

Divisions affected: *Hendreds and Harwell*

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT
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**WEST HENDRED: A417 READING ROAD – PROPOSED 30MPH
SPEED LIMIT**

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is **RECOMMENDED** to approve as advertised the 30mph speed limit on the A417 Reading Road either side of its junction with The Greenway in West Hendred.

Executive summary

2. This report presents responses to a consultation on a proposal to lower part of the 40mph speed limit on the A417 Reading Road. The proposals will see a 30mph speed limit introduced either side of its junction with The Greenway from the current 50mph speed limit west of the junction, to a point 240 metres northeast of that junction as shown in **Annex 1**.
3. Additional measures to help reinforce the proposed limit will also be introduced, which include improved 'Gateway' features to clearly define the speed limit, 'dragons-teeth' type carriageway markings, and replacement of the existing 'Vehicle Activated Sign'.

Financial Implications

4. Funding for the proposals, including consultation will be met from County Council's Accessibility and Road Safety Fund.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

Sustainability Implications

6. The proposals seek to improve road safety for residents and those wishing to use public transport.

Formal consultation

7. A formal consultation was carried out between 28 June and 28 July 2023. A notice was published in the Oxfordshire Herald Series newspaper, and an email was 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, the Vale of White Horse District Council, local District Cllr's, West Hendred & East Hendred parish councils, and the local County Councillor representing the Hendreds and Harwell division.
8. 124 responses were received via the online survey during the course of the formal consultation, with: 110 in support (89%), eight objecting (6%), and six raising concerns (5%).
9. Additionally, a further three emails were received, with West Hendred Parish Council & the G-Ahead Group (local bus service operator) supporting, and Thames Valley Police (TVP) raising concerns.
10. The full responses are shown at **Annex 2**, and copies of the original submissions are available for inspection by County Councillors.

Officer response to objections/concerns

11. Thames Valley Police raised concerns – suggesting that speed limits should be considered as part of a package of measures to help manage vehicle speeds and improve road safety at a given location, and that changes to the highway (such as vertical traffic calming or re-aligning the road) should also be considered.
12. Objections have been received regarding increased journey time and therefore the justification of lowering the limit from the current 40mph to 30mph. The proposed section is 369 metres in length, so the additional journey time will be minimal. Additionally, within this 369-metre section are residential properties, commercial properties and bus stops which pedestrians have found difficult to access due to current vehicle speeds.
13. Concerns have been raised about the effectiveness that 'sign only' limits have on mean vehicle speeds. The proposals contained in this scheme include additional new 'gateway' features, dragons teeth road markings, and larger repeater signs accompanied by roundel markings on the carriageway to further bring the lower speed limit to drivers attention.
14. Concerns are raised that the reduction in the speed limit will promote new housing development, we are unaware of any such proposals for further development at this time.

15. A new formal pedestrian crossing has been requested, however this does not form part of this scheme. Officers can confirm that this is currently being investigated separately from these specific proposals.

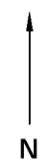
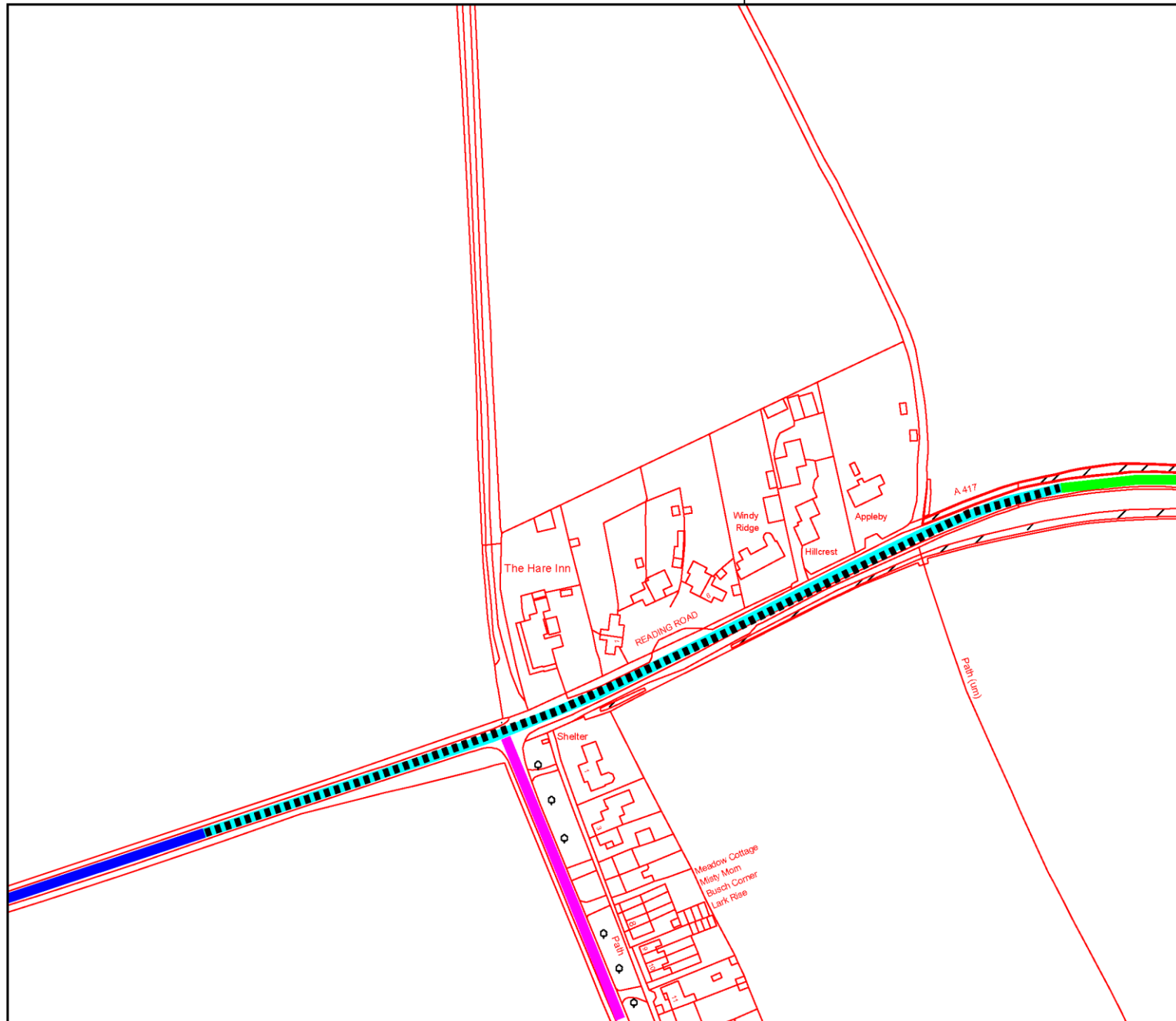
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Annexes	Annex 1; Consultation plan
	Annex 2: Consultation responses

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Respondent	COMMENTS
<p>(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)</p>	<p>Concerns – Thames Valley Police welcome the opportunity to engage on plans for road safety improvement .</p> <p>Compliance with new speed 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. 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 (www.gov.uk)) 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"> • history of collisions • road geometry and engineering • road function • composition of road users (including existing and potential levels of vulnerable road users) • existing traffic speeds (Speed data received would support a lower speed limit) • road environment

	<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>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. I understand a formal crossing point is also being considered at this location.</p>
(2) West Hendred Parish Council	<p>Support – West Hendred Parish Council wholeheartedly supports the proposal to reduce the speed limit on the A417 at West Hendred to 30mph, along with all the other measures indicated.</p>
(3) Business Development and Partnerships Manager, (Go-Ahead Group)	<p>Support – Go-Ahead operates three bus routes through West Hendred as follows:</p> <p>The X35 operated by Thames Travel runs up to every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday between Didcot and Wantage with one bus per hour continuing to Faringdon. On Sundays buses operate up to every hour between Didcot and Wantage.</p> <p>The 43 service (until recently numbered 34) is operated by Oxford Bus Company. It operates at peak times only and is timed to be suitable for those working at Harwell Campus.</p> <p>The BB4 operated by Thames Travel operates on Didcot Girls’ School and St Birinus School days only. It is timed to be suitable for pupils attending these schools and is also open to the general public.</p> <p>The proposals for West Hendred are limited in scope seeing a short section (369 metres) of the A417 Reading Road with a speed limit reduced from 40mph to 30mph. The main village lies to the south of the A417 with a small number of houses and The Hare Inn to the north. A pair of bus stops are located on this section of road served by the three services above. The reduced speed limit should make it easier for bus passengers wishing to cross the road to get to or from these stops.</p> <p>We therefore support the proposals to introduce a short section of 30mph speed limit on the A417 in West Hendred.</p>

	As we have stated in previous consultations it is important that buses are able to make progress where it is safe for them to do so. Slowing journeys makes services less attractive to passengers and serves to encourage negative modal shift from public transport to private motor vehicles. Not only is this contrary to the Council's policies, but increased motor traffic is detrimental to other active travel modes such as walking and cycling.
(4) Local resident, (Ardington, School Road)	Object – The current speed is quite efficient. It can go under 30 2010 miles an hour if we have a cyclist on the road and then it can take 20 to 25 minutes as the traffic close behind it..
(5) Local resident, (Ardington & Lockinge)	Object – I don't think we need more speed controls, i think we need better infrastructure and a cycle lane all along the A427! Because of all the housing being built and extra vehicles on the single lane road!!! Thank you. Garry Grant.
(6) Local resident, (East Hendred, Orchard close)	Object – There is clear road between West hendred and Ardington safe to drive at 50 mph
(7) Local resident, (Harwell, High Street)	Object – Cut verges to improve visibility. Use of Police speed checks to deter speeders. Already 30, 40, 30 along this stretch of road, too many signs and variables to confidently navigate. You will be suggesting 20mph along here next. Perhaps we should go back 150 years and travel by horse. Teach children green cross code. I have crossed this road unscathed as an adult and child for 40 years.
(8) Local resident, (Harwell, High Street)	Object – Cut the verges improve visibility. Install crossing for pedestrians
(9) Member of public, (Sutton Courtenay, Tyrrells Way)	Object – If it is to make crossing for children safer, perhaps it would be more effective to have a crossing in place? Making a road 30mph doesn't mean that people will stick to it unfortunately.
(10) Local resident, (Wantage, Mably Grove)	Object – There is absolutely no reason why this road should have to be 30mph. It is fine as it is now. It takes up to 40 mins in tbe morning to get fro. WANTAGE to heandred already .

<p>(11) Local resident, (West Hendred, Reading Road)</p>	<p>Object – I'm all for the 30mph speed limit however with that limit there is chance more housing development will be made in the fields behind the The Hare and opposite the The Hare further down from the pub towards the Vineyard as this is usually the case once a road becomes 30mph. If you can advise and confirm if there are housing plans for those fields and areas as quite honestly there is enough housing already and not only that it's the individual drivers to keep to the limit. Perhaps see if about getting SID camera by The Hare pub or make sure the existing traffic calming Camera is working first as I'm not sure it is.</p>
<p>(12) Local resident, (Ardington, A417)</p>	<p>Concerns – Traffic is already at less than waking pace during peak times because of the 2 pedestrian crossings st East Hendred. This will make the traffic at almost a standstill.</p>
<p>(13) Local resident, (Wantage, Grove Park Drive)</p>	<p>Concerns – Multiple changes of speed limits on the main roads out of Wantage are unhelpful</p>
<p>(14) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Concerns – This proposal is long overdue. The only village without a 30 limit along the A417 between Wantage and Reading. All too often the 40MPH is ignored. The OCC have been slow, or ignored local residents who have to contend with speeding vehicles whilst trying to turn into the village. Previous excuses given were poor at best. This at least is a start. What is needed is a roundabout, traffic lights or traffic calming measures.</p>
<p>(15) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Concerns – My daughter has to cross this road everyday and due to traffic increase, lorries, increase in speed, it has become a big concern for me and other parents. It's a dangerous blind spot when crossing from west Hendred.</p>
<p>(16) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Concerns – I'm elderly with a walking disability and have to cross the road to catch a bus/coach. It's becoming a major concern so much so I will not cross the road as it's too dangerous.</p>
<p>(17) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Concerns – I have poor sight and restrict mobility I use a mobility scooter and that makes it hard to cross the as there is no dropped kerb to cross the A417 without going on to the Greenway road, this makes it dangerous putting scooter at risk of vehicles turning into the Greenway especially from vehicles coming from the Didcot direction. But please also take into consideration the children crossing this busy road to catch or getting off the school buses, yes I agree to a 30 speed limit if that meant a controlled pedestrian crossing on a very heavily used road.</p>

(18) Local resident, (Ardington, High Street)	Support – Safety for the elderly and children crossing to and from school or going out
(19) Local resident, (Ardington, High Street)	Support – The road is dangerous to cross as it stands with the current speed limit.
(20) Local resident, (Ardington, The Rickyard)	Support – Number of accidents and near misses occurring daily to which I can witness.
(21) Local Cllr, (Ardington, Well Street)	Support – Pedestrians crossing the road to access bus stop - a lot of them school children.
(22) Member of public, (Ardington, High Street)	Support – As a driver along the road from a neighbouring village (Ardington) this is not safe for children crossing as it is
(23) Local resident, (Ardington, School Road)	Support – There is a bus stop by the hare which is used by villagers including many schoolchildren
(24) Local resident, (Ardington, The Rickyard)	Support – We have seen one serious accident in this location let us protect our local residents now
(25) Member of public, (Didcot, Dudwell)	Support – Child who use schools in both wantage and Didcot have to cross that busy road we need a lower speed limit before a child is killed
(26) Local resident, (East Hendred, Cat Street)	

	Support – Many children cross the road to/from The Greenway, and there have been serious incidents where people, including children, have been hit by vehicles on this section of the A417. It is vital to reduce the speed limit to help prevent serious or fatal accidents occurring.
(27) Local resident, (East Hendred, Cat Street)	Support – A teenager was hit by a car near The Hare pub two years ago at the bus stop. It is a very dangerous crossing used by many children getting to and from school.
(28) Local resident, (East Hendred, Cat Street)	Support – I support it as it would help make it a safer place for children to cross the road in order to catch their school bus.
(29) Local resident, (East hendred, Cat Street)	Support – To make crossing the road safer
(30) Local resident, (East Hendred, Church street)	Support – Children crossing a road where cars are driving at 40mph is unacceptable
(31) Local resident, (East Hendred, Church Street)	Support – Safety of traffic and pedestrians.
(32) Local resident, (East Hendred, Coulings Close)	Support – I am supporting the reduction in the speed limit for the safety of people trying to cross the road and also for the local residents that live on the road and also for the ease of cars trying to turn out of west hendred
(33) Local resident, (East Hendred, High Street)	Support – The A417 is a fast road that is full to capacity and the current speed limit does not reflect the built up environment through West Hendred. In addition to a reduction in the speed limit, there is an urgent need to provide a safe lighted crossing for school children to access the bus service.
(34) Local resident, (East Hendred, Horn Lane)	Support – Difficult to cross, especially for children

<p>(35) Local resident, (East Hendred, Mill Lane)</p>	<p>Support – Safety - very hard to turn out of this junction at rush hour and dangerous for children to cross road after bus drop off.</p>
<p>(36) Member of public, (East hendred, Mill Lane)</p>	<p>Support – Make it safer to cross the road</p>
<p>(37) Local resident, (East Hendred, Mill Lane)</p>	<p>Support – The reduction in speed limit would benefit both drivers and pedestrians who needs to cross safely</p>
<p>(38) Local Disrtrict Cllr, (East Hendred, Newbury Road)</p>	<p>Support – I hear from residents and have experienced for myself how difficult and dangerous the A417 is to cross in West Hendred. The section where the reduction in speed limit is proposed also has the only bus stops serving West Hendred so anyone using public transport and all children accessing school buses have to cross this road, either on their outward or their return journey. I hear from some parents that they are reluctant to let children travel independently by bus to school because of the difficulty and danger in crossing here. I strongly support the reduction of the speed limit to 30 mph on the A417 in West Hendred as proposed. I believe that it will improve safety, encourage the use of buses, and support the local pub which is on the other side of the road from most of the village residents.</p>
<p>(39) Local resident, (East Hendred, Newbury Road)</p>	<p>Support – I am concerned for children crossing the road, and also cars having near misses turning out of greenway because increasing traffic is driving fast.</p>
<p>(40) Local resident, (East Hendred, Portway Close)</p>	<p>Support – I have children that have nearly been knocked down on the road. So many drivers drive straight through the red light. That road frightens me. I have also been sucked in when large lorries pass.</p>
<p>(41) Local resident, (East Hendred, The Spinney)</p>	<p>Support – The traffic is too fast past the village</p>

(42) Local resident, (East Hendred, White Riady)	Support – Children have to cross the road to get in school buses. It's very dangerous currently
(43) Local resident, (East Hendred, White Road)	Support – Children crossing means anything higher than 30 is an accident waiting to happen. These are local children needing to catch school buses across the road from the village. Cars at 40 are not possible to see in time due to visibility and the angle of the approach. Children are unable to effectively judge speed. 30 is expected in a residential area, and 30 is important when children within the resident area are crossing. Traffic lights as a pedestrian crossing would also be welcomed. There is not really a reason not to impose a 30 limit in this area
(44) Local resident, (East Hendred, Allins Lane)	Support – Road is dangerous for children who have no choice but to cross it to catch school bus
(45) Local resident, (East hendred, Mill Lane)	Support – I fear it could only be a matter of time before another child gets hurt with there being such a dangerous crossing point. Any measures to reduce the risk of this happening have got to be a good thing,
(46) Local resident, (East Hendred, Mill Lane)	Support – It is a busy road and children and adults getting off the bus to cross the road, as well as cars coming out of West Hendred.
(47) Local resident, (East Hendred, Mill Lane)	Support – Due to children crossing on a daily basis. A safer crossing is essential.
(48) Local resident, (East Hendred, Newbury)	Support – It's really fast at the moment and people don't observe the 40 limit currently in place. Consider a camera to slow drivers down too
(49) Local resident, (East Hendred, Orchard Lane)	Support – Dangerous crossing for young people getting to school.

<p>(50) Local resident, (East Hendred, Portway Close)</p>	<p>Support – The road has become very busy with an increasing number of children requiring to cross to reach bus stops, lack of footpaths and where there are footpaths too narrow and overgrown. I have cycled the road and see far too many speeding cars. We also regularly see people going through red lights which all adds to the view that the road is becoming a danger to local residents.</p>
<p>(51) Local resident, (East Hendred, Portway Close)</p>	<p>Support – I believe it will make crossing the road for school children safer</p>
<p>(52) Local resident, (East Hendred, Smiths Rickyard)</p>	<p>Support – I have seen how difficult it is for people to cross that busy road, there should be a crossing as there is a bus stop . East Hendred had 2 very close to on another</p>
<p>(53) Local resident, (East Hendred, Woods Farm Road)</p>	<p>Support – Have witnessed too many near misses involving excess Speed.</p>
<p>(54) Local resident, (East Lockinge)</p>	<p>Support – Safety, children crossing from school bus, exiting the Hare Public House (views not good on exiting) and drivers drive too fast treating that section as 50mph. Hazard for residents to exit parking in both lay-by. There has been fatalities and injuries to residents crossing.</p>
<p>(55) Local resident, (East. Hendred, Church Sreet)</p>	<p>Support – It's a dangerous road to get onto in a car let alone children trying to access school buses on the other side of the road.</p>
<p>(56) Local resident, (East Hendred, Horn Lane)</p>	<p>Support – Dangerous fast road, motorists do not obey speed limit. Needs a pedestrian crossing!! Many accidents along the 417 and entrances to villages, including one fatal at Ardington. Let's not wait until the next one is a child at hendred</p>
<p>(57) Local resident, (Ginge)</p>	<p>Support – I fully support the proposed speed limit of 30mph for the following reasons :- 1. The proposed speed limit supports the objective of protecting life and preventing harm.</p>

	<p>2. The proposed speed limit supports the flow of traffic along the A417 whilst improving the safe flow of traffic (including cars and cycles) onto the A417 and exiting the A417 at the West Hendred junction.</p> <p>3. The increase of traffic flow along the A417 with housing development (both new residential commuting and construction traffic) increase the risk at this junction necessitating improved safety features.</p> <p>4. There are also licensed premises at this junction requiring entry /exit on to the A417.</p> <p>5. There are a number of residential premises with requirement to enter/exit on to the A417 along this stretch of Road.</p> <p>6. The road is limited in width and has limited visibility from the junction and along the road.</p>
(58) Local resident, (Ginge)	<p>Support – I fully support the proposed speed limit of 30mph for the following reasons :-</p> <p>1. The proposed speed limit supports the objective of protecting life and preventing harm. Especially for children, and the elderly who have to cross the A417 to get to the Bus Stop at the West Hendred Junction.</p> <p>2. The proposed speed limit supports the flow of traffic along the A417 whilst improving the safe flow of traffic (including cars and cycles) onto the A417 and exiting the A417 at the West Hendred junction.</p> <p>3. The increase of traffic flow along the A417 with housing development (both new residential commuting and construction traffic) increase the risk at this junction necessitating improved safety features.</p> <p>4. There are also licensed premises at this junction requiring entry /exit on to the A417.</p> <p>5. There are a number of residential premises with requirement to enter/exit on to the A417 along this stretch of Road.</p> <p>6. The road is limited in width and has limited visibility from the junction and along the road.</p>
(59) Member of public, (Grove, King side)	<p>Support – Children have to cross that road when they get on / off the school bus it's very dangerous for them</p>
(60) Local resident, (Grove)	<p>Support – I support the proposal as the current situation which has been bad and declining for many years has no reached the point where a fatal collision is unfortunately inevitable</p>
(61) Local resident, (Hendred, High street)	<p>Support – Dangerous road for people who need to cross for bus stop</p>
(62) Local resident, (Steventon, Milbank Way)	<p>Support – the road is very busy and visibility is poor. children need to cross the road to catch the school bus. 30 mph would hopefully slow everything down a bit</p>

<p>(63) Local resident, (Upton, A417)</p>	<p>Support – A friends child had to cross this road to get to the school bus & it is terrifying for her as the traffic is currently so fast</p>
<p>(64) Local resident, (Wantage, Kingsgrove Estate)</p>	<p>Support – cars speed , i know people who turn at the roundabout myself included because the road is too busy to turn out towards wantage from kings grove. i was speaking to a mum with young children and she said she had a hard job getting off the bus that drops off on the reading road to get a push chair and small child back across to come on to the estate . it also effective means people dont walk into ardington because the road can be too busy to want to cross. they need a zebra crossing with lights to make the bus stop safer for people returning to knigsgrove. it also prohibits older people or peopel with disabilities crossing back over . unless they had a proper crossing</p>
<p>(65) Local resident, (Wantage, Larkdown)</p>	<p>Support – Consistent speed limit from Rowstock to Wantage</p>
<p>(66) Local resident, (Wantage, Rae Crescent)</p>	<p>Support – This road has got so busy and fast that it's almost impossible to get across even in a car. I usually drive down to the next junction and turn around to come back on myself. My mum lives here too and she often avoids coming out of her road as she struggles to cross the road safely. I strongly support a slower speed limit now the new housing estate has been built and brought more traffic to the area</p>
<p>(67) Local resident, (Wantage, Roman Way)</p>	<p>Support – It is a dangerous road particularly when Cyclists are using it and some drivers overtake at dangerous points. Also wild life comes across the road particularly at night I.e. monk jacks, and are killed, maimed and can cause accidents as many drivers drive too fast.</p>
<p>(68) Local resident, (Wantage, Charlton Road)</p>	<p>Support – I am supporting this change in speed limit as children have to cross this road twice a day to get on an off public and school buses along with local residents. Is there a possibility of traffic lights along side the 30mph speed limit change ?!</p>
<p>(69) Member of public, (East Hendred)</p>	<p>Support – A danger for school children crossing on a fast road daily.</p>

<p>(70) As part of a group/organisation, (West Hendred, A417)</p>	<p>Support – Children cross this road everyday, including my daughter, and it is a threat to life as it stands, so a lower speed limit would lessen the risk.</p>
<p>(71) Local resident, (West Hendred, Ginge)</p>	<p>Support – Safety concerns</p>
<p>(72) Local resident, (West Hendred, Ginge Lane)</p>	<p>Support – The road is incredibly busy and crossing to reach the other side to obtain access to public transport links is dangerous. There are school aged children having to cross in both directions at busy commuter times. As well as adults, some who may need support to cross. There is also the pedestrian access to the Pub which can be tricky at lunchtimes and again at busy commuter times.</p>
<p>(73) Local resident, (West Hendred, Ginge Road)</p>	<p>Support – It is very dangerous and incredibly time consuming to either exit the village by car, or cross the road as a pedestrian. The traffic is now continuous at peak times (and at most other times as well]</p>
<p>(74) Local resident, (West Hendred, Ginge Road)</p>	<p>Support – It is notoriously dangerous to cross the Reading Road (A417) We have school children that need to cross to use the school bus! Access to the pub is also very dangerous for those disabled or with restricted movement using mobility scooters. Drivers also struggle to exit the Greenway. How many more accidents will it take to improve the safety for local residents?</p>
<p>(75) Local resident, (West Hendred, Ginge Road)</p>	<p>Support – This is a long overdue change to protect residents of the village especially children who have to cross the road to catch buses</p>
<p>(76) Local resident, (West Hendred, Ginge Road)</p>	<p>Support – I've lived in west hendred for 23 years, since I was 4 years old. As a young girl I would get dropped off by the school bus at the hare then have to cross the road to go into the village and walk home. At a busy time this was so dangerous and difficult to do. Even if cars are doing the speed limit of 50mph, crossing two lanes of traffic made it near impossible. Over the years I saw and had many near misses. A 30mph zone may make this easier. I can't imagine how elderly residents cross the road to catch a bus to Didcot safely. I think there should be a crossing there,</p>

	but a 30 zone is it start. As a driver I know it will be annoying, but as someone who's had to cross that road many times I think it's a good idea
(77) Local resident, (West Hendred, Ginge Road)	Support – Coming in and out of adjoining junctions is very difficult and dangerous. In addition people often significantly exceed the current permitted speed limit. Numerous children from our village of West Hendred have to cross this very dangerous road in the absence of any crossing,
(78) Local resident, (West Hendred, Ginge Road)	Support – I support the proposals having moved to West Hendred 2 1/2 years ago from Greater London. We have seen the lowering is speed limits work, my recent speed awareness course confirmed to me the real danger of even a few MPH in the event of an accident and the traffic is generally too fast along the stretch of main road linking West and East Hendred
(79) Local resident, (West Hendred, Ginge Road)	Support – Son uses the crossing daily to get the bus for school. Cars rarely slow down coming out of the 50 zone
(80) Local resident, (West Hendred, Greenway)	Support – Safety for vulnerable people in the village crossing the road and the speed that people drive the road at present
(81) Local resident, (West Hendred, Main Village Road)	Support – The A417 is increasingly busy due to residential developments - particularly around Wantage and this proposal is an essential traffic calming measure to improve safety for pedestrians and car users turning out and into West Hendred
(82) Local resident, (West Hendred, Manor Lane)	Support – I would also support the reduction of the 30mph limit in West Hendred to be reduced to 20mph at the same time that the proposal is introduced. Too many people/delivery vans etc. drive faster than 30 mph along the Greenway and through the centre of West Hendred village. At the centre is a pair of sharp bends (the first with a blind turning) the latter of which leads over the small bridge and in virtually adjacent to the village playing field. There are often children in and around the vicinity of the bridge as its a popular playing area in the stream.

<p>(83) Local resident, (West Hendred, Manor Lane)</p>	<p>Support – Essential for children’s safety arriving from school by bus. Desirable for residents turning out into busy road.</p>
<p>(84) Local resident, (West Hendred, Manor Lane)</p>	<p>Support – At the moment it is quite dangerous to cross the A417 road as traffic comes very fast and at busy times of the day is almost continuous . It will also allow cars a safer pulling out time .</p>
<p>(85) Local resident, (West Hendred, Manor Lane)</p>	<p>Support – Essential to enable local residents to have a chance of crossing the road too and from the bus stop safely, as well as for car drivers to be able to turn in and out of the Greeway with less risk to themselves and other road users.</p>
<p>(86) Local resident, (West Hendred, Manor Lane)</p>	<p>Support – Reducing the speed limit on the A417 through West Hendred to 30 mph and introducing additional speed reduction measures will provide much needed safety improvement for accessing both public transport and the pub. It would also improve amenity value throughout the village by reducing road noise, and help to integrate the houses on the North side of the A417 with the rest of the village. It would also be very sensible to introduce a 20mph throughout the village.</p>
<p>(87) Local resident, (West Hendred, Mill Lane)</p>	<p>Support – Safety</p>
<p>(88) Local resident, (West hendred, Reading Road)</p>	<p>Support – It's a very dangerous road that needs more than just a reduction of the speed limit. In my first year of living on reading road I encountered 9 cars overturned, smashed into hedges and trees alone.</p>
<p>(89) Local resident, (West Hendred)</p>	<p>Support – I lived at the Extraordinary hare and was involved in an accident just outside simply because someone was going too fast. I also know how dangerous it is to cross especially when walking dogs or crossing with children.</p>
<p>(90) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Support – Because traffic goes too far and villagers are at danger when crossing the road</p>

<p>(91) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Support – My daughter and her friends cross the road every morning to catch the bus to school and it's incredibly busy at 08:40; the cars travel quickly, very close together and are very frequent. Reducing the speed limit by 10mph would decrease the stopping distance by 13m which could be the difference between my daughter and her friends crossing safely vs. another incident where someone is hit and badly injured.</p>
<p>(92) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Support – I am supporting the proposal because the volume of traffic has increased significantly in recent years, making the road more difficult and dangerous to cross. As a parent, I am not comfortable letting my children cross the road and use the bus service, meaning I drive them to where they need to be. Lowering the speed limit will make it easier to cross, or at least, less dangerous and bring the limit in-line with other villages in the surrounding area. The local environment will benefit from a reduction in pollution (including noise pollution), with cars going slower. A lower limit may also encourage more locals to use public transport. It makes no sense that other surrounding villages already have a 30mph limit.</p>
<p>(93) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Support – I often need to cross the A417 at the top of West Hendred, to visit the pub, make use of the rights of way and to catch the bus, and during busy times, this feels very unsafe and I usually have to run across the road. Also when pulling out of the junction from the village to join the A417, I often see groups of children and teenagers struggling to cross the road and have also many times seen cars having to slow to allow gaps in the traffic for people to cross. It's my opinion that a serious accident is waiting to happen at this location involving pedestrians and vehicles.</p>
<p>(94) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Support – It is an extremely dangerous crossing - especially for older, younger and injured/disabled people - needing to get to other side for the bus, pub and walks. Plus it takes so long for cars to pullout of the Greenway as he cars are going so fast - also an accident waiting to happen! Plus at least one dog has been run-over and killed there...</p>
<p>(95) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Support – One young girl having already been knocked down when trying to cross the road. Further accidents waiting to happen. Incredibly difficult to cross the road in the mornings in particular. Although a 30mph speed limit is needed, a crossing is needed arguably more so as although speed is an issue, a speed limit reduction does not address the issue of the volume of traffic.</p>

<p>(96) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Support – People need to access both sides of the A417 at the West Hendred junction and it is extremely dangerous. Lowering the speed limit to 30 will slightly reduce this risk but also hopefully open the way for further modifications to the road to allow for safe crossing.</p>
<p>(97) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Support – I have children that need to cross the road on their return from the local secondary school (King Alfred School). The road has high traffic volumes and people exceed the speed limit. My next door neighbour's child was hit by a car recently on her way to school - she received serious injuries. This stretch of road is not safe.</p>
<p>(98) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Support – My two sons cross the road on the way home from secondary school. It is difficult for them to judge the speed of cars when trying to cross. My youngest son (year 7) was nearly hit just last week. In the winter and in the rain it is incredibly dangerous, in addition on wednesdays the school bus arrives back later - when it is already dark. The younger ones when they start secondary school have to tag along with the older kids as they find it hard to work out when it is safe. If they don't manage to cross with the older ones then they get stranded and have to do it on their own. We used to have to advise our son to go into the pub for help or actually arrange to park at the pub to pick them up. My neighbour's daughter was knocked over not so long ago. I could go on other than to say if I think about it too much it scares me, them crossing the road every evening.</p>
<p>(99) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Support – My child regularly crosses this road, and I would like to decrease the chances of her being injured on the road</p>
<p>(100) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Support – The A417 at West Hendred is getting busier as more vehicles use the road, making it harder and unsafe for all people crossing the road, school children, people using public transport, walkers and people using the Public House.</p>
<p>(101) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)</p>	<p>Support – At rush hour, it is difficult and dangerous to cross the road. School children in particular are at significant risk</p>

(102) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)	Support – This section of A417 is very dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and cars.
(103) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)	Support – For increased safety when crossing A417
(104) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)	Support – Supporting at a local resident whose children need to cross the road to catch the school bus on a daily basis, but as a parent fear for their safety in being able to cross on their own. As a parent you want to allow your child to be more independent and responsible but this is not possible due to the busy traffic who are usually traveling too fast along this stretch of village road.
(105) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)	Support – My daughter has to cross the A417 everyday to get the bus to Didcot and people habitually speed in excess of the current 40 posted limit. We now have a parent rota in place to help the kids cross and it's incredibly dangerous. We still need a crossing (which will address the volume of traffic issue) but reducing the speed limit will definitely help
(106) Local resident, (West hendred, The Greenway)	Support – It's a nightmare/dangerous crossing the road there
(107) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Millham)	Support – So many near misses & most people don't even slow down to 40. Very difficult to cross the road, especially if you a bit slow.
(108) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Millham)	Support – Dangerous road for people, especially school children, to cross after alighting from a bus
(109) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Millham)	Support – I support the proposal as it is getting more difficult and dangerous to get out of West Hendred or to cross the road to or from the bus stop or pub

<p>(110) Local resident, (West Hendred, A417)</p>	<p>Support – I regularly cross this road whilst walking with my 4 year old son and my twins in a buggy and the speed limit of cars passing is too much. The road is busy and visibility for crossing is poor. The idea of letting a child cross it for school scares me</p>
<p>(111) Local resident, (West Hendred, Bankside)</p>	<p>Support – Children crossing the road to use bus stops to get to school find it incredibly difficult to safely cross</p>
<p>(112) Local resident, (West Hendred, Bankside)</p>	<p>Support – The road is extremely busy and quite fast and lots of children and adults try and cross it for buses regularly. There has already been several incidents and one near fatality, the situation cannot stay as it is.</p>
<p>(113) Local resident, (West Hendred, Ginge Road)</p>	<p>Support – It is dangerous for children crossing and drivers turning out with the current 40mins limit.</p>
<p>(114) Local resident, (West Hendred, Ginge Road)</p>	<p>Support – To make it a safer road for pedestrians and motorists</p>
<p>(115) Local resident, (West Hendred, Manor lane)</p>	<p>Support – I have lived in West Hendred for 15 years and have watched the near misses that happen on the A417 on a regular basis as children cross for their school buses. I spent 7 years supervising my own children crossing the road and picking them up every night to keep them safe.</p>
<p>(116) Local resident, (West hendred, Manor Lane)</p>	<p>Support – Safety of pedestrians especially children crossing road for school buses</p>
<p>(117) Local resident, (West Hendred, Mill Lane)</p>	<p>Support – Dozens of school children cross this dangerous section of road every week to catch their bus. The ever increasing quantity of traffic is increasing the level of danger our children are exposed to. In the absence of a pedestrian crossing we need to reduce the speed limit to help mitigate the current risk of a fatal accident.</p>

(118) Local resident, (West Hendred, Millham)	Support – Necessary for safety of locals especially vulnerable
(119) Local resident, (West Hendred, Reading Road)	Support – I live next to The Hare and my children cross the road frequently
(120) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)	Support – Safer crossing for children and safer use of the junction with the Greenway.
(121) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)	Support – Crossing the road is currently highly dangerous, a 30mph limit would go some way to making it safer
(122) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)	Support – To reduce the risk of crossing the A417 to people from the village
(123) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Greenway)	Support – I am quite disabled and partly blind.. I cannot get across the road. Terrified of traffic speed, and poor judgement due to disability.
(124) Local resident, (West Hendred, The Millham)	Support – It's a very busy road for children to cross to catch school buses. Reducing the speed limit will reduce the likelihood of further serious accidents. A crossing would reduce this risk even further.
(125) Local resident, (West Hendred, Waygreen)	Support – Safety concerns for cross the road to Bus stop and the Hare Pub.
(126) Local resident, (West Hendred Ginge Road)	Support – It's a dreadful road for accidents. There is no respect for villages getting out of west Hendred. Or through our village either. The lorries and visitors to stables that come through our village have no respect for villagers.

(127) Local resident,
(West Hendrewd, West
Hendred)

Support – To make it safer for my children to cross the road to the bus stop and to reduce speed of traffic entering the village.