

Danny Yee – Forest Hill 20mph Proposals

Amusingly, the police still think roads should only be changed to 20mph when people are already driving at that speed -- the old approach where speed limits were descriptive rather than prescriptive -- while objector o2 thinks speed limit changes are unnecessary here because people are already driving at 20mph.

Obviously we support this change.

I would just like to use this to make two general suggestions.

There seem to be moves by the Department for Transport to reconsider the National Speed Limit default on rural roads. It might be helpful if Oxfordshire encouraged them to do this, as it might save us some work. (My suggestion is that any rural road without a marked centre line should default to 40mph instead of 60mph, though that wouldn't help here.)

It is also notable that, despite being a stub that goes nowhere, the section of Old Rd being changed to 20mph is classified -- it is unnumbered but still classified. When updating speed limits, the county could perhaps reconsider classifications at the same time. This is not critical - though at least some phone apps use classifications for routing - but if this just involves notifying the National Street Gazetteer it would not be much extra work.