



Address to Transport Decision Meeting, June 2025 – Robin Tucker, Co-Chair, CoHSAT A420 and Oaksmere Proposed Speed Limits

The A420 is one of Oxfordshire's most dangerous roads. There are frequent crashes, some with horrific results, and many more of them cause substantial delay and disruption.

Speed is a major factor. It is noted as a causal factor in 35% of road deaths – over 500 a year across Britain. It reduces observation time and reaction time, contributing to other causes. And it increases the severity of any collision.

That's why we are pleased to see this Council taking the lead towards in the move towards safer speed limits as part of its Vision Zero programme.

For this stretch of the A420, it makes incredible safety and environmental sense to ask drivers to maintain a steady speed before and after the Tubney Wood roundabout rather than tempt them with an acceleration from 50 to 70 for 500 metres, see how fast you can get round the roundabout, back to 70 for another 400 metres and then slow to 50 again. It's really no surprise that there have been 9 crashes on this stretch in the last 10 years.

We note that the vast majority of consultation respondents agree. We appreciate that a consultation is not a referendum, but many of these people live in the local area and will have directly seen the consequences of over-fast driving around this roundabout.

They, like us, also support the speed reduction into Appleton village.

We hope these will be approved and implemented.