

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 21 MAY 2020

BURFORD – PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS AND SIGNALLED CROSSING ON A40 BY BURFORD SCHOOL

Report by Interim Director of Community Operations

Recommendation

1. The Cabinet Member for Environment is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the proposed reduced speed limits at Burford as advertised but with consideration being given to reducing the extent of the proposed 20mph speed limit on the A361 The Hill, but to defer a decision on the installation of a puffin crossing (a signalled crossing for pedestrians) on the A40 by Burford School in place of the existing footbridge.

Executive summary

2. Speed limits and the provision of pedestrian and cycle crossings are reviewed when there are changes to the road layout because of development, when requested by local councils because of road safety concerns, as part of the on-going monitoring of reports on road accidents and also as part of the on-going review of the maintenance and condition of existing highway assets. Specific proposals are assessed applying national guidance on speed limits and the provision of pedestrian and cycle crossings and also the Oxfordshire County Council Walking Design Standards and Cycling Design Standards.

Introduction

3. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 20mph speed limit within Burford in place of the existing 30mph speed limit, a 30mph speed limit on the A40 from just east of its junction with Tanners Lane to just east of its junction with the B4020 Shilton Road and on the A361 south of the A40 to just south of the access to Burford School in place of the existing 40mph speed limit. It is also proposed to extend the 40mph speed limits on the A40 and A361 to create an appropriate length of transitional speed limits on the approaches to the proposed 30mph limits on these roads.
4. Additionally, the proposals included provision of a signalled crossing for pedestrians (a puffin crossing) on the A40 just to the east of the existing footbridge as a replacement for the latter.

Background

5. The above proposals as shown at Annex 1 (speed limits) have been put forward as a result of concerns from Burford Town Council over road safety and the amenity of pedestrians and cyclists in the town.
6. The proposed provision of the signalled pedestrians crossing (Annex 2) has been put forward following a review of the condition of the existing footbridge, taking account of current design standards including the protection of the bridge in the event of a vehicle strike and accessibility for those with a mobility impairment.

Consultation

7. Formal consultation on the proposals was carried out between 22 January and 21 February 2020. A notice was placed in the Oxford Times newspaper and notices placed near the proposed crossing. An email was sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, the West Oxfordshire District Council, Burford Town Council and the local County Councillor. Public notices were placed on site with letters also sent to properties in the immediate vicinity of the proposal.
8. One hundred & twenty-three (123) responses were received. These are summarised in the table below:

Proposal	Support	Object	Concerns	No opinion / objection
20mph Speed Limit	67	15	15	26
30mph Speed Limit amendments	68	17	9	29
40mph Speed Limit amendments	56	20	13	34
Puffin Crossing	25	90 (73%)	6	2

9. The responses are recorded at Annex 3 with copies of the full responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

Response to objections and other comments

10. Thames Valley Police expressed an objection to the proposed speed limits. Specifically, they raised concerns that a 20mph speed limit on the A361 through Burford was not appropriate taking account of the 'A' road status and function as a through traffic route. They also expressed concerns over the proposed 30mph speed limits on the A40 and A361 as being unrealistic taking account of the existing speeds. They also expressed a concern that the replacement of the existing footbridge on the A40 by Burford School by a signalled crossing could be detrimental to road safety.

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11. The local member expressed support for all the proposals with the exception of the proposed extension of the 40mph speed limits on the A40 and A361, on which no opinion was expressed.
12. West Oxfordshire District Council expressed support for all the proposals.
13. Mr John White, the Mayor of Burford expressed no opinion on the proposed speed limits but expressed a strong objection to the proposed signalled crossing primarily on the grounds of the safety of the many school students crossing here at the start and end of the school day and also the potential delays for traffic.
14. The remaining responses included two from unspecified local organisations, nine from staff or governors of Burford School, with the remaining responses from members of the public. The majority of these expressed support for the proposed speed limit reductions but objected to the proposed puffin crossing.
15. The objections to the proposed speed limits are noted. Thames Valley Police objections focussed on their appropriateness taking account of current speeds and the function of the A roads as major traffic routes. It is accepted that the proposed 30mph limits on the A40 and A361 are at the margins of compliance with the national guidance on setting local speed limits issued by the Department for Transport and the same is also the case for the 20mph speed limit on the A361 High Street, particularly in respect of the length south of the junction with Swan Lane. The objections received from other parties on the proposed speed limits were also largely on the grounds of need and appropriateness, although some responses cited the need for the 20mph speed limit to be extended further.
16. There have been long standing concerns over the speed limit on the A40 and A361 by Burford School (and also concerns over the safety of pedestrians crossing the A361 between the golf club accesses on each side) and while the request for a 20mph speed limit within the built up area of Burford is more recent, there is clearly – as evidenced by Burford Town Council initiating and providing funding for this project – a strong local wish to progress these changes.
17. However, mindful that the length of the A361 south of the Swan Lane junction is a clearer departure from the national guidelines on setting speed limits, consideration could be given to amending the proposals for the 20mph limit to reduce its extent on the A361 The Hill.
18. The strong objections to the proposed puffin crossing on road safety and traffic delay grounds, including from the staff and governors of Burford School are noted and in view of this a further review of options will be carried out and presented to a future meeting. It should be noted that while the speed limit reduction on the A40 would be highly advisable in the event of a signalled crossing being provided at a later date, local views on the need for and appropriateness of the speed limit reductions are that these are needed irrespective of whether a signalled crossing is progressed or not.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

19. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic and pedestrians.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

20. Funding for the proposed speed limits will be provided by Burford Town Council and by Oxfordshire County Council capital programme for the proposed signalled crossing.

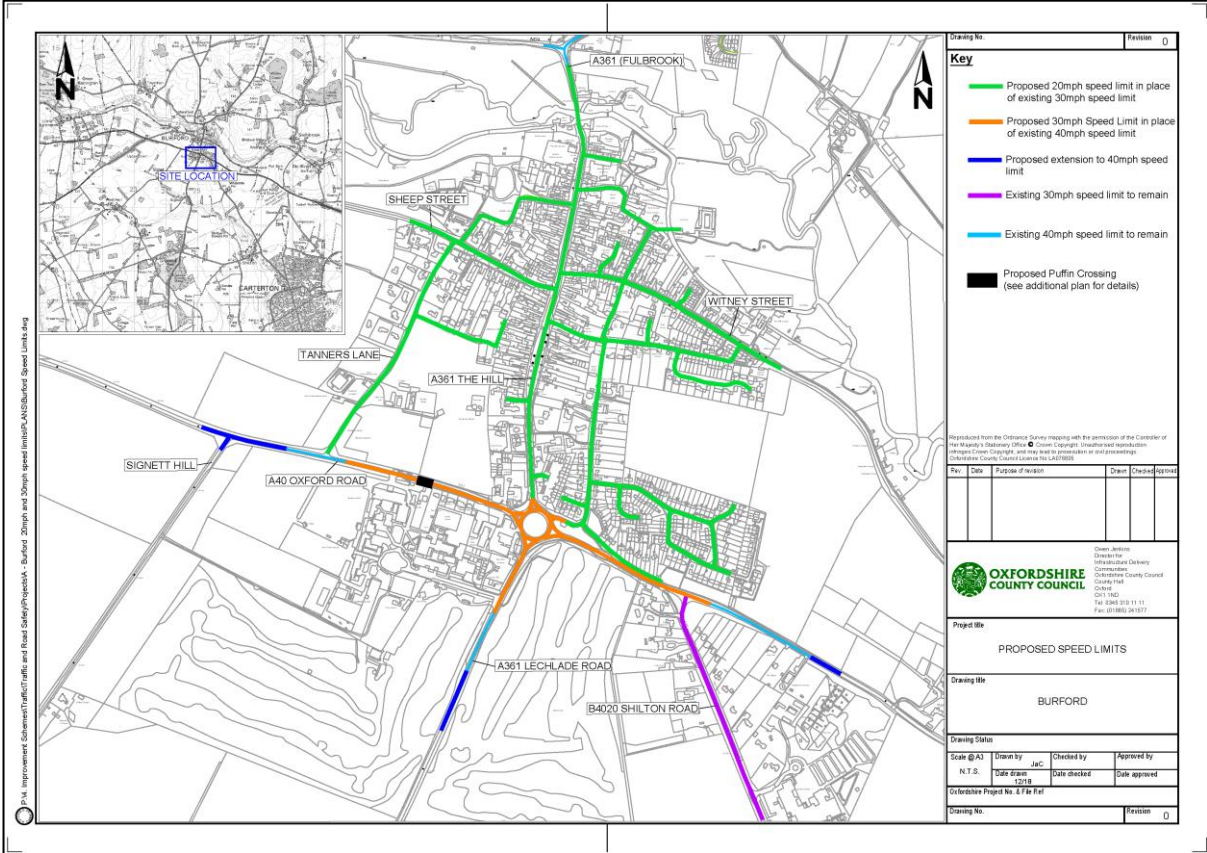
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Background papers: Plan of proposed speed limits and puffin crossing
 Consultation responses

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- Key**
- Proposed 20mph speed limit in place of existing 30mph speed limit
 - Proposed 30mph Speed Limit in place of existing 40mph speed limit
 - Proposed extension to 40mph speed limit
 - Existing 30mph speed limit to remain
 - Existing 40mph speed limit to remain
 - Proposed Puffin Crossing (see additional plan for details)

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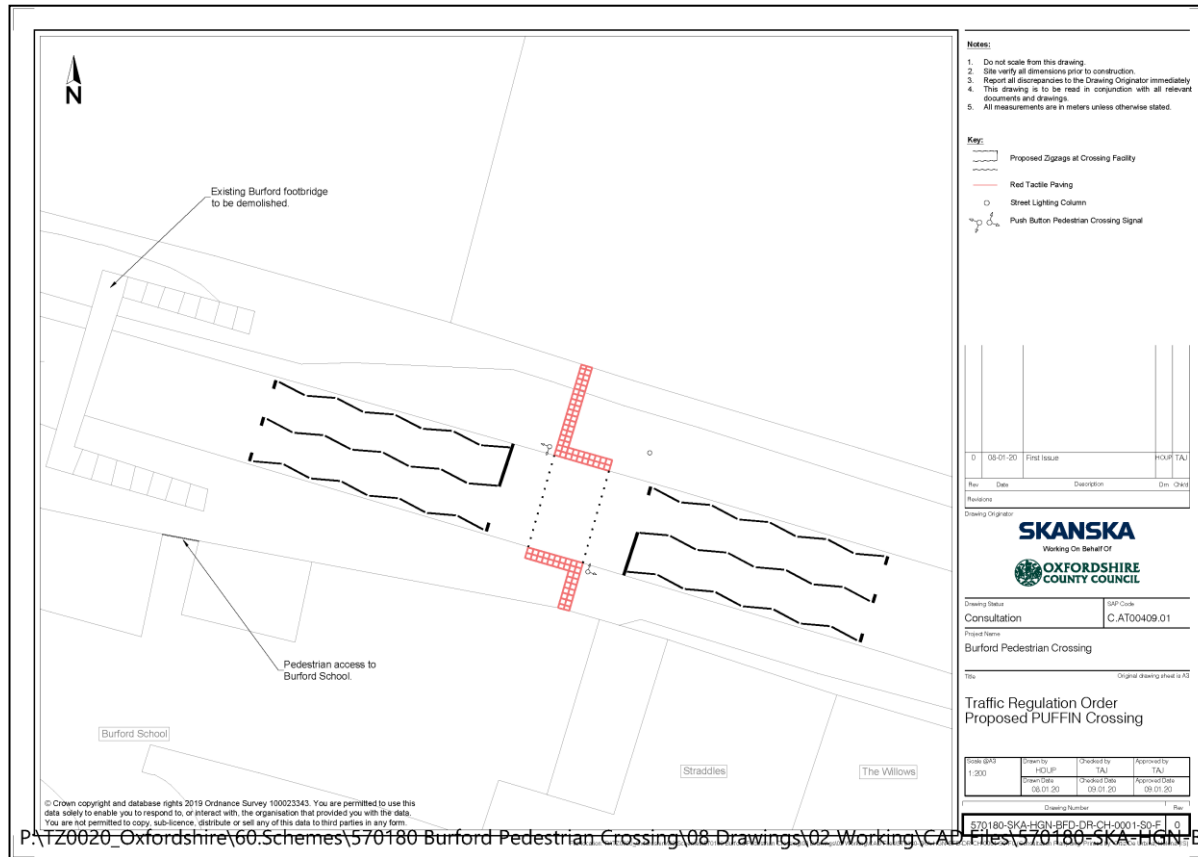
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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<p>Object – The police stance firmly reflects current DfT advice that 20 mph limits should be self-enforcing. Without speed data it is likely that most side roads included in the proposal would meet the criteria currently not exceeding 24mph (4 mph above the 20 speed limit) accepted upper limit.</p> <p>Thames Valley Police do however have concerns over the A361 being included for 20mph. These are Principal Strategic through routes with that aim. In the DfT guidelines this is a factor for consideration in terms of road function which sets it apart from local residential roads. The impact and change between the main route and residential sides roads would be compromised with inclusion of all in our view.</p> <p>We would not advocate physical speed reducing measures on Principle routes and would always see these as primary sections for both local and wider important strategic commercial users that should be protected.</p> <p>The A40 is also a Principal route where speed data could firmly establish current actual speeds, where in my view these are likely from on-site observations to be above DfT criteria?</p> <p>It is disappointing that the school pedestrian bridge is being removed and an at grade crossing substituted. Ignoring residual speeds with the lower limit to an unrealistic 30mph may raise the hazard potential here where engineering infrastructure and design is lead (Design Manual Roads and Bridges) by speed limit rather than actual speeds which is in our view therefore is a high risk strategy!</p> <p>Thames Valley Police formally make an OBJECTION to the proposal evidenced in this report specifically due to the inclusion of the Primary routes (A361 30mph and A40 30MPH) as cited.</p>
(2) Local County Councillor	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph – No opinion Fully support this.</p>

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	Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.
(3) West Oxfordshire District Council	No Objection
(4) Mayor of Burford	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object – We strongly object to the proposal because:</p> <p>(1) The risk of injury and death (the reason why the footbridge was built originally) is the prime concern. Penny pinching must not dictate the solution. (2) There will inevitably be bunching (too many students in too small an area) twice a day so the crossing will have to be policed during those times. Under no circumstances can School staff be required to undertake those duties. (3) There is no provision for fencing the road so pedestrians will be forced into the carriageway at peak times. (4) There is absolutely no protection against rogue drivers. (5) It will not take very long for the students to work out that the lights can be kept at red for long periods if they cross in groups at regular intervals.</p> <p>We counter propose that the existing bridge should be repaired if OCC cannot afford a new one. The uprights appear undamaged to the naked eye and we suspect that OCC’s damage assessments (which we have not seen) will confirm that only the central span has been affected. The Puffin proposal should be withdrawn and this alternative proposal should be thoroughly investigated.</p>
() Resident, (Chipping Norton)	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support This proposal will make cycling and walking safer which should be encouraged.</p>

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	<p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Clanfield)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support The A40 is a busy trunk road and the A361 also carries a lot of traffic - hopefully these speed limits will help to keep the traffic moving through and moving safely through Burford.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Please rebuild the footbridge. It was originally installed because a child died on that road, and traffic has only increased since then. The road is busy, and there is also the junction into and out of the school. A puffin crossing will impede the traffic, creating long queues, and will result in bunching of children on the pavements. A new footbridge is the safest option and the best option for enabling the children to get over the road quickly and safely and for keeping the traffic flowing. As a parent of children at the school, please, please, please don't put budget considerations over the lives of children.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - No opinion 30mph - Support 40mph - Support Support the slowing down of traffic in the area of the school entrances</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Primarily object as believe that surely a bridge is the safer option. Although speed restrictions are proposed, this area of road is very close to a faster stretch, and it only takes one distracted driver to not slow down and hit a child.</p> <p>Secondly, believe that a puffin crossing will cause traffic issues on an already problematic road. The stop/start of traffic in the morning will have an adverse impact and an environmental impact from the additional queued traffic</p>
<p>() Resident, (Langford)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Support 40mph - Support I understand the need to modify the speed limits to allow for the installation of a new puffin crossing due to the bridge</p>

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	<p>being demolished.</p> <p>I see no justification for the wide spread 20mph? Have there been high levels of accidents? Or is this just a reaction to globally enforce a lower speed limit?</p> <p>The High Street is busy and as a consequence it does not allow speeding traffic. Going down the hill at 20mph is not sustainable it will involve heavy breaking.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - I would have preferred to see a replacement bridge so the traffic was not interrupted?</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - A cost cutting exercise which endangers pedestrians. It seems crazy to mix mainly young pedestrians with heavy traffic on the A40.</p> <p>The bridge was built as a result of a child's death on the A40 surely it must be safer to repair rather than demolish.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - Whilst I believe a replacement bridge would be safer, a puffin crossing would probably be adequate IF a speed camera is also installed in the vicinity, since the primary problem is caused by speeding cars who ignore the current limit</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Object</p>

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	<p>People do not pay much attention to speed limits without cameras.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Whilst unsafe the bridge was the perfect solution as it didn't affect the traffic at a very busy time. The current temporary lights cause massive congestion on a very busy roundabout and surrounding junctions. After getting stuck at traffic lights cars speed away and then hit the roundabout at speed onto another road where children cross the A361.</p> <p>Whilst it isn't a dual carriageway the a40 is an extremely busy road and it seems madness to not replace a bridge that has been very successful. How many other major routes have pedestrian crossings??</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I strongly object to this. This is an extremely dangerous road where people drive a lot faster than the designated speed limit (irrespective of whether 40mph or 30mph). Teenagers already try and cross opposite starbucks and it is highly dangerous and risky. A crossing opposite the school seems irresponsible. Please rebuild the bridge, this is the only safe option for this crossing</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - The original reason for the footbridge was following an accident to a pupil.</p> <p>There is no justification for demolishing a footbridge over a major A Road, in order to put a cheaper but more dangerous traffic light crossing.</p> <p>If the footbridge to the school is not replaced. It is likely that a young person will be seriously injured or even killed.</p> <p>Bearing in mind the fact that the original reason for building the footbridge was just such an incident: I hope that the</p>

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	<p>elected people who are going to make this decision, will be able to rest easily, should another fatality occur.</p> <p>Cheap crossing in front of HGVs and fast moving cars or a footbridge to keep children safe?</p> <p>Is the life or wellbeing of a school pupil really worth so little? Reason footbridge was built? Death of a child. Reason to remove it and put in pedestrian crossing over a busy main road? Save a few quid.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Witney)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Object 40mph - Object</p> <p>The speed limit should be 20mph from where the proposed 40mph limit starts. This is a fast stretch of road leading to a very busy access point to Burford School.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - As a parent of a child who crosses the road at this point, I am concerned that due to the speed of vehicles and driver distractions, installing an at-grade crossing instead of having the footbridge will be incredibly dangerous. Please install a new footbridge if the current one is unable to be mended.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Filkins)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I am very disappointed to see the loss of the bridge and fail to see how any proposed solution can possibly hope to improve road safety. Taken together with speed limit reductions then that would be progress but I am convinced that losing the bridge can only increase the likelihood of accidents in the future.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Minster Lovell)</p>	<p>20mph - No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I most strongly object to this plan:</p>

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	<p>1) The crossing is proposed as a long term solution to the removal of the footbridge. The footbridge is by far the safest way to allow the the increasing number of children who use it (due to the increased use of the public buses). The is clearly a cheap solution at the expense of the children's safety, which clearly is given no regard.</p> <p>2) The A40 around Burford suffers with chronic congestion, it defies any sort of logic to add a further requirement to reduce the flow of traffic, as well as the environmental impact of vehicles braking and then accelerating.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p> <p>Provided these limits are enforced consistently - e.g. with average speed cameras, rather than with chicanes or speed bumps, these have my support. Chicanes and average speed bumps add significantly to air pollution.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I strongly object to the Puffin Crossing. There is now a lot of evidence that traffic lights increase air pollution - indeed this is my area of academic research - https://oem.eng.ox.ac.uk/. In this case, the pollution will be concentrated right outside the school. The costs of air pollution are now calculable - https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-tool-calculates-nhs-and-social-care-costs-of-air-pollution nowhere in your is air pollution considered or mentioned.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Object 40mph - Object</p> <p>Too difficult to police. The risk is too great. It won't matter about punishing a speeding driver AFTER a child has been killed.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - It is always going to be a greater risk having children ON or BY the road when they could have the option of going OVER it.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Kidlington)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Support 40mph - No opinion</p> <p>There is no point designating a reduced speed limit unless it can be enforced</p>

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	<p>Puffin Crossing - Object - This will not provide a safe option for children crossing the road to get to and from school. The footbridge needs to be replaced.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Fulbrook)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - My children risk their lives on a daily basis to attend school the crossing of Burford bridge from Fulbrook is just the start. By removing and not replacing the footbridge on the A40 you are endangering their lives even further.</p> <p>My children have already reported many minor incidents at the temporary lights, Cars not stopping, impatient drivers, and even lights not working and the children having to take big risks by crossing the road themselves just to get to school. That stretch of the a40 is notorious for accidents you are putting the lives of hundreds of children at risk because you don't want to spend a few quid to ensure their safety.</p> <p>I urge you to work with the community of Burford as well as the school and police to find a more sensible and workable solution to this rather than lights that will cause even more risk of accident and death as well as even more congestion on the Burford roundabout which is already blighted by accidents and incomprehensible traffic on a daily basis.</p> <p>The 7.5 tonne weight limit in Burford (which hasn't been introduced yet) will push more heavy vehicles along the A40 making traffic worse and causing chaos and increasing the risk of injury or death of a child when all they are trying to do is to get to and from school.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - A puffin crossing is also proposed for the A40 on the east side of the Burford roundabout so why is there not a puffin crossing proposed for the A361 also? A child was recently hit crossing that road on their</p>

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	<p>way to/from school.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Object 40mph - Object 20mph is the best of a bad choice. I still fear accidents will be inevitable. Children's safety should be put first over costs. This road needs a pedestrian bridge.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I don't feel any speed restrictions or crossings can EVER be as safe as a pedestrian bridge. I Think the bridge should definitely be replaced.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Support 40mph - Neither/Concerns Less than 30 mph is unnecessarily slow.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I believe that a pelican crossing will not be safe enough for the youngsters who need to cross the A40 to get to and from Burford School. The traffic lights would need to be of a great enough height to be visible to drivers from a considerable distance. Despite the proposal to lower the speed limit along the stretch of the A40 from the roundabout towards Cheltenham past the school, I fear that many drivers will go above this, creating danger to the pedestrians. In my opinion the safest for all concerned would be to either strengthen the structure of the existing bridge, or to build a new one.</p>

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<p>() Resident, (Witney)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p> <p>It concerns me that the 20mph speed limits have been proposed on the roads nearest to the fire station and will ultimately affect the time it takes for the firefighters to get to the station and then onto the emergency call.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I strongly object to the bridge crossing the A40 be permanently removed instead of being replaced and the currently temporary Puffin Crossing being made a permanent fixture. I cannot believe that the council think that this is an acceptable alternative for the number of school-children (and other pedestrians) to safely cross this extremely busy main road. I have personally observed the dangerous driving that happens regularly on this quite small stretch of this road - overtaking, speeding (well over 60, let alone the currently posted 40) - what happens if a child is using this crossing - perfectly correctly - they've pressed the button and waited for the lights to change, but someone is driving like that? They certainly won't be able to stop in time. The road is already very congested leading up to the roundabout (all ways), so exacerbating it, by putting a crossing in just does not make any sense. The council seem to have forgotten why this bridge (which has been there for over 40 years) was installed in the first place - a child was knocked down and seriously injured whilst trying to cross the road to get to school. And this was back when the roads were less busy and cars were slower. Yes, we can educate our children to cross a road safely, but ultimately, they are children, being put at risk by adults. Are the council saying that a child's life is worth less than the money that would need to be spent on replacing the bridge?</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - The increased risk of a road traffic accident, the footbridge was built originally to avoid such incidents. Build up of students at peak times waiting to cross in restricted areas. No provision of fencing around the crossing to prevent students spilling onto the carriageway at peak times</p> <p>There will always be a risk of drivers 'jumping' the lights and not observing speed limits. There will always be a risk of younger students in particular not being familiar with the sequencing of crossing lights and stepping onto the road before or after they should do so. A replacement footbridge is required, the current one has served its purpose for over 40 years without issue.</p>

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<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - My child uses the bridge to cross the road, twice a day, five days a week. The removal of the bridge shall mean that pedestrians and cars will need to share the same space. If cars jump the lights there will be a serious accident. The footbridge needs to be replaced.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - The footbridge is required. It was installed to maintain safety of the students of Burford School and reduce the number of accidents. The situation has not changed (in fact there are now a lot more cars and a lot more students) so the requirement for a footbridge has not changed.</p> <p>Very simply put, if the footbridge is not replaced then the safety of children is being ignored to save a few quid. The footbridge has been damaged by collisions, why were the offending motorists not claimed from and the money used to re-build/repair?</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - My concern is that the implementation of the current temporary crossing lights has left much to be desired. The evidence would suggest that this is not fit for a permanent solution. The decision made on this</p>

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	<p>consultation will be with the residents of the town, and teachers of the school (of which I am both), for the next 40 years + just as the old bridge lasted the last 40 years.</p> <p>I live and work in Burford walking to the school each day, using the crossing twice a day. Unfortunately, I regularly see my students put in harm's way. They are variously: harassed by cars frustrated with the delay; queuing up to cross in confined space close to a the road with no barriers to stop them being knocked into the path of traffic; and on numerous occasions nearly knocked over by cars 'jumping' the red light.</p> <p>Granted that some of these problems are indicative of a poorly working temporary light system. Presumably the new system would be well fenced and have some kind of enforcement cameras? Equally the school (and me personally as someone who walks this route) takes the burden of 'managing' the commute of the couple of hundred children that use this twice a day. Would this be replaced by a county employed lollipop man / woman?</p> <p>Overall it seems the previous bridge was a much better working solution for both the town and the traffic. Road users were not impeded on a busy 'A' road, students could cross in a safe and intuitive way, and additional staffing costs were minimal. Moving to a crossing might be cheaper in the short term than rebuilding / repairing a bridge but it has significant drawbacks that the community and the commuters will have to live with for the next 40 + years. I do hope this decision is made with the long term in view.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Chipping Norton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - The current arrangement with traffic lights is unreliable and dangerous- Burford School staff have had to man the crossing, often the lights fail and staff have to step into the road to stop the traffic and allow students to cross. Oxfordshire CC do not appear to take this frequent danger to the lives of adults and children seriously. Since installation the lights have failed several times a week and sometimes several times in a day. Considering that the only other safe crossing is on Burford High Street, the current arrangement does not take into account the realities of children crossing a major A road to get to school. Often lorries and cars heading towards Cheltenham speed up after the roundabout and, on occasion jump the lights. Traffic jams build up quickly at the beginning and end of the school day. Visibility is not always great, so vehicles don't always anticipate the crossing. The footpath is narrow and not really suitable for multiple numbers of children to gather and cross. Without doubt, the only safe and sensible option is to build a new pedestrian bridge on the A40.</p>

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<p>() Resident, (Leaffield)</p>	<p>20mph – Neither/Concerns 30mph - Support 40mph - Object No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - The bridge over the A40 is used multiple times every day by the children of Burford School to make it a safe crossing. It is also used by other residents, tourists, walkers etc in the area wishing to ensure they can safely cross the A40. The A40 is a very busy road between Oxford and Cheltenham that has many wide and long lorries, MOD and agricultural and other dangerous vehicles. To remove the bridge which provides a 100% safe crossing, is an idiotic idea. If it is deemed unsafe it should be re-built. The Council obviously has the funding, if it is planning an expensive puffin crossing - or should find it for the children's safety. It should not wait until there is a fatality at a puffin crossing to do the sensible and ethical thing. The existing bridge means the traffic is not delayed or slowed unnecessarily and is kept freely flowing even in peak times. It does not interrupt access or exit from the school gates and it is not compromised by bad weather or other occurrences which might mean the lights of the puffin crossing would not operate safely 24/7. The proposed crossing would significantly hinder traffic flow in and around Burford, firstly to and from the main school gates, but also across the 361 road, Tanners Lane, the High Street and main roundabout particularly during busy times, as it would mean the traffic needing to come to a complete stop (engines probably idling so adding to the air pollution the children would be breathing) on a regular basis. The proposed puffin crossing relies on a sensor and lights, which require power (ie energy of some kind) and technology, both of which are all liable to fail at some point, particularly when the weather is poor such as experienced regularly in Burford from October to April. It would have significant installation costs as well as running and maintenance costs. By contrast the bridge is a totally Green (energy efficient) project and would not involve high running costs. Puffin crossing have only an indicator on the near side and for thus cannot provide on-going assurance of safety for the pedestrian half-way through crossing the road. Additionally one pedestrian may obscure the indicator or upset the sensor for another pedestrian. Transport for London stopped installing them in 2014 as they were considered unsafe!! You may also like to note that Birmingham Council also do not favour them. They may also not allow the pedestrian to complete their crossing of the road safely before indicating otherwise. There is also a noise associated with puffin crossing which would add to noise pollution and irritate other walkers and neighbours. To sum up - I think the idea of a crossing for children across the A40 instead of a safe bridge is preposterous and the Council needs to totally re-think this project!!</p>

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<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Neither/Concerns 40mph - Neither/Concerns No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - To demolish the A40 footbridge and replace it with a pedestrain crossing does not take into account the safety of pupils and others attending or visiting Burford School.</p> <p>I don't feel that a pedestrain crossing so close to a busy roundabout and other business entrances, with cars accelerating away, will be a suitable safe crossing where it has previously been deemed necessary to build a footbridge. Replacing this should be a priority if it is not safe to repair.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Shipton Under Wychwood)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - This is a busy stretch of road and cars often speed here. I personally think a Puffin Crossing is far more dangerous to the school children than repairing or replacing the current bridge. I do not know what the cost differences are but I think that the council should re consider replacing the bridge.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p>

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	<p>No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - The existing damaged footbridge should be replaced. The A40 is already significantly congested; adding a further impediment to the passage of traffic can only worsen the traffic flow. The Statement of Reasons makes no reference to the proposed Puffin Crossing. Given the number of school children requiring to cross the road at busy times, the crossing is at odds with your aim to facilitate the effective passage of traffic.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Shipton Under Wychwood)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p> <p>The current speed limit along the A40 is wholly inappropriate considering that the road runs past a school. Other schools benefit from a lower speed restrictions and do not suffer from the HGVs and large volume of traffic that pass by. The current limit section does not give traffic adequate time to slow before passing the school and so should be extended further out along the A40.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I believe that the bridge over the A40 should be replaced. The effect of a crossing at this point has the potential for accidents both from those crossing at this point without using the defined crossing area and also from impatient traffic. The crossing would be used almost exclusively by students and so I believe that the safest crossing would be a bridge or underpass at this point.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p> <p>Support these amendments but propose lowering limit to 20mph outside Burford School at beginning and end of school days.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Puffin crossing relies too much on traffic to stop and not hit crossing pedestrians, including numerous children walking to and from school. The footbridge should be repaired or replaced.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Neither/Concerns 40mph - Neither/Concerns</p>

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	<p>No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - A Puffin Crossing in front of Burford school to replace the footbridge is a cost saving exercise and it does not take into consideration the safety of pedestrian, in this case students. Studies show that a footbridge is one of the safest pedestrian crossing facilities. It is important to ensure safety over budget.</p> <p>Results shows that the reducing vehicles speed is not sufficient to guarantee pedestrian safety when there is a high volume of vehicles.</p> <p>Pedestrian footbridges over busy roads (in this case the A40) give a safe passage to Burford school students and remove the danger students crossing the road unsafely or drivers not respecting speed limits and being unable to stop.</p> <p>The footbridge improves traffic congestion by removing the signalized crossing outside the school, improves the quality of air around the school as a result of smaller standing traffic</p>
<p>() Resident, (Langford)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Neither/Concerns 40mph - Neither/Concerns Concerns. The 20mph limit seems superfluous as the traffic in Burford centre seems rarely to be free enough moving to hit the existing 30mph limit.</p> <p>I am not convinced that extending the 30/40 mph limits along the A40 or A361 will actually cause anyone to slow down. I believe physical barriers/obstacles/markings would be more effective.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - My objections are twofold. - For motorists, adding traffic lights takes an already congested A40 approach/roundabout in Burford and makes it more worse. Traffic travelling on the westbound A40 will likely back up onto and block the A40/A361 roundabout. - For pedestrians, I am concerned that there is no physical separation of children from traffic from the west that has been cruising uninterrupted at 60+ mph in a straight line for the last 9 miles / 12 minutes (since the A429 roundabout), and is likely not paying sufficient attention to notice that a pedestrian crossing has just appeared across what is a major trunk road.</p>

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	<p>My suggested solution would be to put a better bridge back. This would remove the impediment to vehicles leaving Burford on the A40 and prevent children being knocked down by inattentive drivers.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Object 40mph - Object This is a very fast flowing stretch of road that passes past the school and I really believe that another footbridge would make a huge difference in the safety of everyone (both pedestrians and traffic alike).</p> <p>The temporary crossing has made this section in front of the school, even more dangerous to negotiate especially at peak times. The traffic is heavy from all directions and once stopped at the crossing can flow back right past the Burford roundabout thus I have witnessed many a near miss on several occasions where people think it is clear to proceed only to find vehicles have stopped in their path obstructing the roundabout.</p> <p>Even reducing the speed limit along this stretch is fraught with danger. Many drivers do not take any notice of the speed limit past the school and I have witnessed cars screeching the brakes on at the last minute to stop at the crossing as children step out.</p> <p>At least with a footbridge the traffic will continue to flow at all times and people can get across the road safely. Please seriously consider the knock-on effect that not putting another footbridge in place could have.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - No comments.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Object 40mph - Object This is a crazy decision. The bridge should be repaired. Some children WILL ignore any crossings/safety restrictions and some children will get killed and/or seriously injured, since they ignore things when they're in a hurry. Speed limits don't stop kids being kids.</p> <p>This may save the council some money in the short-term, but in the longer term litigation costs for death/injury to children will be very high. Liability will be placed on the council as they WILL be held accountable for lowering safety and putting short term savings before lives.</p>

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	<p>Puffin Crossing - Object – <i>See comments above.</i></p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I believe this would be a very dangerous option, after seeing a boy hit by a car outside of Burford just this afternoon I think a puffin crossing would cause a serious accident on such a main road. Also the traffic around Burford school has been chaos since the traffic lights have been used as a crossing, causing the roundabout to become gridlocked at peak times.</p> <p>In my opinion a puffin crossing is a dangerous and thoughtless option which would at some point result in a serious accident. Safety should be the priority and I don't believe a puffin crossing is a safe Option in anyway. The safest option would be to rebuild a bridge giving children no need to attempt to cross a major A road. There seems to be no regard for child safety in this proposal and I feel safety has been disregarded in favour of financial efficiency.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Chipping Norton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion</p> <p>I do not support the proposal for the Puffin Crossing. A footbridge should be reinstated. Traffic currently backs up onto the nearby roundabout at the junction of the A40 and A361, causing congestion. Reducing the speed limit on the approaches to the school is however fully supportable.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object – <i>See comments above.</i></p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Neither/Concerns</p>

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	<p>No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - A replacement foot bridge is needed to allow safe crossing for the secondary school students. The Puffin crossing will add to traffic congestion in the area, which is already considerable at peak times of the day.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Milton under wychwood)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p> <p>Would encourage consideration be given to 20mph limit around Burford Secondary A40 and A361 entrances to reduce the risk of collisions between cars and cars/pedestrians.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - It should help keep people crossing the road safe but it will clog the traffic around the roundabout.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Minster Lovell)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - This is an extremely busy road, my two children cross it every day to go to school it is fare safer for children to go over a foot bridge than to cross the road, this was thought a good idea 30 years ago when there were far less cars on the road why would it be a good idea to take it away now? Puffin crosses have their place but not on a main A road as cars will still travel very quickly on this road regardless of a reduced speed limit and will miss the lights. I keep telling my children DO NOT CROSS UNTIL YOU HAVE SEEN THE CARS ARE SLOWING DOWN! however they are teenage children and are easily distracted, A child will get seriously hurt or god forbid killed do you the council want this on your conscious? The other roads 361 and Burford hill need better crossings as well, a child was hit this afternoon crossing the 361.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Minster Lovell)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Object</p>

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	<p>I think it may perhaps improve the safety of pedestrians and other vehicles passing through Burford to have a 20-30mph speed limit. However, I cannot see any particular benefit to extending the 40mph limit along the A40 and A361. At specific times of the day, it's impossible to do 20, 30 or 40mph in this area due to the amount of traffic bottle-necked around the A40 roundabout in Burford.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Having passed through Burford for the past 6 years morning and afternoon, I was immensely disappointed to see that the footbridge had been closed and was due to be demolished and replaced with a pedestrian lights crossing. This looks and feels much more dangerous than the footbridge. The traffic is now backed up on the A40 approach to the roundabout in all directions and on the roundabout itself when the pedestrian lights are in regular use during peak traffic flow at school time. This subsequently impacts the queue of traffic approaching from the A361. I've seen so many near misses of traffic and pedestrian accidents on and around the roundabout between 8.15-8.40am and 2.50-3.20pm. Vehicles queued on the roundabout itself, struggling to get in or out of Starbucks car park whilst pedestrians try to cross the road. When pedestrians could use the footbridge the traffic flowed better and was much less stop/start on the actual roundabout. As far as I can see the closure of the footbridge has put the pedestrians, mainly children, in more danger crossing a busy main 'A' road, than walking over the footbridge ever did. It has also created more traffic congestion in the area which looks like an accident waiting to happen at peak school times. I would much prefer to see investment in reinstating the footbridge and making it safe for all to continue to use.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Witney)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Neither/Concerns</p> <p>There needs to be some sort of crossing on both the A40 and the A361 enabling the school children to safely get to and from the public transport bus stops before and after school.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Neither/Concerns - I do worry about this replacing the bridge though as if I remember correctly the bridge was built as a child was knocked over on the road. That road is such a fast road the traffic will need to be slowed down well before the crossing.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p>

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	<p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Absolutely ridiculous to consider having a puffin crossing! A bridge or subway is the only safe way to cross that road there and it's disgraceful that you are putting saving money for the council over the safety of children, as it's quite clear this is a cost saving solution!</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - I support a puffin crossing but prefer a bridge. As a parent, this gives one more peace of mind that the children are not exposed to any form of accidental hit and run.</p> <p>Why will the bridge not be replaced? is it because of cost? I appeal that you rethink this, a life a person is much more important than cost of a bridge.</p> <p>Furthermore, the road is a busy road, by introducing puffin crossing which will be used frequently will it not add to the traffic already on that road.</p> <p>Kindly think this through carefully and do not base your decision just on cost saving (if that is why you are having puffin crossing) but on life saving and safe and easy road usage for all users.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Clanfield)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>
<p>() Local Group/Organisation, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Object 40mph - Object The 20 mph limit needs to extend from west of Tanners Lane on the A40 West of Burford to at least south of Burford</p>

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	<p>Golf Club on the A361 as well as in the town centre of Burford. The 20 mph limit zone should cover the A40 and A361 entrances to Burford School.</p> <p>The 40 and 30 mph zones should accordingly be extended beyond the 20 mph zones to a force traffic to slow down to the 20 mph zone.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - The proposal to replace the existing footbridge with a puffin crossing is fundamentally flawed as it does not maintain the existing level of safety for children crossing the A40 on the way to and from school. In addition the school was not consulted or notified about the proposals.</p> <p>The existing bridge was originally built due to the death of a school pupil crossing the A40.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - No opinion</p> <p>The traffic lights need to be made permanent and there needs to be signs telling drivers there are school children crossing!</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - Extremely important, do you really want more students to be injured?</p>
<p>() Resident, (Shilton)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Neither/Concerns 40mph - Neither/Concerns</p> <p>My concerns are linked to: overall congestion within A40/A361 and Burford/ Wildlife park traffic and commuter traffic to Oxford and school; soon to be exacerbated with new housing development on Shilton Road. There is no joined up thinking in the development of road infrastructure within and around Burford...question lack of thought about how the residents of this new estate will connect with Burford...at the moment it is due to be an isolated estate, with people only escaping via car...there is no clear pedestrian access from this side into the town, crossing the A40 that end is impossible and dangerous, and at the moment, it looks like the links to Burford will be only by car- no consideration of connectivity, healthy planning and carbon emission/ Climate change planning. No future proofing. IN addition, slowing traffic, whilst positive, will also add to emissions levels within Burford High Street, making the environment more unhealthy. Will this be monitored? No provision for cycle routes. How can any of this be a sustainable option? Burford is such a beautiful town, but is heading to be a giant traffic jam. So sad to see this short term thinking. Not good</p>

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	<p>enough</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Neither/Concerns - I have two children at Burford school. I was driving in yesterday when I saw 2 young children trying to cross the A361, and having a close miss as a car came out of roundabout. I see close calls on a daily basis. Later that day, lo and behold a child actually did have an accident with a car. This is a disaster waiting to happen. Each morning streams of children try and cross the A361 opposite the Travellodge, it is so unsafe, and even with a reduced speed, it still would not be safe for them. One School bus drops children at the public bus stop on A40 (Oxford side), and they then walk to school all crossing the A361. Likewise crossing the A40 is difficult. It is at the peak of rush hour, and already cars back up at school drop off time, along with commuter traffic. A Puffin crossing on the A40 will just add to the congestion by stopping and starting already congested traffic. It only serves children crossing from the Burford Town (highstreet) side...and not from the Oxford side (A40)...you cannot just have a crossing on A40 as children also come from A40 side and cross A361. It needs the bridge reinstated.</p> <p>In addition again this will not help the new housing estate on Shilton Road, with no pedestrian access to Burford. Again no provision of safe cycle routes to school. My children are keen cyclists, and we live 2.5 miles away, but there is no way of reaching Burford safely from Shilton...or safely from Burford to Witney and beyond by bike. Future planning essential for climate mitigation.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Shilton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Langford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>

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<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Completely object to this proposal. There needs to be a safe crossing as it is used daily (at least twice a day) by a large number 100+ of school children.</p> <p>Any proposal should not involve walking across the extremely busy A40 road, which is full of large lorries and fast cars. If you intend to knock down the bridge due to safety reasons (which for the last 40+ years has served its purpose in keeping people safe) then you replace it with a similar updated bridge which meets the necessary safety requirements.</p> <p>Also a bridge allows the flow of traffic to continue as would be overhead. The current traffic lights are appalling, they rarely work, teachers are having to stand either side of the road to protect the school children crossing, and the lights build up a lot of traffic.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Shilton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support More 20mph needed and traffic lights at Shilton Dip on B4020</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Chipping Norton)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p> <p>The road bridge needs to be reinstated by Burford School for the safety of students. Having worked in Burford for nearly 30 years it is vital the bridge is there. The volume of vehicles as well as the large number of lorries make the A40 very dangerous.</p> <p>Yesterday a child was hit by a car whilst crossing the road after school. I am very concerned vehicle's may not stop,</p>

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	<p>there are no rails to restrict people crossing the road. The bridge has been consistently used and in an age of increasing vehicle volume and population {within Burford} the bridge is a much needed safety feature. The traffic congestion caused by the lights also is an issue.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object – See comments above.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p> <p>It seems that the throughput of traffic on that road is such that there may well be impatience by the drivers due to the congestion this proposal will cause and so any speed limit is ok as long as the flow of traffic can be allowed to flow freely without the use of traffic lights.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I would certainly prefer that the bridge remains in operation to keep the children away from the need to cross the road even with pedestrian crossing the congestion will build up and people could be come impatient or not worse not adhere fully to the light system and cause injury to a child.</p> <p>The safest option would be for the bridge to be maintain and so provide safe and secure crossing arrangements for children and keep them off the road.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Shilton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Shipton under Wychwood)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - No opinion 40mph - Neither/Concerns No comments.</p>

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	<p>Puffin Crossing - Object - This is a busy trunk route and it is vital that the children crossing the road to go to school see safe. The current bridge arrangement is the most sensible option as it prevents children crossing on the actual road and keeps them separate from the traffic. A pelican crossing is not adequate to cope with the volume of pedestrians and would also cause a bottleneck on what is a major thoroughfare</p>
<p>() Local Group/Organisation, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - The increased risk of a road traffic accident, the footbridge was built originally to avoid such incidents.</p> <p>Build up of students at peak times waiting to cross in restricted areas No provision of fencing around the crossing to prevent students spilling onto the carriageway at peak times.</p> <p>There will always be a risk of drivers 'jumping' the lights and not observing speed limits. There will always be a risk of younger students in particular not being familiar with the sequencing of crossing lights and stepping onto the road before or after they should do so.</p> <p>A replacement footbridge is required, the current one has served its purpose for over 40 years without issue.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Milton under wychwood)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Neither/Concerns 40mph - Neither/Concerns No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Through the suggested demolition of a pedestrian bridge to be replaced with a puffin crossing you are essentially replacing a SAFE crossing with a NOT SO SAFE one. I don't understand... Are you aware that there is a school in Burford that has hundreds of children using this bridge daily to access their place of learning?</p> <p>(In my opinion it would probably be a good idea to have both!)</p>

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	<p>I've driven on this particular stretch of road for the past twenty years and have seen, inevitably, speed (sadly) and volume of traffic increase .</p> <p>Replacing an old MUCH USED pedestrian bridge with a new one is surely the only plan needed that to ensure the future safety of both pupils at the burford school and local residents.</p> <p>Have any of you making these decisions been to the site and tried to cross the road either side of the Burford roundabout where many school pupils who walk to school need to cross?</p>
<p>() Resident, (Bampton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Object 40mph - Object No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - As a student of the school, we have already seen one accident which could have been avoided if we had the foot bridge back. This is ridiculous and risks school children's safety, also a 20 mph speed limit should be put close around the schools perimeter</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Neither/Concerns 40mph - Neither/Concerns</p> <p>From published reports in London it has been demonstrated that 20mph restrictions for the sake of slowing traffic actually increases pollution levels. It also increases stop / start situations which again add to pollution levels. Not a clever move if peoples health is an issue for politicians - it should be.</p> <p>20mph restrictions outside schools or elderly homes are entirely justified for safety reasons. Elsewhere not - just virtue signalling. Burford has a zebra crossing for those that wish to use be totally safe crossing from one side to the other. As for 40mph areas reduced to 30mph. It is hard to answer when you dont indicate the distance from the roundabout. As one is most often arriving at the roundabout at snail pace it doesnt seem necessary. If the 30mph area on the Shilton road to Caterton is extended it will cause frustration. Does the council want to be at war with local residents especially in an area where we are seriously under supplied by public transport?</p>

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	Puffin Crossing - Neither/Concerns - No comments.
() Resident, (Shilton)	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>
() Resident, (Bradwell)	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p> <p>I do feel that speed limits are not the complete answer, as so many people ignore them soother measures should also be put in place ie speed cameras, school warning lights. The bridge should also be replaced.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - If that is the only option however the ideal would be this for the A361 and for the bridge to be replaced over the A40 along with speed cameras. An alternative would be to install traffic lights on the roundabout.</p>
() Resident, (Charlbury)	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - A puffin crossing would potentially cause severe traffic problems on a busy road. A less disruptive and safer approach would be to replace the existing footbridge with another.</p>
() Resident, (Bampton)	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Object 40mph - Object</p>

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	<p>The speed limits in the whole environs of the school should be significantly lower. Also just because a speed limit is set doesn't mean it will be obeyed. The traffic on these roads is heavy and fast; drivers are impatient and frequently jump the lights or tear away from the roundabout at great speed in spite of the numbers of school children crossing at this point.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - It is crazy to expect children as young as 11 to cross roads like these with only a puffin crossing - it is a matter of time before we have a fatality. I myself have recently been witness to a 13 (?) year old boy being knocked down. It was a mercy that the car involved was being driven sensibly at a low speed, otherwise he could very easily have been killed on the spot (as he would have been by some of the idiots who drive so recklessly at the roundabout). We need the footbridge to be replaced as soon as possible - our children are literally taking their lives in their hands on a daily basis.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - The council that had previously erected the bridge over the A40 opposite Burford School were obviously a lot more forward thinking and sensible than the bunch of penny pinching buffoons that we currently have! Who in their sane mind would consider that removing the bridge and replacing it with traffic lights is a 'sensible' solution?</p> <p>Traffic has increased dramatically since the bridge was installed, as has the speed of those vehicles, i totally understand the the bridge has degraded over the years but surely common sense would diccate that it is replaced with another bridge, ok make it higher to prevent being damaged by lorries or taller vehicles, you can even cover it to ensure the users are safe when using it, im sure with the current glut of H&S experts that seem to be ihidden in every orrifice of OCC somebody can be found to ensure it is safe!</p> <p>OCC stop playing with the lives of our kids, current and future students of Burford School and anybody wanting to safely cross that road - all for the sake of money.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Witney)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Support</p>

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	<p>40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - No comments.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Object No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - Nothing you do apart from replacing the bridge will guarantee the safety of the children crossing the busy A40 to get to school. You may be taking the cheaper option but if your children or grandchildren were pupils at the school I am sure your feelings would be the same. CHILDRENS LIVES ARE IN DANGER WITHOUT A FOOTBRIDGE!</p>
<p>() Resident, (Stow-on-the-Wold)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Keep the bridge instead. It's obviously a far safer option.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Brize Norton)</p>	<p>20mph - No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - If this bridge is removed it will only be a matter of time before a pupil is injured, how dare you put budgets above pupils safety, it's disgusting</p>

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<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support Will all the drivers on the A40 obey these limits ? Sadly, I don't think they will, still making the A40 a hazardous road right outside a school.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Replace the pedestrian bridge. Remember the history, a school pupil killed crossing the road.</p> <p>Solution : separate pedestrians/pupils from road traffic and build a highly effective bridge ensuring a safe crossing route of the hazardous A40. Number of pedestrians/pupils killed crossing the road since then = ZERO, even with many more pupils attending Burford School.</p> <p>2019 Bridge now needs repairing, due to poor driving standards of lorry drivers. 2020 Solution : Lets put pupils/pedestrians back in the "line of fire" of incompetent drivers and not replace the bridge !!! Unbelievable..... The idea of a "Puffin Crossing" is a backward step in terms of safety and if implemented will sadly lead to a future highly avoidable tragedy.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council Roads / Engineering / Traffic / Child Protection Departments should be ashamed of themselves. Reinvest in a NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Object No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Installing a crossing is not taking into account the safety of pupils at Burford School. A decision like this should not be drive by cost but by a full health and safety assessment- the iron bridge may be expensive to repair but I'm happy for my council tax to be spent on this as a priority as the iron bridge saves lives and helps to keep our young people safe. Please re-consider we don't want a tragic accident to occur as a result</p>
<p>() Resident, (Witney)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support</p>

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	<p>40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I am a regular user of the A40 through Burford in my role as a delivery driver. I object to the puffin crossing for two reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no doubt in my mind that the safety of the pupils at Burford School is best served by replacing the current footbridge over the A40. 2. The proposed puffin crossing location will, undoubtedly, cause serious delay and congestion on the A40, A361 and Burford High Street, particularly before and after school times. <p>The best way to improve safety for the children is, in my opinion, to replace the footbridge and place a puffin crossing on the A361, outside the school.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Alvescot)</p>	<p>20mph - No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion</p> <p>The bridge should be replaced, children's safety should never be compromised.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Neither/Concerns - No comments.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p> <p>This is a very busy dangerous road. The school children should have a bridge they can go over to get to the fields safely. Putting in traffic lights is an accident waiting to happen. People don't take notice of speed signs and drive way to fast down that stretch of road. It would also cause chaos to the traffic if the lights keep changing to red before and after school.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object – <i>See comments above.</i></p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support</p>

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	<p>40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - The demolition of the foot bridge over the A40 is a dangerous option. Previously my daughter attended the school and as a parent I would always tell her to use the foot bridge to cross the road. It is a dangerously busy road and a crossing will not be sufficient to prevent an accident or death of a pupil. There should be both options a foot bridge and a crossing. If cost dictates then keep the footbridge and don't make a crossing.</p> <p>When I attended the school as a teenager in the 70's a friend of ours was hit by a car and sustained a severe head injury which required surgery. The amount of vehicles has increased significantly since then and it is putting pupils lives at risk to remove the footbridge in my opinion. I travel on the road daily to and from Cheltenham and witness the traffic speed which is is incredible.</p> <p>The speed limit needs to have more measures in place like flashing signs and a gate on the A40 as one drives into Burford from Cheltenham.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford School)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Object</p> <p>Please note: Although I don't support the overall plan to remove the footbridge because, in my opinion, it reduces the overall safety of the people crossing this road considerably even with the proposed crossing. I have to support that the speed limit is reduced to 20 mph and there is a support speed camera there to deter cars speeding.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I don't support the overall plan to remove the footbridge, because, in my opinion, it reduces the overall safety of the people crossing this road considerably, even with the proposed crossing. If the reason for removing the bridge is because it gets hit regularly then the new bridge should be raised and made of steel to improve repairability.</p> <p>This road is already very busy and is already a considerable bottleneck, adding a puffin crossing with not only increase traffic issues both in the town and on the A40 it will increase pollution and contribute to the environmental impact of the local area by the increased volume of acceleration and deacceleration.</p>

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<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Object 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - The removal of the bridge will cause catastrophic traffic before and after school along the A40. The bridge kept the students safe while keeping traffic flowing. Introducing a puffin crossing will cause huge tailbacks along the A40, evidence of which is there for all to see right now with the temporary traffic light crossing in place. Replace the bridge, keep students safe and keep traffic moving.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Object 40mph - Object</p> <p>The current speed limits are fine. There has not been any speed related incidents as the traffic itself keeps the speeds low. This is another waste of money proposed by west oxford council.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - There is already a bridge for foot traffic to keep people away from the traffic. To remove this bridge and replace it with a puffin crossing is a waste of money and moves foot traffic into danger by making them cross the road</p>
<p>() Resident, (Milton under Wychwood)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Object 40mph - Object</p> <p>There is only one solution, a bridge.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object – <i>See comments above.</i></p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p> <p>I support all the proposed speed limit reductions. However, I'd like to suggest that a simple tarmacked footpath is run</p>

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	<p>along the south side of the A40 from the Burford School entrance to the turning to Westwell. People who live in Signet Hill and Westwell would benefit from being able to use this and then safely cross the road at the new traffic lights. The current requirement to cross the road at the junction with the A40 is not particularly safe</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - <i>See comments above.</i></p>
<p>() Resident, (Milton Under Wychwood)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Object 40mph - Support</p> <p>The speed limit on the road is perfectly reasonable. However removing the crossing will put children's lives at risk.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - removing the crossing will put children's lives at risk. A puffin crossing on a main carriageway from Gloucester and cheltenham to Oxford is foolhardy and incredibly dangerous.</p>
<p>() Resident, (High Wycombe)</p>	<p>20mph - Object 30mph - Object 40mph - Object</p> <p>Replace the footbridge and you will not need to slow the traffic down. Slowing the traffic down will cause more congestion on this already busy stretch of road.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - This stretch of road requires a foot bridge as a child will be killed by cars failing to stop at a puffin crossing. Stop put children's lives at risk in order to save money and do the sensible thing. REPLACE THE FOOTBRIDGE!!!!!!</p>
<p>() Resident, (Witney)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion</p> <p>No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - A puffin crossing will cause huge tailbacks and extra traffic on an already busy road. Especially during morning rush hour which will coincide with when all the school children will need to use the crossing.</p>

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<p>() Resident, (Wychwoods)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion The Footbridge to Burford School is vital to the safety of the children going to / from school. A crossing will not do the same job - teenagers will chance it and the road is a lot faster than it was when first put in. Yes, it may cost more, surely the children's lives are priceless.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object – <i>See comments above.</i></p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I am extremely concerned to discover that the current footbridge is to be removed and replaced with a puffin crossing. There are hundreds of children who need to use this crossing twice a day and the removal of the footbridge will put these children at an increased risk of being involved in a road traffic accident. Since the bridge has been recently closed, there have been temporary lights put in place which have regularly broken and left the children of Burford in a very vulnerable position.</p> <p>There will be a build up of students at peak times waiting to cross the road in restricted areas. There are no plans for fencing around the crossing to prevent students from spilling on to the carriageway at peak times. There is also the risk of drivers 'jumping' the lights and not observing speed limits, further putting children at risk. Additionally, the lights will cause a build up of traffic in both directions in and out of Burford.</p> <p>The current footbridge has served its purpose for over 40 years, ensuring the safety of the hundreds of children that cross it every day and maintaining an uninterrupted flow of traffic through Burford. I would urge the council to consider replacing the bridge, instead of the plans for a puffin crossing.</p> <p>It is not acceptable to risk the life of a child and it is my sincere hope that these plans are reconsidered for the safety</p>

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	of all children in Burford.
() Local Resident, (Burford)	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - Please would you consider extending the footpath from the pedestrian crossing to the road to Westwell (on the left hand side of the road, if heading away from Burford). At the moment, to reach a footpath, pedestrians walking up the road to Westwell must cross the A40 on a corner, which is unsafe. If the footpath is extended from the crossing to the road to Westwell, pedestrians will not need to put themselves at risk in attempting to cross the A40.</p>
() Local Resident, (Burford)	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p> <p>We live on Hen N Chick Lane, Shilton. The traffic has increase dramatically in the 6 years we have lived and worked here (we work from home), plus we have horses here. The traffic using the road as a rat run from Carterton and other surrounding villages (Alvescot/Clanfield) to get to Swindon and the A40 to Cheltenham has gotten to the stage where it is dangerous as we are just outside the village 30mph speed limit. Cars are driving outside our entrance in excess of 50-60mph and we have had many near misses as they do not realise we are exiting, so the speed limit for the village needs to be extended along the whole of this lane. I assume the original placing of the signs was in the 70's prior to homes being along here?</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>
() Resident, (Clanfield)	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Neither/Concerns 40mph - Neither/Concerns</p> <p>20mph in Burford town seems sensible. I'm dubious of the motivations behind the reduced speed limits on the A40 itself (if this is the justification for a puffin crossing, it is a poor motivation)</p>

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	<p>Puffin Crossing - Object - The A40 is a major road between Cheltenham and Oxford. Whilst traffic management is necessary, the unique position of Burford school, businesses and private houses on that side of the A40 requires careful consideration to ensure the safety of any school child, staff or ANY other person wishing to cross between any of the numerous businesses, houses, etc. in the vicinity.</p> <p>A puffin crossing relies on correct use of such a crossing by both pedestrians and drivers. Any pedestrian using such a crossing correctly cannot mitigate the risk of a careless driver. My understanding is that the bridge was hit and damaged by a vehicle passing underneath - shouldn't there be grounds for an insurance claim against the driver in question to provide funds for the bridge.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Witney)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Neither/Concerns 40mph - Neither/Concerns</p> <p>The bigger picture is being MISSED a speed limit will always help but as we ALL know speed limits ARE BROKEN and a broken speed limit isn't going to save a child from has been knocked over. A speed limit outside ANY school should be a mandatory 20mph not just through a town...why put a speed limit of 30mph outside a school but it's ok to reduce a speed limit in town to 20mph, why is the logic and common sense here?? Clearly safety of our children isn't a priority to our council.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I have objected as I am baffled by a council that is clearly using funds as a decision for safety of the children at Burford secondary school, clearly none of the people making this decision have kids at the school who they are putting at risk. As I've said there seems to be no common sense used at all as please look back at why this bridge was built in the first place! As we all know you cannot control actions of other on our roads, placing a puffin crossing at any point outside this stretch of road is ludicrous, you only need to watch the traffic on that road to know cars will not see these new lights and will drive straight through, cars overtake as soon as they get off the roundabout and lights will not keep our children safe if that happens, what happens if a child walks before light have changed thinking it's clear, as we all know it's a proven fact children cannot judge speed until they are at least 15 years old!! I am gobsmacked any council has the audacity to remove a bridge that is keeping so many children safe, only last week another child was knocked over on the other road that passes the back of the school, this council is happy to let more properties be build but tell me how are the kids that will live in these new properties near Burford garden centre will get to school safely having to across these dangerous roads, whoever is at the head of these decisions needs to take a long hard look at decisions made before another child isn't so lucky when they get knocked over, and the only people to blame will be the people making these life changing decision without proper consultation,</p>

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	<p>leaving a consultation open is fine but we all know you've made these changes WITHOUT consultation, as the school were not made aware the bridge was going to be closed!! Yes money is always a factor but please do not insult our intelligence by saying this is why the decision was made, it's your easy option and less hassle, well sadly our school and children are worth more than your budget and quick decision making. Look at our County....we are not in a deprived area, put our money where it's needed. I bet if the people making these decisions had children put this school it would be a VERY different story, you do not have the right to put our children's lives at risk, that bridge needs to be repaired or replaced and adequate provisions made to get the children across the other road where the young lad was know down last week. You can't put a price on our children safety.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - This proposed Puffin crossing will stop traffic when lots of children need to cross the road, possibly for several minutes, leading to tail backs and unhappy drivers. Possibly even congestion as far back as the roundabout. With no bridge to use, there would be a temptation for children to cross anywhere near the new crossing, even without waiting, which could be very dangerous.</p> <p>I think a new footbridge is the only sensible answer, and fully justifies the cost. With the addition of a new speed limit in this area, this would make the safest way for the children to cross this very busy road. You cannot put a price on our children's safety.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Witney)</p>	<p>20mph - No opinion 30mph - Support</p>

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	<p>40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Not a good option, this will just create traffic to back up across the roundabout thus potential causing accidents plus the pupils are still at risk from cars as they will be in the road. What happens if the crossing fails?</p> <p>Why are you not just replacing the bridge that has kept children and other local walkers for decades safe as this is a good use of tax payers money not yet another short cut at the expenses of local children!</p>
<p>() Resident, (Carterton)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Support - No comments.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Neither/Concerns 30mph - Neither/Concerns 40mph - Neither/Concerns No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I strongly object to the puffin crossing and the removal of the bridge. I think the bridge should be re built.</p>

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	<p>I am almost certain that with the selling of the field opposite the burford garden company for the construction of houses that there is enough money to rebuild it. If not there must be a way to raise the funds for the safety of our children crossing the road to school.</p> <p>I'd say it is an accident waiting to happen but unfortunately the accident has already happened, when as I gather a young student was hit by a car crossing the road a couple of weeks or so ago. Luckily this student survived but I'm sorry to say I'm sure this wont be the last incident. You cannot trust children of that age to cross that main busy road safety, or for that matter trust the drivers to slow down especially at that time in the morning when hot headed drivers are rushing to work with no regard for public safety.</p> <p>I think it will add to the congestion problems that already exist on that stretch of road.</p> <p>The field was sold, the houses were built which must have an impact on the amount of children crossing the road to that school and the only piece of infrastructure in place to protect the children was the bridge and that is being taken away and replaced with a dangerous crossing.</p> <p>I have a child myself that is a pupil at the school and has to cross that road at least twice daily. It's a REAL CONCERN!</p> <p>I think a lot more needs to be explored to get that bridge rebuilt and if it is demolished and the puffin crossing built in its place then I am sorry to say that the Oxfordshire county council will sadly have blood on their hands at some point.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - No opinion 30mph - Support 40mph - Support</p> <p>An increasing number of school children use the A361 (south of the Burford Roundabout) to get to and from Burford School. This number has increased significantly following the introduction of the 233 bus service and will increase further as the Shilton Road development is built out.</p> <p>Our daughter crosses here daily - it is an extremely dangerous junction (one school child was hit by a car only last week) and we note that there is a distinct lack of signage warning that children may be crossing. It is imperative that when considering road safety around Burford School this junction is fully assessed. Appropriate safety measures must be installed.</p>

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	<p>Puffin Crossing - Neither/Concerns - Some form of crossing is necessary here but we feel that a replacement bridge should be explored further. This crossing should not be a substitute to that proposed to the east of the Burford Roundabout (within the mitigation works for the Shilton Road development).</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I am extremely concerned that the footbridge on the A40 used by pupils entering and leaving Burford School is to be demolished rather than repaired. This road is dangerous!! A puffin crossing will not be safe!! I live in Burford and have grandchildren at Burford School and THIS IS AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN!! In fact only last week a child was knocked down outside the school. THIS WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED IF THAT CHILD HAD BEEN ABLE TO CROSS USING THE FOOTBRIDGE. Every single day there are incidents and police sirens on the A40. Drivers are impatient and unobservant. Going West they get frustrated if they have to queue at the roundabout and on exiting the roundabout they just put their foot down on the accelerator. Going East they get frustrated following lorries and try to overtake. THEY WILL NOT NOTICE A PUFFIN CROSSING AND OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MUST THINK AGAIN !! The safety of children should not come down to money and the footbridge must be repaired for the sake of young lives.</p>
<p>() Resident, (Chadlington)</p>	<p>20mph - Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support I feel that in the interests of child safety a reduction in the speed limit to 20mph outside Burford School at the beginning and end of the school day would be beneficial. At the very least a flashing sign -such as is found outside Chipping Norton School would warn drivers on the A40 that they are approaching a school.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I strongly object to the proposal of a puffin crossing to replace the current overhead bridge. Given that the bridge was first installed following the death of a student and that the speed and flow of traffic since that time have increased, a puffin crossing seems an inadequate solution to the issue.</p> <p>There is a large volume of students arriving and leaving the school each day and needing to cross the road. Since the bridge was closed in November the current temporary crossing has caused traffic to back up in both directions along</p>

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	<p>the A40 and also right back to the roundabout, causing difficulties for everyone, including motorists on the A361 trying to get onto the roundabout.</p> <p>In the interests of child safely and to ensure an acceptable flow of traffic I feel the bridge should be replaced and the speed limit brought down to 30mph with a 20mph limit between 8.00am-8.30am and from 3.00pm - 3.30pm. Ensuring that there is no further loss of life must be the key consideration here and this can be achieved, alongside improved traffic flow, only with the replacement of the bridge.</p>
<p>() Local School Employee, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - Support 40mph - No opinion</p> <p>We welcome steps to reduce the speed limit on the very busy A40 from 40mph to 30mph however, this should always have been the case, without installing a crossing as a means of trying to achieve such.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - an employee of the school, whose students were the primary users of the footbridge, I object to the OCC consultation proposals. My reasons for objecting are as follows;-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The footbridge was built in the 1970's due to an incident whereby a student from the school was hit by a vehicle whilst crossing the A40. 2. The footbridge since it was built has ensured a safe means of crossing the A40 for the students of the school ensuring segregation between pedestrians and vehicles. 3. I appreciate that the footbridge has been hit on the underside by large/agricultural vehicles over time causing it now to be deemed as unsafe and recommending demolition. 4. A replacement for the footbridge eg a new footbridge, does not appear to have been considered or if so dismissed presumably due to cost however, should cost compromise safety, with school students aged between 11-18, making on average over 400 crossings over the A40 in both directions every day. 5. Our experience since November 2019 when the current temporary lights were installed, is that they have proved to be unreliable, with a dozen failures in a three month period. In such instances the onus falls upon school staff - as our students were the primary users of the footbridge - to ensure their safe crossing over the A40. This has required our staff, up to 6 at a time, to don hi-viz jackets, and step onto the busy A40 to stop traffic, to allow students to cross safely. Any future failure of lights on a crossing solution will always by default put an onus on the school to ensure the

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	<p>safe crossing of students.</p> <p>6. There are further issues and risks with a crossing solution - bunching of students on the edge of the road waiting to cross, no fencing to prevent students spilling onto the A40, and heightened risk of a road traffic accident through pedestrians and vehicles sharing the same space.</p> <p>7. With a crossing solution there is no guarantee drivers will adhere to new arrangements and revised speed limits which puts pedestrians at risk.</p> <p>8. A crossing solution creates gridlock outside the school and on adjoining roads at peak times of the day.</p>
<p>() Resident, (London)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - Please could you not dismantle the old bridge but either repair it fully or build a new bridge. Traffic lights will</p> <p>a) cause major delays on the A40 b) increase the risk of fatality as happened a number of years ago, which was the reason the bridge was created in the first place. School children will be tempted to cross the A40 when the pedestrian lights are red. Drivers may jump the lights when the traffic lights are red. A bridge is much safer.</p>
<p>() Local School Employee, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I am writing to object to the plans. The grounds for my objection are that the plans specified will not improve pedestrian safety as indicated in the consultation, will lead to heavy congestion at peak times, and will almost certainly lead to a serious or fatal injury of a student at the school as they cross the road.</p> <p>As you are aware, students who attend Burford School are the key users of the old footbridge, and this has been used for many years with no traffic accidents involving students as they cross the road. This suggests that the footbridge works as a means of ensuring young people can safely navigate the main road on their journey home.</p>

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	<p>The current arrangements are highly unsafe, since there have been many occasions that the lights have not been functioning correctly, leaving many young people to cross a busy road during peak times. As a member of school staff who sometimes supervises the students as they exit the school, I have witnessed incidents where a large number of students have congregated on the crossing with the potential for someone to be accidentally pushed into the road. I have also witnessed students trying to catch the crossing before it turns red, thus endangering themselves. I have supervised the crossing on a number of occasions to prevent an incident, but am reluctant to do this since I could be considered liable if there were an accident on the day that I am supervising.</p> <p>It is my view that the demolition of the foot bridge is short sighted, and will almost certainly lead to accidents where a student from the school is seriously injured or killed on this road. Merely reducing the speed limit will not prevent this from happening. I hope that you will consider your own responsibility to the young people of Burford as take this planning consultation forward.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I am writing to express my deepest concern at the possibility of the removal of the footbridge over the A40 outside Burford School and a permanent crossing installed as a replacement.</p> <p>I travel passed the school on a daily basis between 8 - 8.20am and again at 5-5.30pm. What I see at both these times fills me with fear as there is an extreme build up of traffic and school children, it's an accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>In the morning the crossing is monitored by staff from the local school to ensure the safe crossing of school pupils. However, even with this pro caution in place the volume of traffic and on occasions, the speed of traffic along the A40 is creating a situation that is simply dangerous for school children to cross.</p> <p>In the evenings, at off peak times, the crossing isn't manned but pupils who have stayed late for clubs or fixtures are using the crossing in the dark and the speed of the traffic travelling along the A40 is extremely dangerous.</p> <p>The temporary lights have also caused extreme congestion at the Burford roundabout, traffic builds up down the hill into Burford and often goes as far as the Carpenters Arms in Fulbrook and the Taunton turn off.</p>

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	<p>I have witnessed students on their phones and wearing earphones step out on to minor roads in Burford and narrowly escape being hit by traffic. If this happened on the A40 the consequences don't bare thinking of.</p> <p>For many years the footbridge has ensured the safety of thousands of students and I simply can not understand how a crossing over such a busy main road could offer the same level of safely.</p>
<p>() Local School Employee, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - As you are aware, both staff and students at Burford School are the primary users of the footbridge. I would strongly advocate that for long-term safety of students and staff, the footbridge should be replaced with something similar.</p> <p>There are currently temporary lights in place in front of the footbridge. I have driven to school on several occasions recently and the lights have not been working. The onus has been on the school to ensure the safe-crossing of our students should the lights fail which should not be the case.</p> <p>Given the footbridge was originally constructed to prevent road traffic incidents I find it difficult to believe that the council considers a Puffin Crossing to be an adequate alternative given it is the safety of young children and adults we are concerned with. There is not really a large enough area on either side of the road where students can stand safely when waiting to cross and no way of preventing a student being accidentally pushed into the road.</p> <p>Very few vehicles observe the speed restrictions on that section of road and I truly believe you are putting school students unnecessarily in danger. There will always be a risk of drivers 'jumping' the lights and a risk of younger students not being familiar with the sequencing of crossing lights and stepping onto the road before or after they should do so. Students may also be inclined to take more risks with the lights - crossing the road after the lights have just changed. Students may also not be paying full attention when crossing due to listening to music or talking to others which is a real safety concern.</p> <p>The footbridge allowed students and staff to cross the road safely at any time of the school day and should be replaced. As you are probably aware a student from Burford School was recently struck by a car so I think this issue is particularly pertinent.</p>

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<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I am very worried to hear that the footbridge outside Burford School may not be replaced. Even allowing for the increased road safety measures proposed, a puffin crossing will not be safe. It cannot be guaranteed that road users, especially those on a very busy road like the A40, will adhere to the speed limits, and even if they do, there are other issues (see below) involved when we are talking about children, who will be the main users of this crossing,</p> <p>Children lack the necessary skills to cross roads safely until the age of 14 according to this study: https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/04/170420090208.htm, and this is particularly true of boys.</p> <p>I know that it will be far cheaper to just put in a crossing and a few signs, but it will be far less safe than a new footbridge. If a puffin crossing is put in then at some point a child will be harmed, if not killed, just to save money. When this happens, will the people who decided against a footbridge be prepared to explain to that child's parent why their child is maimed or dead?</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Milton under Wychwood)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I wish to object to the proposal to demolish the footbridge over the A40 at Burford for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety will inevitably be compromised with children and vehicles using the same road space. 2. In the 40 years since the bridge was built there has been no accident.

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	<p>3 .No fencing is proposed to keep groups of children from spilling into the road at beginning and end of the school day. 4. the A40 is becoming more and more busy; a lot of drivers are tourists who may not be aware of a new road crossing so close to the roundabout.</p>
<p>() Local School Employee, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I would like to object to the proposed plans for a Puffin Crossing on the A40 near to Burford School. I feel that a replacement footbridge is required. I have concerns about the safety of the pupils and staff at Burford School if having to cross this busy road without a footbridge.</p>
<p>() Local School Employee, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I am a Governor of Burford School and I am horrified by the thought that the footbridge over the A40 allowing students coming to school from Burford and our own school Boarding House and also allowing those self-same students going home at the end of the day be pulled down and no replacement built. I can remember when I went to Burford Grammar School in the sixties having to cross the A40 when there was no footbridge and the A40 was the main road into South and Mid Wales. It was extremely busy because there was no M4. It was a dangerous crossing then and it is now. The speed of vehicles going past the school is too high now at 40 mph. A Zebra or Pelican crossing is not the answer because people can still be knocked down if they are inattentive or drivers are inattentive.</p> <p>Before the bridge was built there were accidents. We are talking about the lives of students and staff and ordinary people going to and from from Burford School.</p>

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<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I am concerned that a puffin crossing and a 30mph limit is not comparable in safety terms with the existing bridge. If it is really impossible to replace the bridge then I think a 20mph limit would be preferable past the school.</p> <p>In addition, I presume that the crossing will have traffic monitoring cameras on it to ensure drivers are obeying the lights?</p>
<p>() Local School Employee, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – Object 30mph - Object 40mph - Object</p> <p>I also object to the fact that the council thinks that people down in the town centre require a 20mph zone, where traffic is normally slow due to the bridge at the bottom of the hill, but the 1400 students at our school shouldn't be afforded the same protection on two busy main roads, outside of our school.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I am emailing to object the current plans for the road crossing and speed limit in Burford. I am a teacher at the school and I have serious concerns regarding your plans for a Puffin crossing. The current bridge was installed, after a student was knocked down on the A40. The current proposal to replace the bridge with a Puffin crossing on a 40mph road, is not acceptable. I do not think that waiting for another serious accident in order to put a new bridge in is acceptable. Furthermore, this crossing will be across a very busy road, which is also going to cause serious delays for traffic at rush hour times.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I would like to register my opposition to the proposal "to construct a Puffin Crossing (a</p>

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	<p>signalised crossing for use by pedestrians) to help improve pedestrian safety in the area: on the A40 Oxford Road - approx. 205* metres south-east of the junction with Tanners Lane. (The existing pedestrian footbridge over the A40 Oxford Road will be demolished)".</p> <p>I cannot understand why anyone would think that it is a good idea to put teenagers in the path of heavy traffic! A new pedestrian footbridge to allow children from school to cross the A40 safely into Burford would be the obvious solution in my opinion. I am a parent of two children at the school and it fills me with horror to think that they would be at the mercy of many impatient, distracted drivers who may not even notice a puffin crossing.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - Object 40mph - Object No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I would like to oppose the proposed installation of a Puffin crossing and reduced speed limit on the A40 in the environs of Burford School.</p> <p>I believe that a Puffin crossing will not be sufficient for the needs of 1000 plus students, many of whom in the upper school leave the school at lunch time and walk into Burford. The school also houses boarding students who walk home alone to the boarding house every evening and to school alone in the morning. Children have developing brains and are not always capable of making logical decisions and judging speeds/distances and I believe they will be in significant danger if left to cross the road. It is known that many kids have been run over whilst attempting to cross roads using their own judgement and ignoring the crossing.</p> <p>We all know that many children get distracted when in a peer group, show off or act silly. A Puffin crossing will give them ample opportunity to run into oncoming traffic with no physical barrier. In addition drivers who do not know the road, travelling at 60mph will not necessarily see the change in speed restriction and/or the crossing. Many drivers may be distracted by phones (and the kids for that matter). This could have devastating consequences.</p> <p>I understand that historically the footbridge was installed after sadly a Burford student died on the road in this spot. I don't have the exact details of this death but my children have told me that their teachers have warned them. Whilst trying to find the details I found a frightening number of stories of many crashes and deaths in and around this spot in recent years. It is a dangerous road and it really fills me with fear and dread to think of my kids effectively playing chicken on this very busy road with nothing I can do to keep them safe – would you be happy for your children to be</p>

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	<p>put in this situation? As a stark reminder a child was injured on the road this very evening after being hit by a car whilst trying to cross the road outside the school. A clear illustration of the truth of my argument. It will not be safe for the kids to be on or near the road!!!!</p> <p>I have been looking online and have found startling statistics about the failings of crossing and the issues as to why https://www.admiral.com/magazine/news-and-current-affairs/pedestrian-crossing-confusion-behind-increase-in-accidents-on-UK-roads. All the literature I found suggested an increase in deaths at crossings. This will be a very well used crossing so has much potential for danger in relation to these statistics.</p> <p>I firmly believe that the footbridge gave a much safer crossing solution with the kids physically removed from the traffic and out of harm's way. Kids have crossed safely using this bridge for decades without incident. This speaks for itself.</p> <p>Kids safety aside, as a commuting driver, I can imagine the crossing is going to cause considerable delays, disruption and frustration here and at the roundabout. This is itself will present a danger to drivers and other pedestrians.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I strenuously object to the removal of the bridge over the A40. I have 2 children at Burford School and note today (12th Feb) that a child was hit on the temporary A40 crossing put in place as the footbridge has not been repaired or replaced.</p> <p>This will happen again on the proposed 'Puffin Crossing' - the A40 is simple too busy. Please repair/replace the footbridge - what is the price of a single child's life? Hopefully more than the cost of a new or repaired footbridge.....</p>
<p>() Local School Employee, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I have no particular view on the new speed limit orders, except that I welcome the council's</p>

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balanced approach summed up in the Statement of Reasons: ' the proposed measures are aimed at ensuring that danger is minimised whilst facilitating the effective and safe passage of traffic.'

I do, however, take issue with the removal of the footbridge across the A40 outside the main gate of Burford School. There is no reasons given in your consultation paperwork for its removal, but I understand that you believe that the underside of the gantry has been hit from time to time by tall vehicles, and that lack of care and maintenance now makes potentially unsafe. There is no description or analysis of the risk, so it is not possible to gauge the truth of this.

Further, I understand that this plan by the OCC was put into effect without any consultation with the school. This is quite bizarre: the school is a very significant and very long-established part of the township of Burford (there are probably more pupils in the school than residents in the town), and the school is a major business and employer.

Surely, in any circumstance in which 'safety' is clearly a key consideration, a two site school of 1400 children (many of whom walk daily to and fro from one site to another across a major trunk road) must surely warrant extensive consultation before a plan is put forward that radically changes existing conditions?

Nevertheless you have put forward a plan, and I make the following points, in no particular order:

A. Any pedestrian crossing impedes traffic flow, and there are already many times when the juxtaposition of the A40/A361 roundabout, the A40/A4425 junction, the wildlife park, the school, and other factors cause considerable traffic build-up. A puffin crossing will make it worse.

B. In the OCC consultation papers it says the plan is 'to construct a Puffin Crossing... to help improve pedestrian safety in the area'. This is disingenuous for it implies the crossing is an addition, whereas it is in fact a replacement for a much safer bridge. And, if a bridge was considered necessary in the past when the A40 was less busy, why is it not now?

C. Bridges are inherently safe to use, partly because they cannot fail periodically as the traffic lights on puffin crossings can and do (and have!), partly because they entirely protect the user from the traffic, and partly because they act as a specific channel: you either cross a bridge or you do not, whereas puffin crossers often run across when the lights are against them, or cross nearby rather than on the crossing itself. (I know this is true, for I have already seen both at the Burford crossing in the last few months.)

D. The current consultation is about one particular option: there is no background or data about the investigation of the problem to determine its nature nor consultation on the various possible options with an analysis of costs and possible

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	<p>benefits. Since the only possible result of this consultation is 'no, not acceptable', OCC will inevitably have to re-open the entire process. This means delay, and delay means consistent and unacceptable danger to our pupils.</p>
<p>() Local School Employee, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I am opposed to the puffin crossing proposed on the A40 instead of the footbridge currently there.</p> <p>I work at Burford School and when I drive in, or if I am on duty, often see cars not obeying the speed limits and either not stopping at a red light or screeching to a halt. The road is far too fast for traffic lights. In addition, we have over 100 students that walk to school and have to cross there first thing in the morning. There is nowhere for them to safely wait, and they are all crowded at the side of the A40, waiting to cross.</p> <p>If the lights fail it is left to staff to get students across safely, whatever the conditions. I feel that the footbridge needs to be replaced with another bridge to ensure that everyone can safely get across.</p>
<p>() Local School Employee, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion No comments.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing - Object - I am writing to strongly oppose to the installation of a puffin crossing on the A40 opposite Burford School,</p> <p>As both a staff member and parent of a child in school, I strongly believe that the safest course of action is to replace the footbridge as this removes the need for pedestrians and vehicles to be using the same space.</p> <p>Working in the school, I've seen the disruption caused first hand when the temporary crossing lights fail, and the danger this poses to both adults and children is unnecessary and worrying.</p>

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	<p>Sheer volumes of children needing to cross the road at the same time increase the danger of an accident, there is no fencing to prevent children stepping into the road or being pushed when it's busy and drivers seldom keep to the speed limit and frequently jump the lights. The safest option for a crossing is to install a new foot bridge and I urge you to consider this.</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – No opinion 30mph - No opinion 40mph - No opinion had wanted to make comment that there is a missed opportunity in this scheme to increase the provision of cycling infrastructure to encourage pupils and staff to cycle to school.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing – No opinion</p>
<p>() Local Resident, (Burford)</p>	<p>20mph – Support 30mph - Support 40mph - Support I write in support of the proposed changes to the speed limits and the addition of a new Puffin Crossing west of Burford roundabout.</p> <p>Puffin Crossing – Support – In recent times, most of the boarders and pupils from the town chose to cross the A40 close to the roundabout. I have witnessed them weaving amongst heavy traffic on the roundabout in order to reach school. I have written to the Head and Burford School Foundation several times to alert them to this dangerous behaviour. The footbridge, with its many steps up and down, has always been a disincentive for pupils to take this safer route to school. The Puffin Crossing will leave pupils with no other excuse than to take what is a safe path to the main school gate.</p> <p>The Puffin Crossing will bring an added benefit for wheel-chair / mobility scooter users wishing to attend functions at Burford School, something the footbridge restricted them from doing.</p> <p>It appears the current proposals do not include school road warning signs on the approaches, the type that flash at the start and end of the school day. I believe warning signs should be considered.</p> <p>The crossing point to the school on the south side of Burford roundabout (A361), remains a concern. I know there are</p>

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	<p>plans to make what is an informal refuge on the A361 into a formal one and to reduce the speed limit on the island to 30mph - both these improvements are welcomed. However, I believe they do not go far enough given the number of pupils from the Shilton Road area using this crossing point each day is expected to rise to over 30 once the new estate is complete. Has a Puffin Crossing been considered for this branch of the roundabout too and, if not, please could it be?</p>
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