

Thank you very much for the documentation. I am now unsure of the status of any proposal for a 20 mph limit on the Reading. In case it should be appropriate or useful I want to state that it would be a very great error to leave the Reading Road out of the 20mph limit area for a number of reasons.

#### 1) Increasing traffic density

Traffic density is ever increasing on this already over-burdened road which in itself necessitates a reduction in speed in order to promote safe usage by pedestrians and cyclists and the comfort and peace of residents.

#### 2) Residential along its length

The Reading Road is an increasingly populated residential area which has properties along its entire length including the medical centre, a retirement home and a nursing home. Many of these properties have tight or partially concealed junctions which would be made safer and less difficult by a reduction in speed limit.

#### 3) Pedestrian and pavement difficulties and safety

Many residents, including myself walk to town. The pavement along the Reading Road is narrow in most places and traffic is intimidating particularly for those of us who have unsteadiness of gait; in addition it is necessary to cross the Reading Road without formal crossings at least twice (three times for residents on the Southern East side) to walk to town with a further crossing at the North end. A lower, enforced, speed limit would help, although the ideal solution would be to increase the width of the pavements and introduce traffic calming measures, which are present on the Wantage Road and in Crowmarsh Gifford, but inexplicably absent from the Reading Road.

#### 4) The safety of Cyclists

There are many cyclists who use the Reading Road, including myself, although my wife has stopped as she finds it too intimidating. There are two constant constrictions by lengths of parked cars, which make the road single lane. Many vehicles attempt to overtake cyclists in these areas which is frankly dangerous. A 20mph limit would encourage vehicles to follow cyclists rather than overtake and which would in turn encourage people to cycle.

#### 5) Consistency across the town and county.

It is frankly baffling that the Reading Road should be excluded from a county and perhaps nationwide movement towards 20mph limits. There is no conceivable reason not to include it for reasons of consistency alone.

I am completely opposed to this 'two stage' process. I think it will encourage people, particularly those in a hurry and likely to speed, to use the Reading Road in preference to other roads into town increasing both traffic density and speeding until the 20 limit extends throughout. Completely illogical and actually harmful.

Please let me know if you need any further information. I am not looking to speak about this, but simply want to register my opinion on an important matter of safety.

Yours sincerely  
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