

Divisions affected: *Ploughley*

## **DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT**

**23 MAY 2024**

### **ARDLEY WITH FEWCOTT: PROPOSED 20MPH & 30MPH SPEED LIMITS**

Report by Corporate Director for Environment and Place

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management is **RECOMMENDED** to:

- a) **Approve the introduction of 20mph and 30mph speed limits in Ardley with Fewcott, as advertised.**

#### **Executive Summary**

1. The report presents responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph and 30mph speed limits in Ardley with Fewcott as shown in **Annex 1**.
2. As a result of feedback received from a consultation carried out in September 2023, the proposals were amended slightly so that the existing 40mph speed limit on the B430 & Ardley Road (east of the B430) would be replaced by a new lower 30mph speed limit.

#### **Financial Implications**

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

#### **Legal Implications**

4. No legal implications have been identified in respect of the proposals.

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

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

## Sustainability Implications

- The proposals would help encourage walking and cycling within Ardley with Fewcott by making them safer and more attractive.

## Formal Consultation

- Formal consultation was carried out between 22 February and 15 March 2024. A notice was published in the Bicester Advertiser 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, Cherwell District Council, the local District Cllrs, Ardley with Fewcott, and Stoke Lyne Parish Councils, and the local County Councillor representing the Ploughley division.

## Statutory Consultee Responses:

- 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 objection. They also queried the consistency of proposals across Parishes, with a 30mph speed limit being proposed for the B430 in Ardley, yet in Middleton Stoney it is being proposed to be 20mph. Noting the latter comment, officers consider there to be material differences in the character of the roadside development - including premises directly adjacent to the B430 at Middleton Stoney - accounting for the difference in the proposals.
- Oxford Bus Company offered no objection – confirming that no regular public buses services operate along the roads concerned in the village, and that the 30mph speed limit on the B430 is considered to be appropriate having regard to the objectives of policy, whilst facilitating appropriate movement of through traffic.

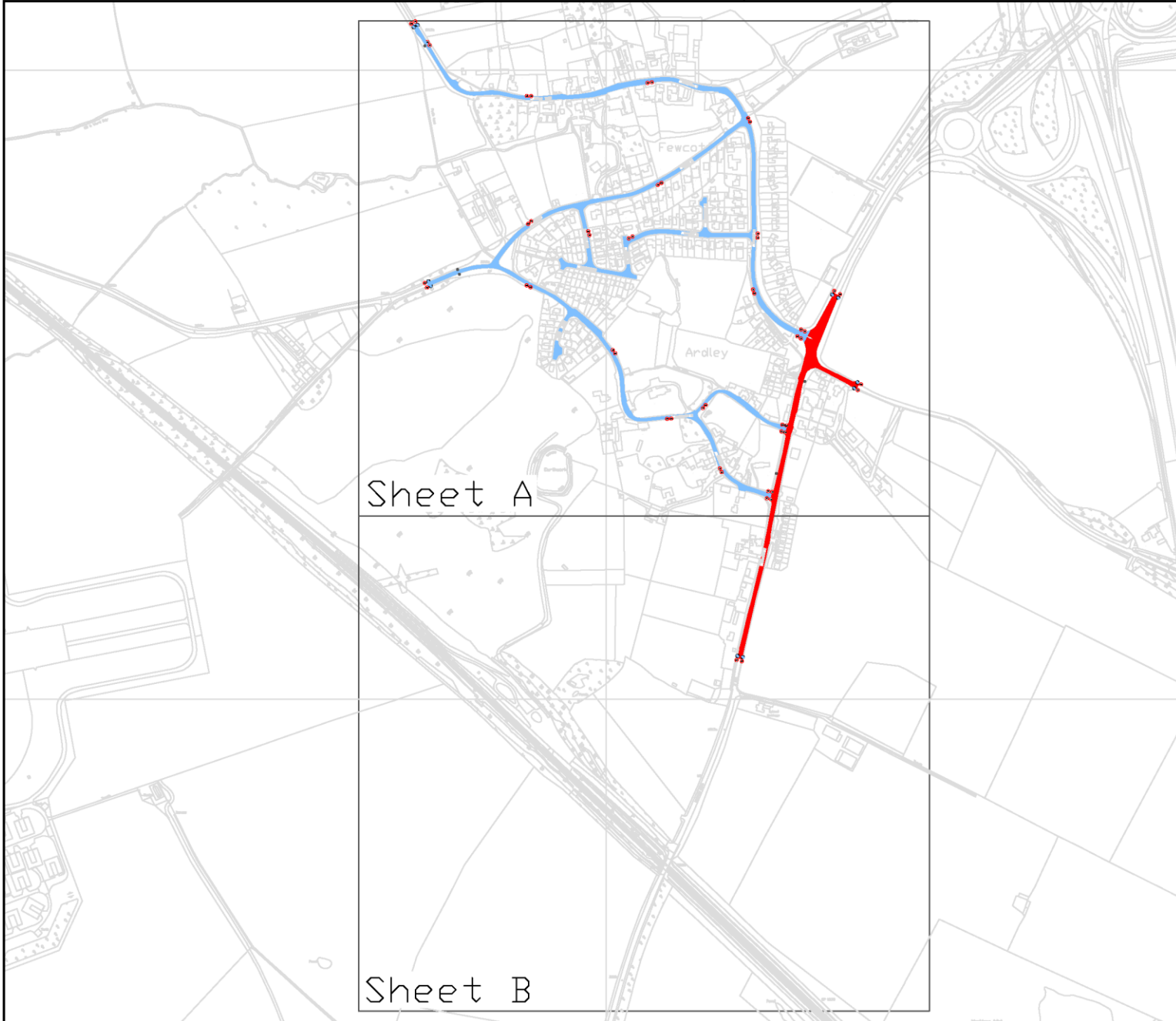
## Other Responses:

- 45 responses were received via the online consultation survey during the course of the formal consultation, and these are summarised in the table below:

Proposal	Object	Partially support	Support	No opinion/ objection	Total
20mph speed limit	9 (20%)	3 (7%)	31 (69%)	2 (4%)	45
30mph speed limit	6 (13%)	4 (9%)	30 (67%)	5 (11%)	45

- Additionally, an email was also received from a local resident, who felt that the dangers of the current 60mph limit that would remain if the 30mph speed limit only extended by the proposed 85metres on the Ardley Road.





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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
<p>(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)</p>	<p><b>Concerns</b> – First I must ask why has 30 been proposed for B430 in Ardley yet Middleton Stoney is being lowered to 20. There is no consistency for 2 neighbouring parishes !</p> <p>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 disproportionate 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> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 Built Environment and Infrastructure, (Go-Ahead Group Bus Operator)</p>	<p><b>No objection</b> – No regular public buses services operate along the roads concerned in the village. The B430, acting as the main traffic corridor, is intended to be limited to 30mph. This is considered to be appropriate having regard to the objectives of policy, and facilitating the appropriate movement of through traffic. This would also be consistent with a situation were bus services to be reintroduced regularly to the area.</p> <p>We thus offer no objection.</p>
<p>(3) Local resident, (Ardley, Ardley Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b>  There will be more delays, with no environmental commuting via bus services in the village, personal car use is the only transport option. There have been no increased traffic accidents which support a change from the regulated 30mph</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Object</b>  This road is not suitable for that speed, it's a busy commuter road and potential idling will do nothing to reduce emissions</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>

<p>(4) Local resident, (Ardley, Castle Fields)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> I feel the obsessed councillors and government for controlling is so claustrophobic. We have lost how to think for ourselves. Pedestrian should be taught their responsibilities not just motorists.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> The limit is just right for the road, no need to change it. Because of the amount of heavy lorries that use the road it's better for the environment.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(5) Local resident, (Ardley, The Crossway)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> This is happening instead of fixing pot holes. It's not even an emissions thing.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> HGV traffic speeds through Ardley anyway. Just stick at 40 OR create better footpaths</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(6) Local resident, (Fewcott, Fritwell Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> Having driven through other villages with 20mph it just seems unnecessary. It slows traffic to a crawl so drivers in side roads wait a long time to pull out. It increases the carbon monoxide levels as vehicles are staying within the village for longer. Our village already has 2 serious bends that slow traffic naturally, plus parked cars to navigate as well. The 20mph speed limits only save to frustrate people more. There is no school and I've never seen signs of a bus route. Very few people walking. Just more long lasting carbon monoxide as people take longer to get through the village and continue their journey. I also can't seem to find a history of any rtc happening in the last few years to require this ridiculous waste of money.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> If you drive around here you'll notice that due to the m40, the traffic is often stationary or queuing. I think 40mph is reasonable.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>

<p>(7) Local resident, (Heyford Park, Bicester, Wilson Close)</p>	<p><b>20mph speed limit – Object</b> I object to the reduction in the current speed limits to 20mph and 30mph as a way to address safety concerns. The roads identified are arterial routes to surrounding communities, business and other major arterial routes. Reducing the speed limit in these areas will not help to address safety concerns. I believe there are more effective ways to improve road safety such as repairing and maintaining roads instead of letting them become hazardous, littered with pot holes, have insufficient kerbing / edging with general inadequate surfacing across all these areas. Keeping the roads maintained will stop users having to swerve, drive on the other side or up the middle of road to avoid cavernous pot holes, broken kerbs and poorly maintained roads and thus risking constantly damaging cars and increased accident opportunities. Addressing these issues first will go a long way to reduce safety concerns and improve traffic movements on the roads.</p> <p><b>30mph speed limit – Object</b> I object to the reduction in the current speed limits to 30mph as a way to address safety concerns. The roads identified are arterial routes to surrounding communities, business and other major arterial routes. Reducing the speed limit in these areas will not help to address safety concerns. I believe there are more effective ways to improve road safety such as repairing and maintaining roads instead of letting them become hazardous, littered with pot holes, have insufficient kerbing / edging with general inadequate surfacing across all these areas. Keeping the roads maintained will stop users having to swerve, drive on the other side or up the middle of road to avoid cavernous pot holes, broken kerbs and poorly maintained roads and thus risking constantly damaging cars and increased accident opportunities. Addressing these issues first will go a long way to reduce safety concerns and improve traffic movements on the roads.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(8) Local resident, (Steeple Aston, South Side)</p>	<p><b>20mph speed limit – Object</b> There is no need to extra speed limits in the 20mph area. It is impossible to travel above that anyway and will just mean more street clutter and confusing limit changes.</p> <p><b>30mph speed limit – Object</b> Restricts local traffic from getting to and from the motorway. The new houses on the far side of the road from Ardley should never have been built.</p>



	<p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(9) Local resident, (Ardley, Station road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> Not necessary</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Would be safer being 30</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(10) Rather not say, (Bicester, Church Street)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> They make those who can't wait drive dangerously. So many folk overtake me when I'm doing 20 in other areas with this in place.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Thirty is acceptable.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(11) Local resident, (Fewcott, Ardley Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> Pollution will rise in the village</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Now there are 2 pedestrian crossings on this road, the speed limit should be 30</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(12) Local resident, (Ardley)</p>	<p><b>Partially support</b> – I support the proposed 20mph and 30mph speed limits as they would provide logical consistency with the existing speed limits in the adjacent Bucknell and Fritwell villages.</p>

	<p>However, I have a personal concern that the speed limit from Bucknell, and especially from the Ardley Boarding Kennels on the Ardley Road to my Foxfields Farm gate is currently 60mph, and will then in the speed limits proposal immediately reduce from 40 mph to become 30 mph at my Foxfields Farm gate.</p> <p>The proposal in the PUBLIC NOTICE document states the existing 40mph speed limit on the B430, and Ardley Road (east of the B430) will be replaced by a new 30mph speed limit as follows: In point 6. Ardley Road (east of B430) – from its junction with Station Road, south eastwards for a distance of 85 metres.</p> <p>I believe the 85 metres should be extended by an additional several hundred metres to the Ardley Boarding Kennels, just before the Ardley Road bridge over the M40 motorway. From there to Station Road I observe greatly increased traffic levels, with too many vehicles speeding up to the 60mph limit on what is in practice a winding country lane. These speeding vehicles could cause accidents when suddenly meeting slower cyclists or even pedestrians on sharp bends in the road. A 30 mph limit sign by the Ardley Boarding Kennels should ensure vehicles travel at reduced speeds, more safely, and much more appropriate, to the winding country lane conditions up to Station Road.</p> <p>I also believe that logically there should be a sign near the Ardley Boarding Kennels saying “Ardley”, a sign which doesn’t exist at present. This is currently being considered by the Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council. This new sign if actioned would signify vehicles entering Ardley, and should be ideally coupled with a 30mph speed sign that is more appropriate for the next several hundred metres of very winding road to the B430 junction.</p> <p>I am outlining and confirming my concerns on this specific speed limit issue now, with the recommendation the speed limit proposal on the Ardley Road( east of the B430) is amended as I suggest above. I believe if it is not dealt with and resolved in this consultation, as I suggest, nothing in the near future will change this speed limit anomaly on the Ardley Road east of the B430.</p> <p>On reflection I believe I didn’t emphasise enough the dangers of the 60 mph limit that would remain if the 30 mph proposal only extended 85 metres on the Ardley Road (east from the B430).</p> <p>I feel very strongly about this subject and the need to maximise road safety. So I believe you and/or your colleagues should make a visit to fully understand my suggestion to extend the 30mph limit further east on the Ardley Road.</p>
(13) Local resident, (Ardley with Fewcott, Somerton Road)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b> n/a</p>

	<p>30mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b> n/a</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
(14) Local resident, (Ardley, Russet Road)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b> Too many cars exceed the current speed limit however I'm not clear whether the 20mph limit will require street lighting which I would object to.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> The speed limit reduction will improve safety for people wishing to cross Station Road</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
(15) Local resident, (Fewcott, Fritwell Road)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b> Will only work if the Parish Council invests in more vehicle activated signs to remind drivers. They don't observe the 30mph zones as it is.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Speeds on that road are intolerable</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
(16) Local resident, (Ardley with Fewcott, Water Lane)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> As a resident in Water lane which is narrower than a road 20mph is very sensible. Especially with the Nursing home in situ. Also the bends on Waterlane pasted the Nursing home towards the Somerton Road do not support any speed greater than 20 mph. Which is used by horse riders cyclists and heavy footfall of pedestrians on dog walks.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b> The road is residential both sides of the B430. With a crossing. So more the case why can it possibly have stayed at 40 mph all this time. Especially since the new housing opposite exit of the Somerton road.</p>

	<p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(17) Local resident, (Ardley with Fewcott, Church View)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Even though the speed limit is 30 through the village cars use it as a rat run especially if there is an incident on the M40 most cars go at least 40 then slam their brakes on when they approach the sharp bends going into Fewcott. The B430 needs a 30 mph and a working speed camera. I live in Church View and getting out of the close every time is like playing Russian roulette, cars and lorries regularly go 60 down that road, there's lots of young families who walk along there to get to the playing fields, my granddaughter who is 4 is terrified</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b> Totally agree with 20 mph in the village, it's a rat run for drivers avoiding the M40. Most cars speed through the village then slam the brakes in the Fewcott sharp bends. The B430 should have cameras and a 30 mph limit, most lorries and cars speed through at least 50/60 mph. I live in Church View and getting out is like playing Russian roulette every day. There are a lot of young families who walk alongside this road to reach the village and playing fields it's terrifying</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(18) Local resident, (Fewcott, Fritwell Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I support a 20 mile speed limit in Fewcott, Fritwell Road. As at present so much traffic appears to exceed the 30 mile speed limit, including large and heavy vehicles. There is no safe pathway for pedestrians in this area of the village, and it makes it very difficult for access in and out of properties. Also the affect of such heavy traffic on the properties directly on the road.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b> No objection provided suitable footpaths.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(19) Local resident, (Ardley with Fewcott, Ardley Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Due to frequent issues with M40 J10 fast commuter traffic is often coming through the village</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b></p>

	<p>Support 30mph limit. Junction improvement is also necessary (Junction with B430) due to increased traffic from Heyford Park and M40</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(20) Local resident, (Ardley with Fewcott, Ardley Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> The reduction in the speed limit is, realistically, not a huge change to the majority of the village residents as we care about our community and it's environment. Those that use the village as a rat run round the M40/A43 junctions will hopefully be discouraged by the change and that is only a good thing.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b> I'm okay with the change to the B430 but it would need to be enforced in some way as I suspect the many lorries from Upper Heyford will continue to thunder on at 40, especially at night.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(21) Local resident, (Ardley with Fewcott, Russet Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Fully support the proposal for the 20mph and 30mph speed limits for Ardley with Fewcott</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b> Whilst it would be even better for the residents to reduce the speed through the village to 20mph on the B430 as well a reduction to 30mph will make it safer and less noisy.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(22) Local resident, (Ardley with Fewcott, Water Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> The traffic speeds currently &amp; I feel this would bring the speed down. 20 MPH is much safer.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Safer for all users</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>

<p>(23) Local resident, (Ardley, Church Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> We live on a small cut through road in Ardley, the speed vehicles go past our home is worrying speed bumps would be better but a 20mph limit might help. we are seeing more hgv's which struggle to navigate past parked vehicles mounting the curbs and churning up verges the lower speed limit hopefully would discourage hgvs from cutting through villages .</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Vehicles do not heed the 40mph at present, extremely dangerous walking along this road and there are new houses with young families needing to safely walk to and from the rest of the village.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(24) Local resident, (Ardley, Exton Cottages)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Cars and lorries already go over the speed limit, it is very dangerous trying to pull out of our road</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Any form of traffic calming would be better for the village as a whole</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(25) Local resident, (Ardley, Exton Cottages Ardley)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Our house is on the corner of bucknell road and B430, we find it very difficult to pull out safely due to the speed of cars and lorries and cars pulling out to fast from the Bucknell road.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Cars and lorries driving through the village past our house are already breaking the speed limit, by driving over the 40 mile an hour limit. By slowing them down it will make it safer for residents.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>

<p>(26) Local resident, (Ardley, Orchard Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> To make the village safer for everyone. Some vehicles drive through too fast and the roads are not safe.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Their are now two crossings and new houses on Station Road. The traffic has increased with large HGV vehicles coming very close to the paths. A slower speed would also make it safer for turning in and out of the junctions along the road.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(27) Local resident, (Ardley, Russet road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Lots of children and pets in the village and even if people speed which they do it might make their speeding drop down to say 30 instead of 40</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Lots of people crossing road or cars pulling out. Just makes sense</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(28) Local resident, (Ardley, Somerton)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> the roads are very narrow in places and cars speed through the village -especially round the blind bends with no pavements. We also have no street lighting making everything more dangerous</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> this is a village. there are houses all along this stretch of road. there are pedestrian crossings that the lorries speed through. there are so many car lorries and big trucks going through at high speeds where families are walking to the park or the church or the pub or their neighbours. there is a dangerous funny cross roads where the Bucknell Road crosses the b430. we really need a 30mph limit through this section of our village and it also needs to be enforced. the cars and trucks come off the m40 ( a few hundred metres away) and continue driving at similar speeds.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>

<p>(29) Rather not say, (Ardley, Somerton)</p>	<p><b>20mph speed limit – Support</b> I think the 20mph speed limit should be enforced through Ardley particularly near the main road heading out of Ardley past the church. This road is very dangerous both for road users and pedestrians. The noise from the road is awful for all residents not to mention the significant damage to the road surface which adds to this dreadful noise pollution. The crossing is dangerous due to speeding traffic. It makes for an extremely unpleasant walk.</p> <p><b>30mph speed limit – Support</b> As mentioned in my previous comment this road is very dangerous and runs through a village. The noise pollution is horrendous and affects the mental health of residents keeping them up at night and stopping peaceful recreation time in gardens.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(30) Local resident, (Ardley, Somerton Road)</p>	<p><b>20mph speed limit – Support</b> Even if not adhered to, it's certainly not going to make the average speed of cars go up. If it slows drivers down even a fraction then it would be worth it for reduced noise through the village and safer streets for pedestrians.</p> <p><b>30mph speed limit – Support</b> Traffic on the main road through Ardley is dangerously fast, with it being dead straight and no traffic calming cars often drive through well in excess of the 40mph limit. Moving to a 30mph limit (while I don't naively believe every driver will stick to it) should at least reduce the excessive speeds we see today on the roads through the village, and should have a significant impact on noise (about 30% reduction going from 40mph -&gt; 30mph, remember decibels are a logarithmic scale, not linear)</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(31) Local resident, (Ardley, Somerton Road)</p>	<p><b>20mph speed limit – Support</b> the roads in the village are often narrow and without any pavements. There is no street lighting whatsoever in the village and there are some very tight bends. There are many children as well</p> <p><b>30mph speed limit – Support</b></p>



	<p>there is a lot more housing facing this road and immediately off this road through the village over the past few years. There is a horrible staggered junction that has a lot of traffic crossing the B430 at all times of day. As traffic comes off the motorway and the A43 it comes into the village at often high speeds, rarely (if at all) slowing to 40mph before this junction. There are also 2 pedestrian controlled crossings (dues to increased housing and footfall) and it is very hard to cars and especially the huge car transporters and lorries going to the incinerator to stop in time.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(32) Local resident, (Ardley, Somerton Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Some of the roads in Ardley / Fewcott are narrow and bendy, in places with no pavements, and at nighttime they are dark because there are no street lights in the main part of the village. A 20mph speed limit would help make the roads safer for drivers and pedestrians</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> In recent years there has been significant development of residential dwellings along the B430 in the current 40mph zone. There are now two light-controlled crossings to aid pedestrians, and a 30mph limit would make it easier for drivers to stop at these lights when necessary. The part of Ardley crossed by the B430 has street lighting, and it is usual for residential areas with street lights to default to a 30mph limit. Ardley Road, which goes from Fritwell through Ardley and on to Bucknell, crosses the B430 at a staggered junction. It's quite difficult and sometimes dangerous, particularly during rush hour, for drivers to traverse that junction when the cross traffic on the B430 is moving at 40mph. The B430 carries a lot of heavy traffic, including large lorries, many of which are constructed from loosely fitting components. These are a great noise nuisance to residents of houses close to the B430, particularly in areas where the road is in poor repair, as the lorries thump and rattle into depressions. Areas of poor repair include a large area close to the junction with Somerton Road, which continues to be a problem despite being addressed twice in the last three years by roadworkers filling in holes in the tarmac - presumably because no funds are available to effect a proper repair and permanent solution. The current 40mph zone on the B430 through Ardley is less than half a mile long. At 40mph it takes less than 45 seconds for a vehicle travelling at the speed limit to cover the zone. At 30mph, a vehicle takes less than 60 seconds to cover the same distance. Such a small increase in time for through traffic can hardly be said to be a great inconvenience.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>

<p>(33) Local resident, Ardley, Somerton Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> such a good idea in this village - narrow bendy roads with often no pavements and never any streetlights</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> this length of road is desperate for slower speed limits, and actually controlled speed limits (cameras or speed bumps). It has a massive number of heavy lorries and car transporters racing up and down all day and night, with the majority speeding. Add to this many houses along the road and 2 pedestrian crossings where cars and lorries have to stop at short notice. And the staggered junction with Bucknell Road is dangerous with the lorries etc speeding off the motorway with nothing to really slow them down.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(34) Local resident, Ardley, The Crossway)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> All villages should be 20. Most places that is all you do anyway. The time difference between travelling at 30 or 20 is minuscule</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A lot of vehicles do not stick to the current 40 limit anyway. There are lorries thundering down most of the day. It will mean a safer environment for those who live on or near the road.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(35) Local resident, Ardley, B430)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> The traffic speed should be reduced in the village and along the B430 - the sheer volume of speeding Lorry's is ridiculous</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I live along the road and you dice with death at the sheer speed of the lorry's coming past particularly those visiting the quarry</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>

<p>(36) Local resident, (Ardley, Castlefields)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> In my opinion all villages and built up areas should all be the same 20mph limit then there would be no confusion plus it's a lot safer with the amount of vehicles using the road now.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I pull out onto the B430 several times a day and to many vehicles are going to fast including lorries going to and from Heyford and the tips and it's not acceptable on such a busy road</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(37) Local resident, (Ardley, Orchard Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I often have to walk on the roads where there aren't paths whilst walking my dogs. Very rarely do people slow down past me and are going way faster than 30 mph. There are also a lot of children in the village who like to play out with their peers. For their safety the speed limit should be 20mph. Often our village is used as a rat run and drivers are in such a rush to get home that they speed through the village. It's not except able! I am all for the 20 mph speed limit and I also think a camera should be installed along the Ardley road, to catch the speeders.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I often have to walk on the roads where there isn't a path whilst walking my 4 dogs. I have no end of speeding drivers that past me and come very very close to me whilst passing. We also have many children in the village who like to play outside with their peers. A 20mph limit should be put in place for the safety of the local children. Our village is used as a rat run and drivers just want to get home quickly. It can be very dangerous at times and alot do not even stick to the 30mph limit let alone 20mph. We also need a speed camera along the Ardley Road to actually catch the speeders and punish them.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>
<p>(38) Local resident, (Ardley, Somerton)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p>

	<p>Absolutely needed in this small village with no street lights and often no pavements and lots of tight bends, older people and children</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>          Crazy road...trucks break speed limits all saying, as do cars. Dangerous for residents and unpleasant noise</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
(39) Local resident, (Ardley, Somerton Road)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>          These villages have lots of narrow roads and tight turns. 20mph would make everyone safer, especially as we have NO street lighting. There should also be 30mph on the b440 through the village as there are many houses in this road and the massive Lorries and car transporters are sooo dangerous thundering through.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>          The huge lorries and car transporters thunder down the road...with 2 pedestrian crossings it's often very dangerous. And many houses open onto this road. Very few vehicles as slowly as 40 now!</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
(40) Local resident, (Ardley, Station)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>          The village needs to reduce the speeding traffic that is a constant danger to dog walkers and children</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>          Every car that goes passed is over 40 if not over 60 and the hgv vehicles are not even slowing down for the village coming from middton end. When a child gets killed at the crossing there will be a lot of questions for the local authorities who have only done one speed check in the last year</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
(41) Local resident, (Ardley with Fewcott, Water Lane)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>          Cars speeding through the village is a real issue. 30mph is much too fast to be driving on village lanes and roads which have wild and domesticated animals (cats and dogs), children walking or crossing, dog walkers and elderly pedestrians.</p>

	<p>Please also consider that there are no street lights in the village, so driving at 30mph at night with animals or people in the road could lead to life changing or fatal incidents</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> The speed in the area needs to be reduced. Cars ‘cut through’ from/to the M40 or A34 and really have no consideration for the speed limit anyway</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(42) Local resident, (Fewcott, Water Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I am in total support of this. I believe it is impossible to drive 30mph through Fewcott due to the narrow roads. There are parts of the village with no pavements which makes it very dangerous for pedestrians.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I believe 40mph is far too fast when passing through a village especially when residents are walking their children and dogs along the path. Lorry’s and cars speed through at much higher speeds than 40pmh. I also think a camera would be extremely beneficial on this road.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(43) Local resident, (Fewcott, Water Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I absolutely support the proposed 20 mph speed limit for AwF, the lanes are quite narrow in places, and 30 mph is too fast and dangerous.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> 40 mph is too fast fo9r that road.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes - cycle more</b></p>

<p>(44) Local resident, (Fewcott, Water Lane)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Safety</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Safety</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(45) Local resident, (Fewcott, Ardley Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Safety for everyone. Reducing risk of accidents and helps to reduce pollution</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> Safety for people living off that road. It's very dangerous to walk near there. Many cats have been hit there too. The car fumes are also awful there. I imagine it would also ease congestion when there is high traffic by the motorway</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
<p>(46) Local resident, (Fewcott, Ardley Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> The road through the village is increasingly being used as a rat run to bypass the congestion at Baynards Green and as such every car is in a hurry to get back onto the main road. The speed of some of the traffic is quite staggering and puts pedestrians at risk.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> I use the footpath along this road regularly and it's quite daunting at times with regular streams of traffic from Heyford and the incinerator plus a lot of glass deposits from the lorries going to and from the incinerator. 30 mph would be more acceptable.</p> <p>Travel change: <b>Yes – walk/wheel more</b></p>
<p>(47) Local resident, (Ardley-with-Fewcott, Russet Road)</p>	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b></p>

	<p>As a local resident I see far to many vehicles speeding through our village, hopefully if the speed limits are reduced this might make people think and slow down.</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b> Definitely need to slow down the lorries that use the B430 to go to the incinerator</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>
(48) Local resident, (Fewcott, Ardley Road)	<p>20mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b> Living at the bottom of the village it amases me that people drive so fast through the village and have to brake heavily at the bottom</p> <p>30mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b> I would like to know I had some input</p> <p>Travel change: <b>No</b></p>