

Leapgate and Hilperton Gap Road speed limit consultation

Dear Resident,

I'm writing again to you to make you aware of a further consultation concerning the new Hilperton Gap Road and the extension of Leapgate Road. I believe that 40mph should be the maximum speed along these new extensions. i.e.

40mph: Along Leapgate Road; between the West Ashton Road (new roundabout) and the roundabout at the new Castle Mead School.

40mph from the Fieldways Hotel roundabout (Hilperton Road) to Wyke Road.

I believe this is necessary because:

- We have 2 schools on the route and several crossing points
- Children are & will be crossing at undesignated crossing points (as children do)
- Essential to keep the vehicle noise to a minimum
- Areas of the road pass close to informal green space used by children (with footballs)
- Access points to residential areas where traffic incidents & near misses have occurred
- This would offer a better prospect of vehicles adhering to the speed limit.

This view is also supported by both Hilperton Parish Council, Trowbridge Council, The Schools, The Paxcroft Mead Residents Association and the Hilperton Gap Action Group.

However the draft proposal from Wiltshire Council Highways Department is recommending allowing speeds up to 50mph. This with the existing speed restrictions would mean several changes of speed limit between West Ashton Road and the Wyke Road roundabout, causing confusion. This I believe will make the 40mph areas untenable and significantly increase the risks of traffic safety though our community and damage the environment. **What do you think?**

You have the opportunity to make your views known by responding to the current consultation.

The consultation can be found on the Wiltshire Council Web Site:

Draft Traffic Order for 50mph: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/tro-50mph-speed-limit-order-hilperton.pdf>

You can respond by:

Emailing to: trafficorders@wiltshire.gov.uk

Or

Write to Sustainable Transport Group, County Hall Bythesea Road Trowbridge BA148JN

Or

Email /write to me(and I will forward on)

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