

Statement – Clifton Hampden 20mph Speed Limits (CMDTMT – 14 Nov)

I live on Oxford Road in Clifton Hampden. We have only lived on the street for 2 years but unfortunately we have now sold our house due to the unbearable traffic and road conditions.

Congestion aside, we are confident that 30mph is simply not safe. Many of the driveways on the road have to pull out blind onto Oxford Road. We have a mirror to increase visibility down the road, but even still cars are travelling too fast down the street, and we have had several near misses since living here. It's only a matter of time before a serious incident occurs. We understand that earlier in the year a car did crash into one of the properties on the street demonstrating this is not a safe road.

Walking down the street feels unsafe. Many residents have dogs and children, and we often have to stop and step into someone else's driveway to feel safe when large SUVs or trade vehicles come down the road. This often discourages us from walking to the local facilities such as the village shop or pub. Clifton Hampden on paper is an idyllic riverside rural setting with a fantastic community, but unfortunately the road conditions make this far from reality, so we are very disheartened to leave.

I urge the council to put the residents who live in Clifton Hampden at the forefront of their decision. Clifton Hampden must have safer roads.

Kay Dale and Steven Fountain.