

*Divisions affected: Benson & Cholsey*

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT – 23 MARCH 2023**

### **BENSON: PROPOSED 20MPH & 50MPH SPEED LIMITS**

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is RECOMMENDED to approve the following proposals as advertised:
  - a. New 20mph speed limit throughout Benson, replacing the majority of the existing 30mph speed limit, and
  - b. a new 50mph speed limit will on the westerly unnamed road to Rokemarsh, from its junction with the B4009 The Sands northwards for a distance of 195 metres.

#### **Executive summary**

2. The report presents responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph and 50mph speed limits in Benson as shown in **Annex 1**.

#### **Financial Implications**

3. Funding for consultation and the proposals themselves has been provided by the County Council's 20mph Speed Limit Project

#### **Equality and Inclusion Implications**

4. No implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.

#### **Sustainability Implications**

5. The proposals would help encourage walking and cycling within Benson by making them safer and more attractive.

## Formal consultation

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 11 January 2023 and 03 February. A notice was published in the Oxfordshire Herald Series newspaper, and an email sent to statutory consultees & key-stakeholders, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators, countywide transport, access & disabled peoples user groups, South Oxfordshire District Council, the local District Cllrs, Benson, Ewelme, and Berrick Salome parish councils, and the local County Councillor representing the Benson & Cholsey, and the Chalgrove & Watlington divisions.
7. 83 responses were received via the online survey during the course of the consultation, and these are summarised in the table below:

Proposal	Object	Concerns	Support	No opinion/ objection	Total
20mph speed limit	7 (8%)	6 (7%)	69 (83%)	1	83
50mph speed limit	9 (11%)	10 (12%)	43 (52%)	21	83

8. Those who responded online, were also asked whether if the 20mph speed limit proposals were implemented, would it likely influence a change to their mode of travel in the area, the results of which are shown below

Travel Change	Number
Yes – walk/wheel more	27 (32%)
Yes - cycle more	15 (18%)
No	38 (46%)
Other	3 (4%)

### Statutory Consultee Responses:

9. Four responses were received from statutory consultees. Thames Valley Police re-iterated their views concerning OCC's policy and practice regarding 20mph speed limits; they consider their response as 'having concerns' rather than an outright objection. Stagecoach had no objections as they do not operate in this area but urged us to consider the effect of 20mph speed limits on the viability of rural services; they also suggest a 30mph limit would be appropriate for the proposed Benson ring road as it will have no direct frontages. The Oxford Bus Company object to proposals for 20mph limits on High St, Brook St, Church Road, and Castle Square as they believe this total 0.9 mile section will add a minute to journey times in each direction. The Benson Neighbourhood Plan Delivery Team support the proposals but also seek a 20 limit on the main road through Preston Crowmarsh.

### **Other Responses:**

10. Four members of the public asked for Preston Crowmarsh to be included with a 20mph limit and one hoped that 20mph limits on Helens Avenue and Old London Road were in the proposals.

### 20mph Speed Limit Proposals:

11. Two members of the public were concerned that Preston Crowmarsh had been omitted, three that there would be no enforcement, and one that it would create driver frustration, bunching, and increased danger for pedestrians. Two objections centred around it not working and being an unnecessary waste of money. Other single objection concerns included it worsening congestion, worsening pollution, not being enforced, and driver frustration leading to increased danger.

### 50 mph Speed Limit Proposal:

12. Eight members of the public expressed concern believing the limit should be lower, one suggesting physical calming and one sought enforcement of the existing limit. Of the nine objectors, six thought it should be a lower limit, two thought it was not required and one believed it would not work.
13. The responses are shown in **Annex 2**, and copies of the original responses are available for inspection by County Councillors.

### **Officer response to objections/concerns**

14. The main purpose of the scheme is to improve road safety and encourage greater use of active travel by reducing speeds; this will also reduce accidents. The aim of reducing speed limits is to change driver's mindsets to make speeding socially unacceptable and make more environmentally friendly modes of travel such as walking and cycling more attractive – and also reduce the County's carbon footprint. This forms part of a countywide programme of works that seeks to deliver 'a safer place with a safer pace'.
15. The responses from members of the public show a strong level of support for both the 20mph and 50mph speed limit proposals. Objectors cite similar views to those expressed and considered in earlier similar schemes which were not then seen as warranting a change in those previous proposals given the explicit intention of the County Council's 20mph limit policy. Preston Crowmarsh was omitted in error and a 20mph limit for that hamlet will be promoted soon.
16. Oxford Bus Company raise the only statutory consultee objection and, while they provide specific figures, as their objection relates only to the central core of Benson where speeds are often compromised by traffic it is hard to justify amending the proposals.

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Annexes                      Annex 1: Consultation Plans  
                                    Annex 2: Consultation responses

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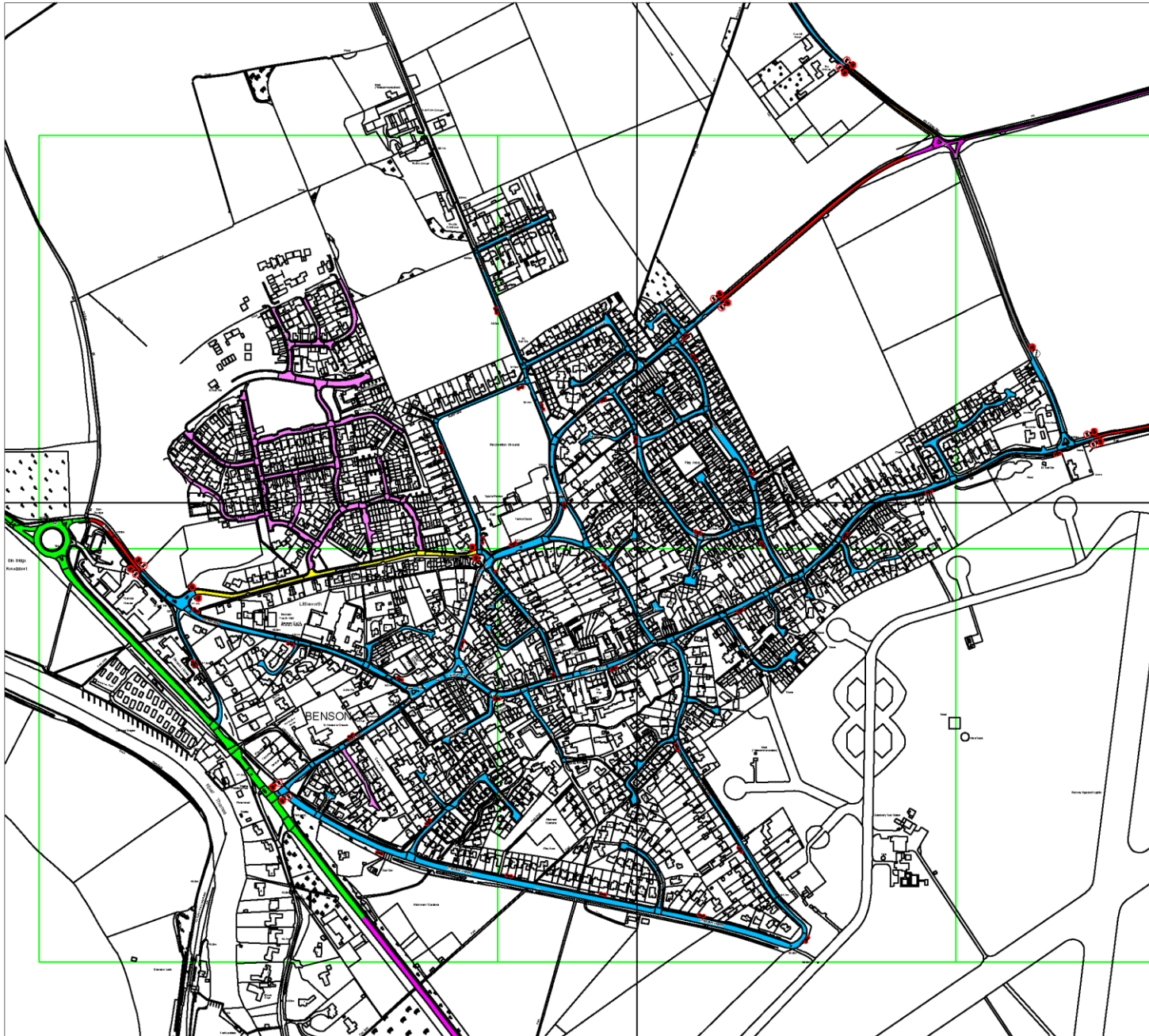
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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
<p>(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)</p>	<p><b>Concerns</b> – Thames Valley Police welcome the opportunity to engage on plans for road safety improvement and acknowledge that 20mph limits can be a useful tool in road safety. There are other reasons 20mph limits may be desirable for communities, such as environmental concerns, and creating a shared space environment to encourage greater diversity of road users.</p> <p>Compliance with 20mph limits is a challenging issue as there is a difference between the achievable results of the various available schemes. For example a sign-only scheme will only have a limited effect on the mean speeds, as opposed to other schemes that influence the road environment, which is recognised as being key to achieving compliance. If a speed limit is set too low and is ignored then this could result in the vulnerable road user being less safe. It can also cause a dis-proportionate number of drivers to criminalise themselves and could bring the system of speed limits into disrepute.</p> <p>Thames Valley Police have no policy to enforce based on arbitrary speed limits alone but will enforce based on threat of harm, risk and resourcing. 20mph limits are not excluded from this and will be enforced where appropriate. There should be no expectation that the police would be able to provide regular enforcement if a speed limit is set too low as this could result in an unreasonable additional demand on police resources and there are no additional resources available to support extra enforcement. Messages from partners that police will not enforce need to be discouraged. Such messaging can encourage non-compliance and should be avoided.</p> <p>The policy of Thames Valley Police is to use sound practical and realistic criteria (Setting local speed limits - GOV.UK (<a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a>)) when responding to Highway Authorities in an effort to promote consistency and to reduce the burden of constant and unnecessary enforcement. The advice shown in Circular Roads 1/2013 states.</p> <p>The key factors that should be taken into account in any decisions on local speed limits are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• history of collisions</li> <li>• road geometry and engineering</li> <li>• road function</li> <li>• composition of road users (including existing and potential levels of vulnerable road users)</li> <li>• existing traffic speeds</li> <li>• road environment</li> </ul>

	<p>However I recognise Oxfordshire County Council now have their own Policy for Setting Speed Limits and I expect full compliance of that policy going forward in relation to both monitoring , future engineering and self-enforcement through Community Speed Watch .</p> <p>Our stance remains that primarily 20 mph speed limits and zones should be self-enforcing</p> <p>Speed limits should be considered as part of a package of measures to manage vehicle speeds and improve road safety. Changes to the highway (for example through narrowing, providing vertical traffic calming or re-aligning the road) may be required to encourage lower speeds in addition to any change in speed limit. Though these may be more expensive, they are more likely to be successful in the long term in achieving lower speeds without the need for increased police enforcement to penalise substantial numbers of motorists.</p>
<p>(2) Head of Strategic Development and the Built Environment, (Stagecoach Bus Company)</p>	<p><b>No objection</b> – In line with our general practice, I am again happy to confirm that Stagecoach and offers no objection to these proposals.</p> <p>However, we should formally signal as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Other important commercial and supported bus services use roads affected by these proposals and we would urge the Council to consider feedback from these operators very carefully.</li> <li>2. Outside the scope of the current consultation is a proposed "Edge Road" through extensive residential development. Portions of this are complete but unadopted. Others are under construction. The function and design of this road, which intentionally eliminates direct frontage accesses and also makes provision for segregated pedestrian and cycle facilities with a standoff from the carriageway, means that the design intentionally seeks to avoid "mixing" of active travel modes with motorised traffic. Moreover, the road will run through a relatively low-density suburban built form, with no commercial activity whatever and minimal other facilities or uses that would generate significant intensity of conflict around this street associated with such facilities. Thus, the principles of the Stockholm Declaration and the Council's own resolution of December 2020 are in no ways met. It should be assumed then, that a 30 mph limit should apply to this road when it is complete and open to traffic.</li> </ol>
<p>(3) Business Development and Partnerships</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – We have no problem with and support these proposals where they do not affect bus services. Benson has good bus service provision including buses up to every 30 minutes on the trunk route X39/X40 between Oxford and</p>

<p>Manager, (Thames Travel Bus Company)</p>	<p>Reading serving the Marina stop on the main A4074 and the 136 service up to every 30 minutes at peak times between RAF Benson and Cholsey via Wallingford.</p> <p>The proposals as set out do not impact the Thames Travel X39/X40 service as the A4074 is to retain its existing 40 mph limit through Benson. The proposals however will have a significant impact on the Thames Travel 136 service.</p> <p>We object to the proposed speed limit reduction from 30mph to 20 mph for Church Road, Castle Square, High Street and Brook Street. These roads form a core travel corridor through the centre of the village. The proposals for these roads would reduce the speed limit along 0.9 miles of bus route leading to almost two minutes of extra running time on a round trip (0.9 minutes each way).</p> <p>The Cholsey end of the 136 route operates as a loop and so there is no recovery time at this end of the route. There are generally just three minutes of recovery time at RAF Benson. Therefore, whilst adding almost two minutes to the round-trip time on the 136 initially may not seem like much it would lead to recovery time at RAF Benson reducing to around a minute. This is insufficient to be able to operate the service reliably as any delay on one trip would almost certainly result in the next trip departing late and delays mounting up with no opportunity to get buses back on time without failing to operate a trip. The 136 service already receives financial support from the County Council and it seems doubtful that additional funding would be available from the Council to add the extra bus and driver resource needed to maintain the existing route and frequency.</p> <p>In reality there are some sections of the route through Benson where buses are unable to operate at the current maximum 30mph limit and so this means that the journey time penalty will be slightly less than the worst-case described above. However, set against this is the fact that there is significant additional house building in Benson, Crowmarsh Gifford and Wallingford and this is highly likely to lead to additional motor traffic on the roads served by the 136 service leading to slower speeds on other sections of the route. It is therefore vital that buses are able to make progress where it is safe for them to do so.</p>
<p>(4) Benson Neighbourhood Plan Delivery Team</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – I would like to express our Support for the Benson - proposed 20mph &amp; 50mph speed limits.</p> <p>A majority of the village supported this proposal when a village poll was carried out in December 2021. The main reason being on the grounds of pedestrian and cyclist safety, as most of our village roads are narrow with limited footways in certain areas.</p>



	<p>As more and more people move to a sustainable form of travel, it is only right that this is not only encouraged but supported. The reduced 20mph speed limit is seen as positive move to more sustainable travel.</p> <p>We would like to see to Braze Lane speed limit reduced from a National Speed Limit (NSL) to a 30mph speed limit where it joins with the B4009. And would wish to have the road through Preston Crowmarsh reduced to a 20mph speed limit.</p>
(5) Local Cllr, (Ewelme, The Street)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I am supportive of 20mph limits in residential areas as a matter of principle, and I believe that Benson needs this restriction due to the amount of traffic now experienced throughout the village and the potential danger to pedestrians and cyclists (and other motorists) from cars travelling at above 20mph.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> This is a short stretch of a quiet country road and it makes no sense for the limit to be 60mph if the adjoining roads will be 20mph or 30mph.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
(6) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Green Lane)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> It will cause huge amounts of congestion throughout the village. It's hard enough to travel through the village with the amount of rogue cars parked on double yellows, increasing the amount of time people are driving through the village at 20 is going to make it an absolute nightmare.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b> N/A</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
(7) Local Resident/Member of public, (Preston Crowmarsh, Preston Crowmarsh lane)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> over use of 20 mph makes it less likely to be adhered to. Should be used in specific areas, i.e schools, shops</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b></p>

	<p>i have no opinion</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(8) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Observatory Close)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'- Speed limits not enforced. New signage a waste of money.</li> <li>- Cars parked along the roads in the village act as traffic calming - it's almost impossible to drive over 20 mph in peak times.</li> <li>- Petrol and diesel engines less efficient at 20 mph, adding to pollution levels.</li> <li>- St. Helens Avenue already used as a quarter mile drag strip, 20 mph signs will be equally ignored.</li> <li>- Cars drive towards Watlington like hypersonic missiles with the national speed limit in place, what difference would 50 mph signs make? Missile pilots more likely to get impatient behind someone obeying the new limit and overtake, risking their lives along with those of oncoming vehicle occupants.</li> <li>- Braking distance of modern cars far superior to that of the cars in production when the original speed limits were introduced.</li> <li>- Drivers more likely to get bored and distracted at the slower speeds.</li> </ul> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>No pedestrians nearby, new roundabout acts as traffic calming, national speed limit ignored so replacement 50 mph signs would make little difference. Modern car brakes far superior to those available when the National speed limit was set. As a former resident of Blacklands Road, a high proportion of cars are often over 50 mph before exiting the 30 mph zone heading out of the village, so what hope is there for them to stick to 50 mph on the main B road?</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(9) Local Resident/Member of public, (Witney, Oxford Hill)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>It is undemocratic, unethical, divisive and disrespectful for communities of whom can see no need to change the speed limits. Why is that? Because there is no such report advising that the road through the Villages, Cities or Towns for example is at 80% risk of death or serious injury if the speed limit is not changed. This consultation if anybody wants to call it that (clearly not) is going to undoubtedly ignore public opinion like Witneys because the Councillors cannot kick the habit, they appear to bitterly hate anybody that has to do an essential journey in a car. There are other</p>

ethical and more sensible approaches to cycle and walk more. For example increasing public path space to signal where a pedestrian and cyclist can have their own lane including encouragement notices on local notice boards. I visit the Village of Benson sometimes to have a walk and drive through within the current speed limits when safe to do so to get away from the distress of the dystopian 20 mph signs from a nearby Town that are as comparable as Russian Z symbols you see in a Russian street every 100 yards where it made a walk locally at home a utterly bitter and depressing experience knowing that these 20mph signage changes are a political decision and not a road safety decision. A political decision that has no public support and has built residential resistance (civilly making the points why they should be changed back are taking place as I write this). I don't take it lightly to compare the Russian Z symbol to a 20mph sign but if the reader googles a Russian City or Town and what it looks like with the Z symbol in that county it is as comparable as the 20mph sign easily shown every 100 yards or less. It is regretful but the honest truth especially as these 20mph signs are within even dead end streets that have no through roads as well making it even more frustrating.

Devastating to see Benson that despite seeing zero road incidents within the Village have such a change needlessly taking place that the Police cannot cope with enforcing especially when local Politicians pushing for these changes will undoubtedly carry on going past 20mph as will emergency service personnel (when not on emergency calls) including public transportation which of course, highlights a hidden hypocrisy that will take place when the consultation ignores public opinion. If its ok for them it is ok for the rest of us and I hope many residents and within Oxfordshire will come with me to make a stand and that is to say no. No to such depressing road signs and money wasted taking away our future generations common sense, personal responsibility and the basic human right to choose how we cycle, walk and drive to places. We will be ashamed of what horrid path this Council has chosen, the decision to ignore public opinion and rule within minuit management by edict with no supportive evidence of this change and one that has no loyal compliance even after that. This will undoubtedly depress many residents psychologically seeing how needless this was, how robbed their community is of having common sense and a sense of personal responsibility as per the Highway code and is depressing for passionate motorists that can see that even the study Belfast University did to show that slower speeds don't reduce road incidents either, link here if the individual or senior management are interested in reading. Some will sadly ignore this objection to the proposal but some I hope will take back these genuine points to senior bosses of whom are trying to fight against this nonsenical anti-car movement.

[www.transportxtra.com/publications/local-transport-today/news/72511/university-study-questions-impact-of-20mph-limits-in-belfast-city-centre](http://www.transportxtra.com/publications/local-transport-today/news/72511/university-study-questions-impact-of-20mph-limits-in-belfast-city-centre)

Benson when visiting has great access for cycling and walking safely so does not make sense and urge all residents to write to MPs, maintain pressure on Councillors and the County Council that for as long as those in charge have one rule for themselves it is ok for the rest of us to decide to drive near to 30mph with competent common sense just as seen over the decades when even our Grandparents drove safely. No card can be played to ignore this as hope to explain further.

	<p>Lets not forget either that this is the same County Council of whose senior official said to the Sunday Times, "Traffic Filters in Oxford is going to happen definitely" implying the scheme would go ahead whether public opinion opposed or unopposed leading me to my point that this is the same with the speed limit changes. This Council and their staff should ask this, is it worth continueing this ruinous scheme that will create further political distrust toward local authorities. Is it worth creating distress to residents living there to see these signs every 100 yards as comparable as propaganda. Future generations will be unfortunately robbed of sensible common sense and will see this for what it is. The Highway Code officials do not see a need to amend speed limits so cannot understand this political movement against the motorist. Why have we got a Council that has been voted in attack the Motorist?</p> <p>Is this healthy for a car and the pedestrian to remain at 20mph? No because it does not matter if your driving 20mph or 30mph the emissions remain the same, the air does not get any cleaner in fact because you are slowing down traffic you are simply making the air worse. At 30mph emission fumes retreat a lot quickly especially on a straight road where somebody does not need to drive slower especially when there is no obstacle to hit. Even Councillors know that despite pushing for this 20mph crusade (apparently prioritising signage instead of road surfacing improvements from what I been advised within the industry).</p> <p>I do not oppose 20mph signs by a School, Town Square or Retirement Community within the road of a settlement but I am deeply against a blanket speed restriction across a Town, City or Village when the public opinion is ignored for political purposes. This creates mistrust in local politics where even sensible people will be asking like they did in other political national scandals "Why should the public listening to their Council or on the News do things when people working within their Council are not prepared to respect public opinion?"</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> Zero need to change this road limit. See previous answer.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(10) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Bell Weather Furlong)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> Believe it doesn't change anything.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I thought it was 50</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>

<p>(11) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Horseshoes Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b>  No evidence of incidents in the village due to speed. Finances could be diverted to safer parking and footpaths, particularly parking around the school and footpath crossing at Mac Donald's/BP</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Road narrow and visibility often poor.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(12) Local Resident/Member of public, (Didcot, Blackwater Way)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b>  30 is slow enough. Research shows 20 is not significantly safer.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  50 is fast enough for this road.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(13) Email response</p>	<p><b>Concerns</b> – I would like to see 20 limit in the whole of Benson including Old London Rd , and definitely St Helens Ave as the speeding is unbelievable, with all new builds the extra traffic treating it as a race track.</p>
<p>(14) Local Resident/Member of public, (Preston Crowmarsh)</p>	<p><b>Concerns</b> – As you will know it is signposted and indeed is a single track road and with houses right up to the lane it is essential on safety grounds that Preston Crowmarsh is included as part of the new 20 mph zone for Benson area.</p>
<p>(15) Local Resident/Member of public, (Preston Crowmarsh)</p>	<p><b>Concerns</b> – I understand that the proposal for a 20mph speed limit for Benson currently excludes Preston Crowmarsh. As a resident of Preston Crowmarsh , I am in favour of Inclusion in the 20mph zone and I cannot understand why it's been excluded given the speeding trucks on our single track road .</p>
<p>(16) Local Resident/Member of</p>	<p><b>Concerns</b> – I consider it extraordinary that the lane through Preston Crowmarsh has been excluded from the 20mph Speed Limit Proposal:</p>

<p>public, (Preston Crowmarsh)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From the northbound Bus Stop to the footpath accessing Benson Lock, the THAMES PATH is officially routed along this lane.</li> <li>2. The whole of the lane and the Thames Path section in particular, attract very heavy walker and cyclist traffic – including children, people with mobility difficulty and dogs on leads.</li> <li>3. There is no footpath and over much of the length it is difficult or impossible to step off the surfaced carriageway to avoid vehicles.</li> <li>4. There are places where sight lines are inadequate.</li> <li>5. The surfaced carriageway is narrow, vans and lorries comprise a significant part of the vehicle traffic and take up much of the carriageway width. Whilst speeds are mostly moderate, delivery vans especially (of which there are many now) are often travelling too fast for this lane.</li> <li>6. Electric vehicles cause particular concern in that walkers usually cannot hear them approaching from behind.</li> </ol> <p>I urge you to reconsideration the issue and include all or part of our lane in the 20mph schedule.</p>
<p>(17) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Bell Weather Furlong)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b>  You don't enforced the existing speeds limits, so nothing will change. People speed already within the 20mph zones. Enforced the existing speed limits first.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b>  Enforce the existing speed limit first</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(18) Local Resident/Member of public, (Preston Crowmarsh)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b>  My wife and I are concerned that you intend to omit (what we understand to be called) "the Road Running through Preston Crowmarsh" from the proposed 20mph restrictions. It cannot be regarded as just one single road. The Benson end of this single track lane is also the route of the Thames Footpath. It is a route that is increasingly used by Benson residents and by longer distance walkers. Moreover, with the increasing interest in cycling, in particular its use for "sports cycling", this route is becoming unsafe for walkers. Single sports cyclists and cycling clubs are travelling at well over 20mph along the road in a manner that endangers walkers.  If the Council are considering the use of speed limits to protect safety, then the interests of walkers should not be ignored on The Thames Footpath in Preston Crowmarsh</p>

	<p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b> No Opinion</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(19) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Rumbolds Close)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b> Will any new speed limits be checked either by speed cameras (that work) and/or traffic enforcement?</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I am in favour of any reduced speed limit through a built up area, however there needs to be enforcement of whatever is imposed.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(20) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, St Helens Ave)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b> A 20 mph limit, I know reduces emissions. It also causes bunching of traffic, if cars close together, dangerous for pedestrians. Benson village already clogged up because of extra housing. A reduced speed limit will also cause frustration, lack of patience with some drivers, angry reactions, which can only exacerbate current problems.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Bend in road, cars travel at more than 60 so 50 safer</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(21) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Oxon, Old London Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b> No one to police them, the existing 30mph limits are often exceeded</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> this is not a dangerous stretch of road.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>

(22) Local Resident/Member of public, (Preston Crowmarsh)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b> Why isnt Preston Crowmarsh included in the 20mph area? I would support it being included</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> support</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
(23) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Brook Street)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Speeding traffic is common in Benson</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b> Should the speed limit be slower</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
(24) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Littleworth Road)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> People drive very fast and cut down residential streets.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b> Too fast and a blind corner</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
(25) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Passey Crescent)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Benson has a lot of traffic but narrow or non existent pavements so driving faster than 20 poses a risk to pedestrians particularly children, elderly and people crossing from the Coop to the chemists. In many stretches due to parked cars the road is effectively only a single track with limited visibility so driving faster than 20 poses a risk of collision.</p>



	<p>50mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b> Seems too fast</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(26) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, St Helen' Avenue)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I support this proposal as the pavements through the village are either narrow or non-exsistant and will hopefully make it safer for pedestrians .</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b> I think this should be reduced to 30mph when leaving the B4009.</p> <p>Travel change: Not really as I walk around the village already and thus support this proposal.</p>
<p>(27) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, St Helen's Way)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> The increased traffic can do with calming. At present the traffic flows too fast and the crossing outside the tennis courts is dangerous as cars don't always stop when trying to cross.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b> I believe that 50 is too fast</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(28) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Sunnyside)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Too much speeding in Benson.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b> That's a bit too fast, especially for drivers who consistently ignore speed limits</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>

<p>(29) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Walnut Acre)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  The village has become a lot more crowded with a lot of new large developments. The high street and Brook street are very narrow with an in adequate pavement along a long strip of Brook street protected by no kerb. Vehicles and drivers do not respect this and soon a serious accident will happen. Traffic needs to be calmed</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b>  Again as per my answer above. Too much traffic following the old road that circles the village needs to be calmed</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(30) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Millar Close)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Reduction in speed makes for a safer outcome if pedestrians is hit by a vehicle</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b>  I support a 40 mph</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(31) Local Resident/Member of public, (Chalgrove, Berrick Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Narrow roads and pavements.  Increasing population and cars.  Traffic calming measures.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Concerns</b>  Short distance still close to residential area needs calming and controlling. Maybe even less than 50mph preferred.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>

<p>(32) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Brook Street)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  I support this proposal as the roads in Benson are busy and have many parked cars making it dangerous for pedestrians and motorists. I moved to Benson 8 months ago and have already witnessed 2 minor accidents and many near misses in the village. Reducing the speed limit will reduce this risk. Many motorists also speed down Brook Street, where there is insufficient protection on the pavement for pedestrians. These motorists come from Ewelme and although the speed limit is 30 many drive along the road at 50+ mph. Therefore reducing the speed limit to 20 and increasing the number of signs will help reduce speeding through the village. I also currently drive through the village at 20 due to all of the above and find it fine.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b>  I don't know which road this is</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(33) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Chapel Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Narrowness of the roads and footpaths in Benson.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b>  None</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(34) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Observatory Close)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  My children walk along brook street daily to school. There is not a proper pavement for part of the journey and reducing speed will increase safety.  In addition the zebra crossing by zebra is in very regular use - especially by school children and cars come flying around the corner and often dont stop. Reducing speed is essential before the unthinkable happens.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b>  I have never experienced other drivers speeding here / felt the speed needs to be decreased - bit i dont object to lowering the speed either.</p>

	<p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(35) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, One End Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Benson, as with a number of local and parish councils, are increasingly experiencing traffic which is exceeding the existing 30 miles per hour speed limit on various roads through the village. As Oxfordshire is encouraging a reduction to 20 miles per hour on local roads, it seems appropriate to support the proposal.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b>  I do not know the road well enough to be able to comment further.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(36) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Oxford Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Benson is a historic village with small, bendy roads often with narrow or no footpaths on one side of the road, forcing pedestrians to cross at sometimes blind corners. It is very difficult and unsafe to do so when vehicles are driving fast</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b>  Not sure</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(37) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Preston Crowmarsh)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Due to an excessive number of new housing estates , traffic and parking have become much busier and driving through the Benson village requires great care</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b>  x</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>

<p>(38) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Preston Crowmarsh Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  There are parts of Benson - eg near the school - which have a speeding problem. The 30 limit needs cutting to 20 in these areas.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b>  I have no strong feelings on this road</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(39) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, St Helen's)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Safer for children.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b>  I'm not sure which road is being referred to, I thought it was currently a 50 mph road?</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(40) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, St Helen's Avenue)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Because of the ridiculous amount of new houses in Benson, with more being built, there are now many more vehicles on the roads within the village. A 20 mph limit would make the village a safer place.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b>  No opinion on this particular proposal</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(41) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, The Moorlands)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Improved roads safety in and around the village. It is a residential area and roads are often lined with cars, so 20 mph is an appropriate limit.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b></p>

	<p>NA</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(42) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Watlington Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Speeding cars both on the High Street and passing Mill Lane, and speeding cars entering the village from Watlington and the 4074 present a constant danger to residents and pedestrians.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b> not sure which road this is.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(43) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Watlington Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Cars and lorries travel at great speed through the village; certainly exceeding the current 30 mph limit. This is a significant safety concern, particularly for older adults and those with young children. A 20 mph limit would make the village a much safer place</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b> I'm not sure of safety concerns on this road</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(44) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Westfield Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> As a pedestrian and cyclist, it will make things safer</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b> N/a</p> <p>Travel change: I already walk or cycle everywhere</p>

<p>(45) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Westfield Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>          Slowing down the speeds of drivers in built up areas will prevent accidents and any that do occur would be less serious</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b>          na</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(46) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Church Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>          Traffic currently moves too fast on some of the residential roads through the village despite the posted 30 mph limit.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b>          As this is less populated I do not have view as to whether the reduction will increase safety.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(47) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Old London Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>          Cars drive dangerously fast around Benson, especially on the high street, old London road, St Helen’s Avenue, oxford road, Church street, and Brook street. In these roads, there are often parked cars, dog walkers, children on bikes, lack of pavements etc. It isn’t safe to have pedestrian crossings on these roads so speed reduction is the best way to make it safer to cross, I think a reduction in speed will make Benson a safer place to walk, cycle and drive.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b>          N/A</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(48) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Oxford Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p>

	<p>I am concerned particularly with the speed of vehicles on Oxford Road outside the Primary School. I believe it is a national policy that the speed limit outside schools should be 20 mph. In addition speeding vehicles are regularly seen in Brook Street in the vicinity of the shops in central Benson.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b> No opinion</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(49) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Brook Street)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A lower speed limit means fewer accidents and a better living environment for the villagers</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> It is still a fairly local road, used by people for daily trips, including more elderly drivers. A slower road would be “kinder” to the locals</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(50) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Brook Street)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Safer for pedestrians and cyclists</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> Far too fast</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(51) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Gravel Close)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Vehicles are consistently travelling through the village too quickly. Additionally, there is not a safe crossing for school children needing to cross the main road through the village and school warning signs are inadequate. A child will be hit soon whist crossing the road if no action is taken.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p>



	<p>Speed limit is too high.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(52) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Mondays Field)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Traffic speed is a great concern in Benson. With tight corners, narrow roads and tricky junctions from when horse and carts were around around clear vision for pedestrians when crossing is often impossible. Drivers speeding over 30 ends in tragedy over 20 (which is inevitable in some cases) can be less catastrophic. With the new development (where I live) has come more cars, and in turn more speeders and pedestrians. Nobody needs to rush through a village at 30. I have seen this on major cities such as Edinburgh and it slowed down the usual pace. If it's working there why not Benson.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b>  50 not appropriate for any country road. It's a short distance. This would be too much change in short distance.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(53) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Oxford Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  I live opposite the primary school - the volume and speed of traffic passing the school daily is very concerning as a parent - slowing down the speed (WITH CAMERAS) would be really helpful for pedestrian safety.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b>  it's a very narrow road with many walkers, cyclists and cars - 50 mph is too much</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(54) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Westfield Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  A 20 mph zone will I believe reduce traffic speed from current levels for the benefit of all road users but especially pedestrians and children near the local school.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b>  50 mph will often mean higher speeds in practice. 30 mph would be best .</p>

	<p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(55) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Passey Crescent)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  I support the proposal for a 20mph speed limit though Benson village and the roads running through residential areas. This is especially necessary along the length of Brook Street to improve pedestrian safety and slow down vehicles which often exceed the current 30mph limit.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b>  The proposed 50mph speed limit is still to fast for a road that skirts the new residential area. A speed limit of 40mph is ample.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(56) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Mill lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  The village has narrow roads with many pedestrians, this will help protect especially the vulnerable such as elderly and children. Currently too many people speed through Benson well in excess of 30</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Support</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(57) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Brook Street)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Too much traffic driving too fast through village</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  No footpath</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>

<p>(58) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Castle Close)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Speeding through Benson Village NEEDS to be controlled</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Speed needs to be controlled</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(59) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Castle Square)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Many of Benson's roads are narrow and winding, with blind corners (eg Watlington Road as B4009 enters the village), no/very narrow pavements at many points and poor visibility. Traffic, especially in rush hours, does not make sufficient allowance for this or for other road users - cyclists, children on the way to/from school, parents pushing prams, wheelchair users. These issues are exacerbated by selfish/unsafe parking along roads, creating serious hazards - the High Street by the shops in the centre of the village and Oxford Road outside Benson School at drop-off and pick-up times are just two glaring examples.</p> <p>I fully support the proposed 20mph limit for Benson's roads, but feel this needs to be expanded to include Preston Crowmarsh Lane as this is also a narrow road with some very sharp bends, which encourages drivers to drive far too fast. It is not clear to me why this road has not been included in this exercise.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> This road is too narrow and its bend at the 'Harrow' is far too sharp for 60mph to be safe. I support the proposed 50mph change but would prefer 30mph.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(60) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Castle Square)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Traffic coming through the middle of the village can be too fast, especially where the road bends from the Library through to the High Street. This raises very real safety concerns especially as children often cross to and from school in this area.</p>

	<p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> This limit seems suitable for this stretch of road.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(61) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Chapel Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I'm a Pedestrian with baby and toddler, we walk around the village every day, concerned for safety</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Slower limits much safer for everyone</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(62) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Chapel Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> It is clearly apparent that an increasing proportion of drivers are exceeding the 30MPH speed limits within the village. This is making it difficult and at times dangerous for pedestrians, particularly the elderly, mums with prams and young children and people walking their dogs. We all hope that the 20MPH speed limit come into force before somebody gets seriously injured or killed.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Would prefer a 30 MPH limit. This road has no pavements and is frequently used by pedestrians and horses.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(63) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Chenneys Piece)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Need to control the traffic</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> It's a narrow road</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>

<p>(64) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Hale Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  More housing in Benson equals more cars. More housing in surrounding parish means more cars. Likely hood of increases vehicle / predestian conflicts</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Same reason as before</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(65) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Horseshoes Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Benson traffic and speed of traffic has increased substantially since new building began. Crossing roads has become much more difficult - we are retired and need time to cross.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  brings into line with rest of the road to Watlington</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(66) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Mill Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  I support this proposal as it will be safer for residents to have a reduced speed limit. Especially in Benson village centre there is a lot of traffic around the shops and no crossing for pedestrians. It is quite dangerous. Although reducing the speed limit won't elimonate this risk it will help it somewhat.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  This is a fairly narrow country road without many markings. Reducing the speed limit will be safer for other drivers, cyclists and equestrians, as well as wildlife.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(67) Local Resident/Member of</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Please could Preston Crowmarsh be included</p>

<p>public, (Benson, Mondays Field)</p>	<p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Safety of the public, especially children</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(68) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Observatory Close)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Vehicles often go through the village centre at speeds in excess of 30mph. The 20 limit will reduce the numbers doing this but it needs to be enforced!</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  A 60mph limit is too fast for the narrow country lanes where there are often horse riders and walkers.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(69) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Old Barn Close)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Too many speeding vehicles already</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Inconsistencies</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(70) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Old London Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Traffic drives at excessive speed throughout the village of Benson and a lower speed limit of 20 mph needs to be enforced. I therefore support such a scheme.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  To help reduce excessive speed.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>

<p>(71) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Old London Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Danger to pedestrians with the current excessive speed. Especially in the centre by the shops and on residential roads.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Dangerous narrow road.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(72) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Oxford Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  I support the 20mph speed limit plan as one element in the movement to make our roads safer for all but particularly the young, old and infirm.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  I support the 50mph speed limit to both increase road safety and reduce emissions.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(73) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Oxford road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Cars and lorries go through the village too fast especially outside the school.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Appropriate speed</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(74) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Oxford Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Safety of children walking to school and reducing pollution in the village</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  This seems reasonable</p>

	Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b>
(75) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Paddock Close)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Volume of traffic, public safety and safeguarding the environment</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> volume of traffic and public safety</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
(76) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Passey Crescent)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Over the years there has been an increase in the number of vehicles travelling at unacceptable speeds through the village</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I've always thought that 60mph was too fast on this road</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
(77) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, St Helen's Avenue)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Safety. The village streets would be safer with a lower than 30mph speed limit</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Safety</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
(78) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, St Helens Way)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Roads are narrow in places, bumpy and low vis, so a low speed is better for other road users.</p>



	<p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Too dangerous to drive faster. I'd never drive faster than that anyway.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(79) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Watlington Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Many cars drive very fast through the village and a 20 MPH speed limit is essential to keep residents old and young safe</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  I have no objection to this</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(80) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Watlington Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  As a resident of Benson I am very concerned regarding the large volume of traffic passing through the village. In addition to the volume of traffic it is very noticeable that there is an increasing number of heavy haulage vehicles that pass through the village. Even when the more mature drivers pass through the village at the current speed limit, then a fully loaded 30 tonne vehicle could easily demolish any of the buildings that overhang these narrow passing places. I would also like to highlight that I regularly cycle to and from work in Wallingford. It is with increasing regularity that I encounter reckless drivers who attempt to overtake whilst I am approaching these very narrow sections of the road. I firmly believe that an enforced reduction in the speed limit will improve the overall environment of the village and reduce the risk of both vehicle accidents and accidents involving.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  By implementing this speed reduction it would also support the reasons I have provided for the Benson speed reduction.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(81) Local Resident/Member of</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Urgently required for safety and, in a small way, helping to save the planet</p>

<p>public, (Benson, Westfield)</p>	<p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Safety</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(82) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Castle Square)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Lots of kids walk to benson school and to the buses to Wallingford it's very dangerous around castle square and by benson school</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Cars drive very fast at the moment</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(83) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Chapel Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Increased volume of traffic in the village due to new developments (which themselves have a lower speed limit than the rest of the village). Safer roads are a critical element in encouraging active, non car based means of travel</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Increased volume in traffic due to new developments</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(84) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Churchfield Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Would like to see a reduction in speed on the roads in and around Benson.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Sensible</p> <p>Travel change: Run</p>

<p>(85) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Green Close)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  In principle I support this but do have concerns that the on street parking in the village will worsen. Already some road junctions, ie between the B4009 and the High street by the old Castle hotel is often blocked by cars and vans parked on a permanent basis. Ewelme, which has recently introduced a 20 mph limit, is suffering the same effect. If through traffic doesn't have a clear run even at the lower speed then more air pollution is the result.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  It was a ridiculous situation created when the B4009 was reduced to 50mph for financial rather than safety reasons, that then left it's narrower link roads at 60 mph.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(86) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Littleworth Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  The centre of Benson is very busy with traffic which speeds through especially around the junction adjacent to the library, where crossing can be difficult and visibility limited.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(87) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Williams Orchard)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  I am in support for safety reasons for myself and my children as a pedestrian and cyclist.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  Lower speed limits are necessary for safety reasons</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>

<p>(88) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Maple Furlong)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> need lower speed for children and families in the village</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> seems appropriate speed</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(89) Local Resident/Member of public, (Work in Benson)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Safety reasons</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Safety reasons</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(90) Local Resident/Member of public, (RAF Benson, Cross Avenue)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Dangerous to walk through the village with current speed limits. Limited view when driving.</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Significant speeding making it dangerous to cycle along the road</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(91) Local Resident/Member of public, (Benson, Churchfield Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b> I drive slowly anyhow through the village, not because of any speed limit but out of consideration for other people</p> <p>50mph speed limit – <b>No opinion</b> It is difficult and unsafe to go more than 50mph anyhow on that road!! Also the road goes NW not W from the Sands!!!</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>

