at a few blind bends that people tear around.</p> <p>Driving in and out of the village is a nightmare. There are many people who come to cycle through the village, no problem.</p> <p>The problem is other people overtaking bikes on blind bends, which is terrifying, and we had needed to swerve to miss them.</p> <p>The High Street is very busy, especially during start and finish of school.</p> <p>The whole High Street backs up and only one side of the road can be used and a number of cars back up behind parked cars, Often in their rush to get through they do not leave room for the coaches to turn into the road leading to the school.</p>	<i>It would appear in this instance the resident has not understood the advertised proposal. It is not the intention to increase the existing section of 30mph speed limit on Church street to 40mph.</i>
36.	A resident of Purton	<p>I believe the new speed limit in Church Street should be 30 mph (i.e. from the junction of Church End northwards). The tithe barn and road junction emphasises that one is entering Purton village and the “Purton” village sign erected just south of the Church Street/Church End junction emphasises a change in conditions. A change to 30mph here seems more logical than deep in a shady and dark stretch of Church Street further north.</p> <p>There is also an argument that, when travelling north, the speed limit change to 30mph should be placed at the top of Manor Hill. This would help traffic leaving the Pear Tree wedding venue and, more importantly, give a safer environment for pedestrians between the Pear Tree and Church End where there are no pavements but where two well-used footpaths emerge on to Manor Hill. (As the position for this change means that some 60% of the original proposed 40mph road is reduced to 30mph, it begs the question “Why not have the remaining length at 30mph as well?”).</p>	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>

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37.	A resident of College Road Purton	Fully support lowering the speed limit on this section of road. BUT I would urge you to make the limit 30mph on the northern section down to the Pear Tree entrance. This would greatly improve safety at the junction with Church End especially for pedestrians crossing Church Street from Church path and for pedestrians walking to and from the Pear Tree. This pedestrian traffic is significant particularly at times of church services and for weddings and funerals.	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>
38.	A resident of The Hyde Purton	Enter your comments I am a local resident and I cross the road at the Church End Junction and also at the Red House on a daily basis while walking my dog. Slowing traffic to 30mph approaching this junction will make it much safer for pedestrians and motorists joining the road at the junction. I have seen several near misses as pedestrians have to dash across the road to avoid speeding vehicles. Similarly traffic coming round the corner at the junction of The Hyde is often speeding as I exit right to go into the village. There is also slow moving agricultural tractors from Dora's farm and patrons of the Red House car park joining the road at this point. Slowing traffic at this point would make it safer for motorists and pedestrians crossing the road at the Redhouse.	<i>Refer to officer comments at Ref. 1</i>

Ref	Supporter	Comments received supporting the proposal	Officer Response
39.	A resident of Purton	I would like to comment on Manor Hill consultation in Purton. Since living in the village for over a year, I am shocked that this is a 60 mile road. A number of times there has almost been collisions when I drive down this road by other road users driving at high speeds where the hill is blind. I would like to see it reduced to 40 miles an hour at least.	<i>The comments are noted</i>
40.	A resident of Purton	Having lived in Church End now for seven years I welcome this proposal to restrict speed to 40 mph. The current limit from the entrance to the cemetery to Lydiard Millicent is dangerous on two counts. Firstly, as you hold at Church End at its junction with Manor Hill, visibility is poor in both directions. To the left due to over-hanging trees and to the right the darkness due to over-arching trees. I witnessed an accident here a few	<i>The comments are noted</i>

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		<p>years ago when a vehicle pulling out from this position was struck by a very fast car coming out of the darkness with no lights. It was daylight.</p> <p>On another occasion an invalid scooter was travelling from the Redhouse to Church End and was completely invisible. Notwithstanding the legality of such behaviour, it could have legally been a mother and perambulator. Speed and the darkness do not go together.</p> <p>Secondly, Manor Hill is too narrow for the current speed limit. Wing mirrors are often seen as road surface debris and personally I prefer to go out of the village now via The Fox and Stone Lane to avoid having my car scratched by overhanging trees and hedgerows.</p>	
41.	A resident of Purton	<p>I would like to add my support in reducing the speed limit to as low as possible in this area, when cars are entering and leaving the village past the Red House and cemetery they often put there foot down prior to being out of the village where children cross the road and on more than one occasion I have seen a car hit the kerb whilst exiting the village and almost turning over at such speed. It is currently unsafe and unnecessary to have such a high speed limit upon entering/departing the village. I often try to cross the road for school and to walk my dog and when deeming it safe and clear, cars are upon you very quickly sometimes not giving enough time to cross due to the speed.</p>	<i>The comments are noted.</i>