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**CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT – 18
NOVEMBER 2021**

**TOKERS GREEN (KIDMORE END & MAPLEDURHAM PARISHES):
PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT**

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve as advertised the 20mph speed limit at Tokers Green

Executive summary

2. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of a 20mph speed limit at Tokers Green in place of the current 30mph speed limit following a request by Kidmore End Parish Council.

Financial Implications

3. Funding for consultation on the proposals has been provided by Kidmore End Parish Council.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

Sustainability Implications

5. The proposals would help facilitate walking and cycling within the village and the safe movement of traffic.

Consultation

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 29 September and 29 October 2021. A notice was published in the Oxfordshire Herald newspaper and an email sent to statutory consultees including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, bus operators, South Oxfordshire District Council, Kidmore End Parish Council, Mapledurham Parish Council and local County Councillor.

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7. 75 responses were received during the formal consultation. 2 objections (3%), 2 expressions of concern (3%), 70 expressions of support (93%) and one non-objection. The responses are shown at Annex 2 with copies of the original responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

Response to objections and other comments

8. Thames Valley Police did not object to the proposals but highlighted that the speed data showed a 'significant' number of motorists exceeding 24mph on some roads. Adding that further engineering measures must not be ruled out in order to achieve better compliance and safety.

Officer Response

The introduction of the 20mph speed limit doesn't preclude further future discussion with regards to vehicle speed should that be necessary.

9. The vast majority of responses (93%) were in support of the proposed 20mph speed limit.
10. Those objecting to or raising concerns about the village speed limit cited the following reasons:

- a) *'20 is way to slow, hopefully they won't impose this anywhere else if it goes ahead' and 'This reduction in speed limit is unnecessary and will impair traffic flow'*

Officer Response

Traffic speed surveys were undertaken between the 19th and 27th of March 2021 at three locations within the proposed 20mph area. The mean vehicle speed in both directions was recorded at 21.68mph, 19.66mph at two locations on Tokers Green Lane and at 21.49mph on Rokeby Drive. The implementation of a 20mph speed limit is, therefore, not expected to significantly impair traffic flow but is considered appropriate for the location.

- b) *'There is no point in instigating a reduced speed limit without visible signage. The Highways department have refused to cut the hedges this year so the current signage is largely invisible. This needs to be addressed on an annual basis for the scheme to be successful.'*

Officer Response

New 20mph signage would replace the existing speed limit signs and be installed to meet current guidance. Where appropriate, vegetation will be trimmed back to facilitate the installation and provide visibility. However, in general, it should be noted that it is the adjacent landowners' responsibility to keep their hedges cut back from the Highway.

- c) *'I think the current 30 mph is appropriate. The problem is drivers do not drive at a speed which is suitable for the conditions; so in some parts of the area 30 mph is both safe and reasonable whereas in others 20 mph may indeed be the right speed. I do not believe that altering the limit to 20'*

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mph will cause this behaviour to change. I also consider that at 20 mph drivers' attention may lessen.'

Officer Response

The results of the speed survey demonstrate that the mean speed of vehicles is already around the 20mph mark. Indeed, speed limits do rely heavily on driver behaviour and to assist, the County Council is actively encouraging a behavioural change as part of a wider endorsement of 20mph speed limits becoming commonplace within the Towns and Villages of the County. Locating the change of speed limit within sight of properties (and the change of character between a road with hedges to the side and one with properties) helps alert drivers of a change of roadside environment and that they should drive appropriately.

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Annexes

Annex 1: Consultation Plan

Annex 2: Consultation responses

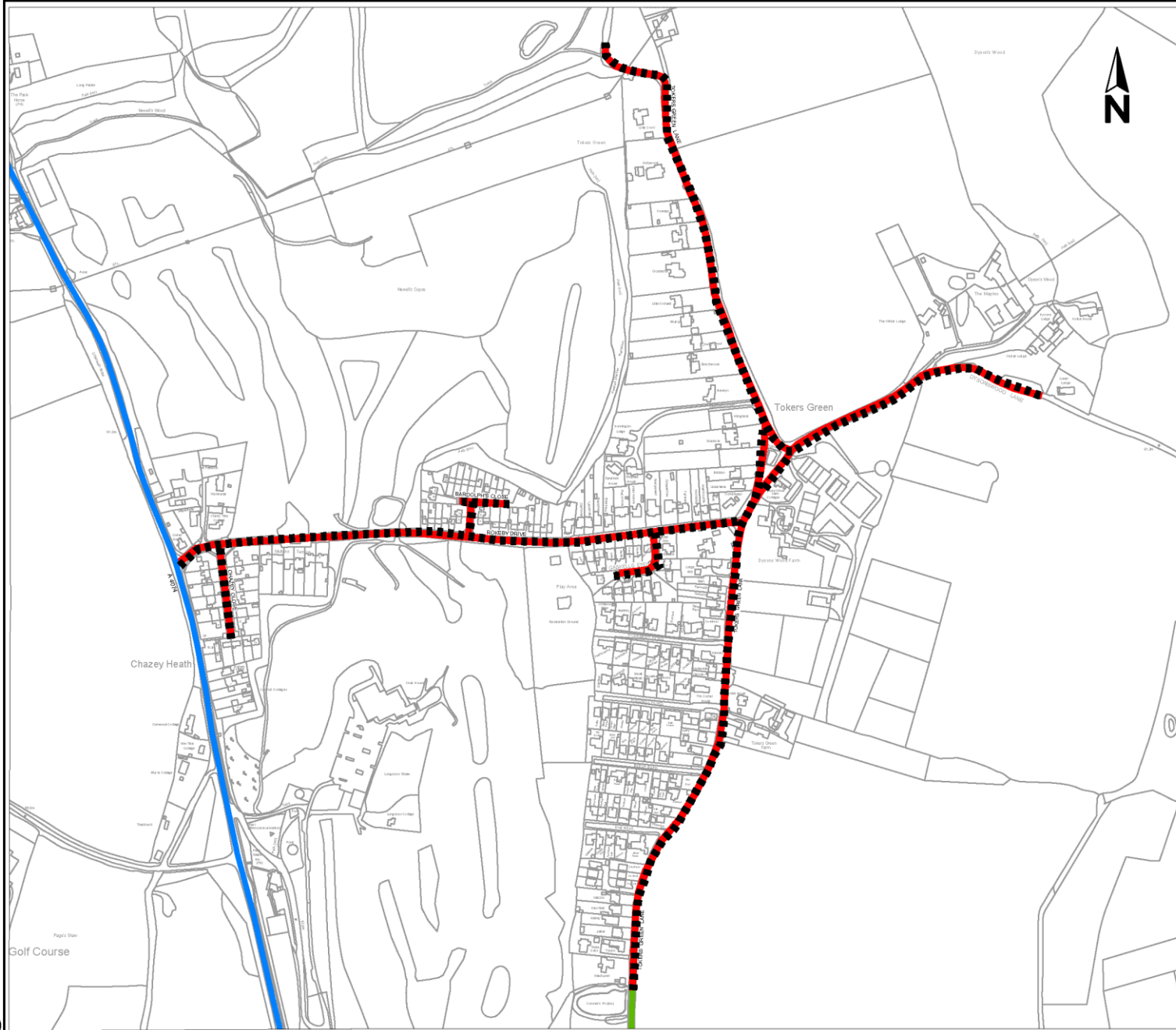
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| RESPONDENT | COMMENTS |
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| <p>(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)</p> | <p>No objection – Thames Valley Police are not opposed to lowering speed limits providing they are appropriate to the road environment and likely to have casualty reduction benefits. All aspects of the proposed speed limit are taken into account i.e. collision history, speed of existing traffic, road environment, enforcement, road character and driver perception etc.</p> <p>The current speed of traffic is a reliable indicator of how acceptable a new speed limit would be. The recognised way of ascertaining this level of self-compliance is the mean speed. If the mean speed is 4 mph or more over the proposed limit it is unlikely to be effective without other measures such as engineering or continual enforcement.</p> <p>There is a proven link between road environment/character and drivers speed .Drivers must respect the need for a speed limit .If it is not accepted as realistic it will quickly be abused and be the source of constant demands for police action.</p> <p>The police stance still reflects that 20 mph limits and zones should still be self-enforcing.</p> <p>The policy of Thames Valley Police is to use sound practical and realistic criteria (Circular Roads 1/2013) 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 Speed Limit should not be used to attempt to solve the problem of isolated hazards ,for example a single junction or reduced forward visibility.</p> <p>I am aware that Speed limit data has already been obtained on a number of roads subject of this consultation and the results support such a lowering.</p> <p>The Police have no objection but wish to point out the speed data still shows a significant number of motorists exceeding 24 mph on some roads and that further engineering must not be ruled out in order to achieve better compliance and safety.</p> |

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| (2) Individual, (Kidlington, Exeter) | Object - 20 is way to slow, hopefully they won't impose this anywhere else if it goes ahead |
| (3) Individual, (Oxford, Rymers) | Object - This reduction in speed limit is unnecessary and will impair traffic flow. |
| (4) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane) | Concerns - There is no point in instigating a reduced speed limit without visible signage. The Highways department have refused to cut the hedges this year and so the current signage is largely invisible. This needs to be addressed on an annual basis for the scheme to be successful |
| (5) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane) | Concerns - I think the current 30 mph is appropriate. The problem is drivers do not drive at a speed which is suitable for the conditions; in some parts of the area 30 mph is both safe and reasonable whereas in others 20 mph may indeed be the right speed. I do not believe that altering the limit to 20 mph will cause this behaviour to change. I also consider that at 20 mph drivers' attention may lessen. |
| (6) Local Resident, (Chazey Heath, Bardolph's Close) | Support - 'I very strongly support this proposal as I am both a pedestrian and a cyclist without a car. Some of the proposed 20 mph roads have either no pavement or are only partially paved and can be very dangerous to walk down or cross, which I have to do on a daily basis. This move would <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - discourage car drivers from using Rokeby Drive as a rat-run to Caversham and Reading - slow down the increasing number of large delivery vehicles - slow down drivers who do not expect the walkers, horse riders and cyclists who use these roads in ever-increasing numbers for leisure purposes. These roads are being used as a 'gateway' to the countryside for many people from Caversham and the surrounding area. |
| (7) Local Resident, (Chazey Heath, Chazey Close) | Support - We have some very narrow roads in the area and limited footpath provision so the slower the speed, the safer the roads may be. The conditions of the roads are variable so again slower speeds would make the roads safer. We have no street lighting either so again slower speeds would be beneficial. |
| (8) Local Resident, (Chazey Heath, Chazey Close) | Support - Traffic needs to be slowed for the children that are around |

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| <p>9) Local Resident, (Chazey Heath, Mullens Terrace)</p> | <p>Support - Cars frequently drive too fast and there are many pedestrians that use the road including children for the park access and golfers crossing</p> |
| <p>(10) Local Resident, (Chazey Heath, Chazey Close)</p> | <p>Support - Safety for people walking and cycling around the area, or simply pulling out of their driveways. Cats travel far too fast around the area.</p> |
| <p>(11) Local Resident, (Dysons Wood, Dysons Wood Lane)</p> | <p>Support - I have seen many near misses and almost accidents along the narrow lanes in the area</p> |
| <p>(12) Local Resident, (Emmer Green, Kidmore End Road)</p> | <p>Support - I regularly ride my horse and walk along Tokers Green Lane and have found some drivers very fast and exceeding the limit set. The road has no footpath and in places is narrow with poor visibility. A lower speed limit with decent signage would make the village safer for non-motorised traffic. The 20mph limit would not cause any congestion.</p> |
| <p>(13) Local Resident, (Emmer Green, Grove Road)</p> | <p>Support - I use the road daily in my car or riding my horse and despite how busy it is with walkers, cyclists and riders many drivers speed through. Also, it is used as a short cut from or to Caversham Heights by heavy goods vehicles for which it is unsuitable due to it being mainly single carriage.</p> |
| <p>(14) Local Resident, (Kidmore End, Chalkhouse Green Road)</p> | <p>Support - This is a single-track road used by pedestrians, horses, cyclists, runners and vehicles. There are blind corners, and many vehicles use this route. Lowering the speed limit will be beneficial to residents and other road users.</p> |
| <p>(15) Local Resident, (Tokens Green, Russell Road)</p> | <p>Support - Increase in traffic driving too fast through the village. Danger to pedestrians and children using Tokers Green Lane</p> |
| <p>(16) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Beech Road)</p> | <p>Support - Many people walk and cycle down Tokers Green Lane. There are no footpaths or streetlights so the reduced speed limit would improve safety along the lane greatly.</p> |

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| (17) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Beech Road) | Support - Too many vehicles driving far too fast on Tokers Green Lane and Rokeby Drive. |
| (18) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Beech Road) | Support - It addresses safety concerns regarding traffic on a narrow highway with limited sightlines |
| (19) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Beech Road) | Support - The road is very narrow and quite windy and is used by lots of pedestrians and cyclists. It is dangerous when people drive too fast along the lane. |
| (20) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Beech Road) | Support - The volume of traffic in the village has increased rapidly and it is unsafe to walk now due to cars not slowing down especially in the lane. |
| (21) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Elm Road) | Support - There are several points where turning onto Tokers Green Lane are blind. Lower speed would make it safer. |
| (22) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Elm Road) | Support - There are no footpaths on Tokers Green Lane on which school children walk regularly therefore the traffic speed should be 20mph. |
| (23) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Elm Road) | Support - Tokers Green Lane is only single file |
| (24) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive) | Support - Because a lot of the village has no pavement a 20 mph would make it safer for pedestrians and pets. |
| (25) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive) | Support - Whilst I have concerns that the limit will continue to be ignored by some, reducing to 20mph can only help slow the traffic. |
| (26) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive) | Support - Young families moving to the village and fast driving cars. |

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| <p>(27) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive)</p> | <p>Support - People drive too fast down a very straight road, children and pets use the road constantly; its an accident waiting to happen.</p> |
| <p>(28) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive)</p> | <p>Support - The roads in Tokers Green are used by pedestrians, cyclists, horses and motorists. Not all of the roads have footpaths so a 20mph will make the area safer for pedestrians.</p> |
| <p>(29) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive)</p> | <p>Support - Lots of children and animals in the village. People use as cut through, and drive so fast</p> |
| <p>(30) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive)</p> | <p>Support - People drive far too fast down Rokeby Drive, there is a playing field where children play. Also, a playground warning sign has been removed from the front garden by the current owner. It has been reported but nothing done about it.</p> |
| <p>(31) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive)</p> | <p>Support - People drive too fast through the village and there is often a lot of parked cars and I think dangerous for children and pets. A lower speed limit will hopefully reduce the speed of vehicles.</p> |
| <p>(32) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive)</p> | <p>Support - The roads without pavements are particularly dangerous for pedestrians in this village.</p> |
| <p>(33) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive)</p> | <p>Support - It is a quiet rural village but non-residents drive through and don't slow down. Anything that makes them think will help. On Rokeby Drive there are often a lot of parked cars and animals and children crossing the road so it is dangerous if the cars drive too fast.</p> |
| <p>(34) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive)</p> | <p>Support - Residents, children, golfers crossing the road at all times during the day. But cars assume a straight country road is a higher speed limit and go at dangerously fast speeds. At places in Tokers Green, even 30mph is too fast – i.e. where there are long rows of parked cars on one side of the road and where the road is single track only but still next to houses.</p> |

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| <p>(35) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rosebery Road)</p> | <p>Support - It is a narrow country lane with passing places and a variety of mixed users such as walkers, cyclists, school children, horses. Speed should be reduced to keep all safe.</p> |
| <p>(36) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rosebery Road)</p> | <p>Support - The lane is narrow, busy and frequently used by pedestrians, cyclists and horses so a 20mph limit is appropriate for the village</p> |
| <p>(37) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rosebery Road)</p> | <p>Support - I support the 20mph limit in Tokers Green and Chazey Heath: currently, some cars drive along the road much too fast. As a pedestrian and cyclist, I often feel unsafe along the roads because of the fast traffic.</p> |
| <p>(38) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rosebery Road)</p> | <p>Support - To keep everyone safe. The roads are narrow and have bends, so visibility is often limited. Walkers are at particular risk because there are no pavements, apart from sections of Rokeby Drive. Driving at 30mph is too fast and can result in collisions between vehicles, or vehicles and other road users -cyclists, pedestrians, horse-riders.</p> |
| <p>(39) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rosebery Road)</p> | <p>Support - I fully support the proposal for 20mph, as a cyclist, it would stop cars passing at speed, the same for pedestrians especially as the lane is very narrow. Many pet owners have lost their pets due to cars speeding along the lane.</p> |
| <p>(40) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rosebery Road)</p> | <p>Support - In the six years we have lived here we have seen increased traffic, much of it related to building activity and the village being used as a "cut through" These are very narrow lanes used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Jumping into the hedge for a car or lorry driving much too fast happens often and we often have to signal to drivers to slow down. The lanes are too narrow for two cars to pass comfortably and much reversing and manoeuvring has to take place. Accidents and scrapes have occurred as a result of people driving too fast. Lorries serving building activity in the village hurtle through in a frightening way. We therefore wholeheartedly support the application to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph.</p> |
| <p>(41) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rosebery Road)</p> | <p>Support - Our children walk along Tokers Green Lane and Rokeby Road to catch the school bus - always van drivers going too fast! Please 20mph!!!</p> |

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| <p>(42) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Russell Road)</p> | <p>Support - It is a narrow road in many places and difficult to pass people. Often other vehicles approach too fast (my wing mirrors have been knocked into many times). There is no pavement - 20mph would be much safer for pedestrians. Many residents have lost pets due to cars speeding and hitting them.</p> |
| <p>(43) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Russell Road)</p> | <p>Support - Tokers green lane is a single-track road with several restricted visibility bends frequently used by pedestrians of all ages, cyclists and horse riders. the road is the only route for pedestrians to access bus stops or cyclists to leave the village, many of whom are school children but there is no foot path nor much of a verge due to hedges. My own children have felt unsafe at the speed of traffic that passes them with many vehicles not slowing at all, particularly vans, and they have been forced into the hedge on more than one occasion, as also have I as an adult. The bends of the lane mean that exiting the residential roads (e.g. Elm road and Russel road) onto Tokers Green Lane is dangerous as there is limited visibility and little time for oncoming traffic to see emerging vehicles when travelling at more than 20mph as is often the case. Similarly, pedestrians are at risk if cars come round these corners at speed. A 20mph limit will mean if people are speeding, they may be doing so at 30 rather than 40. It will also reduce road noise for the many residents on this lane of passing speeding vehicles. I cannot see a reason not to implement a 20 limit, starting at the Shepherds Lane junction with the lane all the way through the village, only good reasons to do so!</p> |
| <p>(44) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Russell Road)</p> | <p>Support - I support the proposal as this route has become increasingly busy with all road users and the limit will help to keep pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders as well as car users safe.</p> |
| <p>(45) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Russell Road)</p> | <p>Support - Every day, several users of Tokers Green Lane drive dangerously, particularly at school run time morning and afternoon, and from 4.30 pm onwards. The lane is mainly single track, with several blind bends. It is dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and car users when drivers drive too fast. Verges used as passing places are eroding, the mud washes into the drains which then causes flooding. Some signage about using passing places would be useful as well.</p> |
| <p>(46) Local Group/Organisation, (Tokers Green, Russell Road)</p> | <p>Support - the increase in traffic and speeds over the years (30) must be addressed before a fatal accident occurs - 'rat run' from the a4074 into reading</p> |

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| <p>(47) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - we have a lot of non-vehicle users of the roads in the village - including pedestrians, runners, cyclists and horse riders - and the lane is narrow. So a slower speed limit will make it safer for all users. The volume of pedestrians, walkers, runners, cyclists has increased significantly since the pandemic started, especially during lock-down, weekends, school holidays etc. In many places the road is too narrow for 2 cars to pass each other and also for cars or vans to safely pass pedestrians at 30mph which is the current limit.</p> |
| <p>(48) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - Diverse road users; keeping people and animals safe; mostly no pavements; rural village setting which needs minimum speed limit.</p> |
| <p>(49) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - Common sense for such narrow lanes with walkers and children.</p> |
| <p>(50) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - Safety of pedestrians and cyclists. Narrow lane, houses close to passing traffic.</p> |
| <p>(51) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - People drive way to fast on the lane and as a mother, dog walker and pet owner I know only too well how dangerous it can be to walk on the road</p> |
| <p>(52) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - Residential streets with children and walkers</p> |
| <p>(53) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - The lane is far too narrow for speeds over 20 mph and has bends with very restricted/no view. In winter the lane is very slippery due to surrounding trees and foliage. Lots of horse riders, joggers, walkers and cyclists (including families) use this lane. Wildlife also deserve a better chance - too many animal deaths along this road!</p> |
| <p>(54) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green lane)</p> | <p>Support - Based on safety concerns alone</p> |

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| <p>(55) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - the lanes around the area are narrow and people drive too fast on them</p> |
| <p>(56) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - Our road is being used for motorists, cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians. It is imperative the road is safe for all and I am very concerned about the current speed of which some motorists are driving. Reducing the speed limit will give clear instructions to motorists this is not a country road and they need to reduce their speed. I fear without this change someone and/or an animal will be killed or seriously injured. I implore the council to listen to residents and act in our best interest.</p> |
| <p>(57) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - I live on Tokers Green Lane and walk daily to the school bus stop with my son and walk my dog. As there are no pavements and the road is so narrow I often have to dive into the bushes to avoid cars who are clearly traveling over the 30mph limit. I fully support any reduction in the speed limit or any other traffic calming measures. This is a residential area with no pavements and there has been an increase in children living in the village over recent years who attend Kidmore End school. It is dangerous to walk with children on the road with the speed limit at 30. I often stop cars who are travelling too fast , only to be told 'I'm sticking to the limit'. It is only a matter of time before there is an accident involving a pedestrian in Tokers Green.</p> |
| <p>(58) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - The lane is used daily by children, horses, cyclists and walkers. The traffic speed should be limited to 20mph for safety of all the above groups and residents.</p> |
| <p>(59) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - Tokers Green Lane has become a very dangerous road to either walk along, ride through or even drive along as far too many drivers passing along the lane are travelling at excessive speeds on a narrow road leading to many near misses. A 20mph speed limit would I believe slow the majority of the traffic down so that they would be able to stop/pass safely should a hazard appear on the lane in front of them such as a pedestrian, horse rider, dog walker or oncoming traffic</p> |
| <p>(60) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - As a resident of Tokers Green with a family and a dog, it is important that we feel safe when walking down the roads which we use every day.</p> |
| <p>(61) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - Tokers Green Lane is a narrow country lane and the current 30mph speed limit makes the country lane unsafe for pedestrians and children. The road is not wide or safe enough for modern cars and 4x4s to pass through at this speed.</p> |

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| <p>(62) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - There is no footpath on Tokers Green Lane and so it is used as a walking and cycling route for families in the village (particularly to access woodland). The Lane is narrow and in quite a few Places there isn't a good line of sight for oncoming traffic to see pedestrians or vice versa. It is dangerous and stressful for families trying to make use of the local countryside, and also for the many houses that face straight onto the Lane. Partly because the Lane is lined by trees and hedges on both sides, car drivers perhaps aren't as aware as they should be that pedestrians may be using the road. I think reducing the speed limit would be extremely beneficial for both residents and vehicle users and cannot see any issues it would cause.</p> |
| <p>(63) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - The road that runs through Tokers Green toward Kidmore end is extremely dangerous for vehicles and pedestrians. Traffic views are often blocked by hedge rows and narrow passages for traffic to pass . Although most locals are careful nevertheless I've met many a vehicle travelling at reckless speed endangering pedestrians and vehicles.</p> |
| <p>(64) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - Traffic travels far too fast on country lane between Tokers Green and Kidmore End. It is very hazardous for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers and often difficult to spot oncoming traffic until the last minute</p> |
| <p>(65) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - Fully support the proposal. Very narrow lanes involved, with difficult passing places, and several totally blind bends. Lanes are very well-used by cyclists, walkers and school children, and, of course, there are no pedestrian pavements along many of the lanes involved in the proposal. Traffic, usually through-traffic that don't know the roads, often travel far too fast along these lanes. Tokers Green Lane is also often used as a rat run to avoid the A4074, especially when there has been an accident on that road, and drivers invariably still try and drive at speeds more suitable for the A road. Much of land to the east of Tokers Green Lane is fields and farmland, and many animals, both wild and domestic pets, frequently cross the Lane. Unfortunately, roadkill is an ever-present sight along the lane, and pet owners are all too-frequently having to retrieve their dead animals. We and our nearest neighbour have lost six cats over the last 10 years or so, to drivers who should be driving more carefully. We need to take action to avoid a similar fate affecting humans, which will invariably happen at some point if we don't legislate for a lower speed limit.</p> |

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| <p>(66) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - I have concerns of pedestrians and cyclists being hit on the narrow roads. I pullout onto Tokers green Lane from my driveway and the 20mph speed limit would be welcomed. Since the pandemic there are a lot more walkers/families with young children walking within the area so it would be a lot safer with a reduced speed limit</p> |
| <p>(67) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Beech Road)</p> | <p>Support - The lane is very narrow in places. We have no footpaths or lighting so the reduced speed limit will help enormously.</p> |
| <p>(68) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive)</p> | <p>Support - Because the road through the village is narrow, twisting, poor visibility, quality and provides little passing room. The roads are used by pedestrians, with or without dogs, horse riders and cyclists and for these reasons 20mph is a much safer limit.</p> |
| <p>(69) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Rokeby Drive)</p> | <p>Support - Children use the road to get to the park and school bus pick up points.</p> |
| <p>(70) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Russell Road)</p> | <p>Support - Cars drive far too fast and it's only a matter of time till a fatality with a speeding driver killing someone</p> |
| <p>71() Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - To protect children, animals and adults while walking on the narrow lanes without pavements</p> |
| <p>(72) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane)</p> | <p>Support - The speed and amount of traffic has increased in Tokers Green greatly over the years. I have ridden horses through Tokers Green for 40 years and run a livery yard in the centre of Tokers Green. I and my livery clients have to ride along Tokers Green to access bridleways. The speed that drivers think is ok to pass a horse is very dangerous and need to be aware to reduce their speed in general. I've also had 3 much loved pet cats killed by drivers on the road. One was in the middle of the day so could have been seen if driving safely. Many children walk along the lane and drivers do not slow down for pedestrians either. Any sort of traffic calming would be invaluable to keeping the community safer. Most of the speeding vehicles are passing through or travelling to work in Tokers Green. Raising awareness of the impact their actions have on the community would be a good thing. A 20mph speed limit is very much needed to make Tokers Green safer.</p> |

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| (73) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Tokers Green Lane) | Support - People, particularly those driving their children to and from school are driving far too fast |
| (74) Local Resident, (Tokers Green, Kidmore End, Dysons Wood Lane) | Support - I'm not sure that a reduced speed limit will have any effect on those who habitually speed but reduction from 30mph to 20mph will hopefully reduce the degree of speeding. |
| (75) Local Resident, (Individual, Barrack Road) | Support - Family with grandchildren live in Tokers green lane |