Divisions affected: Thame & Chinnor

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT – 12 OCTOBER 2023

TOWERSEY: PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is RECOMMENDED to approve the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Towersey as advertised.

Executive summary

2. The report presents responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in Towersey as shown in **Annex 1**.

Financial Implications

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

Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

Sustainability Implications

5. The proposals would help encourage walking and cycling within Towersey by making them safer and more attractive.

Formal consultation

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 03 August and 25 August 2023. A notice was published in the Oxford Times newspaper, and an email sent to statutory consultees & key-stakeholders, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators, countywide transport, access & disabled peoples user groups, South Oxfordshire District Council, the local District Cllrs, Towersey parish council, and the local County Councillor representing the Thame & Chinnor division.

Statutory Consultee Responses:

7. Thames Valley Police were the only statutory consultee respondent. They reiterated their views concerning OCC's policy and practice regarding 20mph speed limits, they consider their view as 'having concerns' rather than an objection.

Other Responses:

8. 148 responses were received via the online consultation survey during the course of the formal consultation, and these are summarised in the table below:

Proposal	Object	Concerns	Support	No opinion/ objection	Total
20mph speed limit	22 (15%)	13 (9%)	110 (74%)	3 (2%)	148

- 9. Seven email responses were also received.
- 10.116 local residents were in support, including four who had stated their response as 'concerns'. A member of the public and a local councillor also expressed support. Objections and concerns were expressed by 32 local residents with three respondents having no view either way.
- 11. The following table is a synopsis of the objections and concerns with the views of some respondents covering more than one category:

View/Opinion	Number of responses
No one will comply	15
Not effective and a waste of money	14
Increased pollution	7
No safety justification	7
Less safe due to driver frustration, overtaking and road rage	5
Increased journey times	4
Proposals need to be extended	4
More calming instead	4
Enforce to existing 30 limit instead	2
Better pavements and educate all road users	1
Increased sign clutter	1
Reduced proposals to just core village locations	1

12. Those who responded online, were also asked whether if the 20mph speed limit proposals were implemented, would it likely influence a change to their mode of travel in the area, the results of which are shown below:

Travel Change	Number
Yes – walk/wheel more	36 (24%)
Yes - cycle more	20 (14%)
No	84 (57%)
Other	8 (5%)

13. The statutory consultee response is shown in **Annex 2**, and copies of the original responses are available for inspection by County Councillors.

Officer response to objections/concerns

- 14. The main purpose of the scheme is to encourage greater use of active travel by reducing speeds; this is also expected to reduce accidents. The aim of reducing speed limits is to change driver's mindsets to make speeding socially unacceptable and make more environmentally friendly modes of travel such as walking and cycling more attractive, and also help reduce the Counties carbon footprint. This forms part of a countywide programme of works that seeks to deliver 'a safer place with a safer pace'.
- 15. The authority considers objections along the lines of it being unjustified, anticar, a waste of money, not enforceable or pointless to not warrant amendments to a proposal. As such the authority has not addressed any specific comments made of this nature in this report.
- 16. The public responses indicate clear support for the proposals with 24% objecting or expressing concerns. The number of respondents shows a high level of engagement for a small community and represents around 3.5% of Towersey's population.

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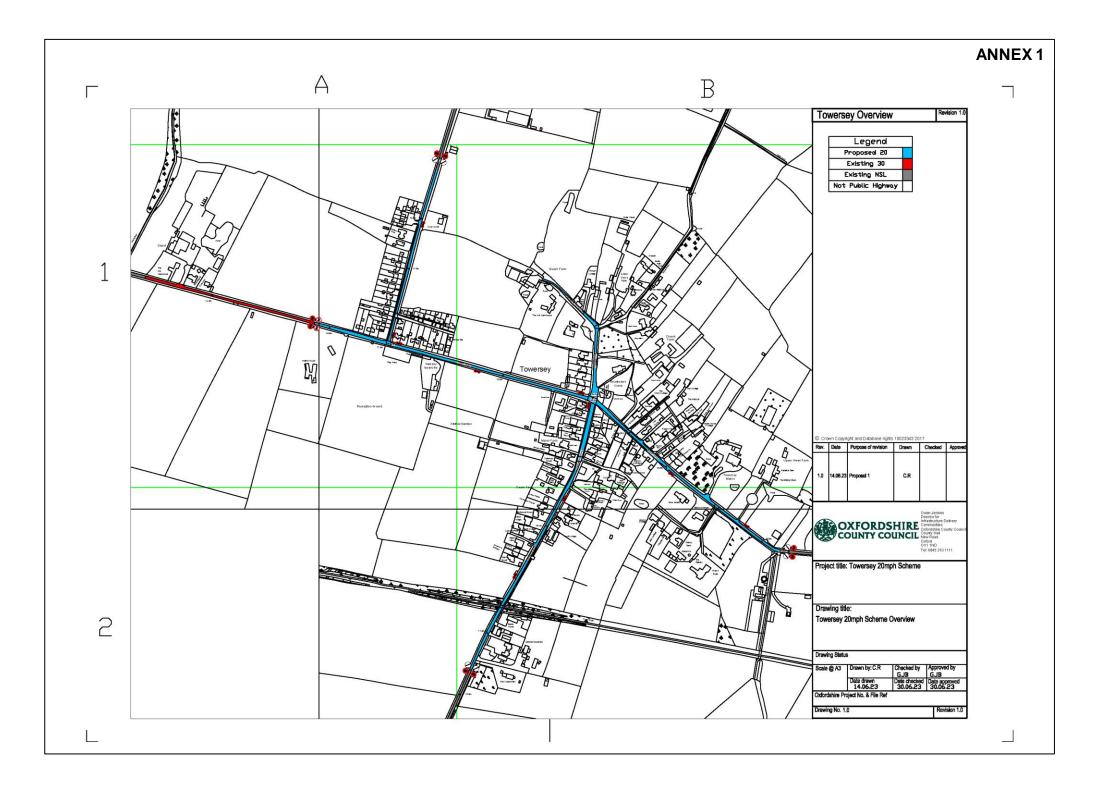
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Annexes Annex 1: Consultation plan

Annex 2: Consultation responses

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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
RESPONDENT	Concerns – Thames Valley Police welcome the opportunity to engage on plans for road safety improvement. Compliance with new speed limits is a challenging issue as there is a difference between the achievable results of the various available schemes. For example a sign-only scheme will only have a limited effect on the mean speeds, as opposed to other schemes that influence the road environment, which is recognised as being key to achieving compliance. If a speed limit is set too low and is ignored then this could result in the vulnerable road user being less safe. It can also cause a dis-proportionate number of drivers to criminalise themselves and could bring the system of speed limits into disrepute. Thames Valley Police have no policy to enforce based on arbitrary speed limits alone but will enforce based on threat of harm, risk and resourcing. There should be no expectation that the police would be able to provide regular enforcement if a speed limit is set too low as this could result in an unreasonable additional demand on police
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	resources and there are no additional resources available to support extra enforcement. Messages from partners that police will not enforce need to be discouraged. Such messaging can encourage non-compliance and should be avoided. The policy of Thames Valley Police is to use sound practical and realistic criteria (Setting local speed limits - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)) when responding to Highway Authorities in an effort to promote consistency and to reduce the burden of constant and unnecessary enforcement. The advice shown in Circular Roads 1/2013 states. The key factors that should be taken into account in any decisions on local speed limits are: history of collisions road geometry and engineering road function composition of road users (including existing and potential levels of vulnerable road users) existing traffic speeds (Speed data received would support a lower speed limit)

	However I recognise Oxfordshire County Council now have their own Policy for Setting Speed Limits and I expect full compliance of that policy going forward in relation to both monitoring, future engineering and self-enforcement through Community Speed Watch. Speed limits should be considered as part of a package of measures to manage vehicle speeds and improve road safety. Changes to the highway (for example through narrowing, providing vertical traffic calming or re-aligning the road) may be required to encourage lower speeds in addition to any change in speed limit. Though these may be more expensive, they are more likely to be successful in the long term in achieving lower speeds without the need for increased police enforcement to penalise substantial numbers of motorists.
(2) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Object – How many incidents have there been in Towersey to reduce the speed to 20mph under safety grounds. Travel change: No
(3) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Object – This is not a good use of stretched resources and funds. If people do not adhere to the current 30mph restriction they're really not going to adhere to a 20mph restriction either - so this will not make roads any safer. The 30mph restriction is not enforced and neither will a 20mph restriction - so if there are no repercussions - there will be no change in behaviour. Educating ALL users of the road and providing pavements for walkers would be a much better use of funds. Travel change: No
(4) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Object – I am a resident of Chinnor Road ie, the main road through Towersey, and I'm afraid I do not support this proposal. I feel that 30mph is fine on the village roads. I'm not aware of any problems or past incidents with pedestrians. Most (if not all) drivers are courteous & keep to the current speed limit. I think that if 20mph is extended to most towns & villages, it will unacceptably slow journey times by car, and serve to irritate drivers. In brief, I think 30mph is fine and I would not want it to be reduced. Travel change: No

(5) Local Resident, (Towersey, Church Lane)	Object – It will not stop people racing through the village and is no better for the environment than driving 30mph. I don't think it's needed it would affect me and other's negativity if this was put in place. It is more likely that reducing the speed will tempt people to go on their phones more and that would be more dangerous than someone driving 30mph Travel change: No
(6) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Object – No evidence of benefit Travel change: No
(7) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Object – The 30 mph should be enforced Travel change: No
(8) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Object – I am of the opinion that a 20mph limit will make no difference to the speed through the village. Having researched the subject statistically it will make a 1mph difference, observations having driven through Chinnor with a new 20mph limit, shows that no one observes the limit and if they do incidents of road rage occur. My PMG increases at 20mph verses 30mph therefore the pollutants leaving my car or motorcycle increase so it is worse for the Environment and contributing to air pollution. Statistically concentration behind the wheel is less and some studies show an increase in accidents as a result. I live 1mile to the south of the village, it is a 3 mile journey to Thame the local town for shops. Travel change: No
(9) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Object – 20 mph zones should be used in areas where there is a demonstrable high risk. There is no evidence to support the claim that it will reduce the incidence of traffic incidents in Towersey. Therefore this will provide no benefit to local residents, will increase travel times and will ultimately make roads less safe in other 20mph zones where there implementation is warranted.

	If we where to follow the 20mph logic to its ultimate end we should make motorways 20mph, is this supported by this proposal? Actually, let's ban cars and all walk to work A balance of risk and reward is always required for the proper functioning of modern society. Arbitrarily reducing speed limits: 1. Makes it less likely that these limits will be respected here and elsewhere (read the boy who cried wolf) 2. Increases travel times. 3. Creates a false sense of security leading to people loosing the ability to behave appropriately on roads (see the staying alive road safety adverts) Travel change: No
(10) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Object – 30 if enforced is fine, the speeding is over 40 so even if the limit was dropped to 20 without enforcement it's pointless. Therefore, if enforced 30 would work. Travel change: No
(11) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Object – Don't see how it will be enforced so those people who speed will continue to do so. Travel change: No
(12) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Object – The current limit of 30mph is the correct limit for all of Towersey due to relatively straight roads with good visibility and room for two cars to easily pass one another. There is no history of traffic injuries or deaths in the village that warrant a reduction in the speed limit. The only road where 20 is more suitable is Manor road, where most people use their own judgement and common sense and drive at 20 - 25mph without needing to be told. Another factor is that the majority of drivers including responsible ones, will ignore the 20mph limit just as they do in Chinnor. This is because it is unnecessary and inappropriately slow. Some people may even be ignoring the limit out of principle, pushing back against being told how to drive and the criminalisation of safe, sensible law abiding drivers who have always adhered to 30mph limit. Driving excessively slowly requires much concentration and continuous checking of the speedometer which is dangerous for the driver and those around them. The overtaking of cyclists would also become dangerous as it would involve driving along the cyclist for a prolonged time (20mph versus 15 for example). Some people are saying that slower speeds will help with air pollution. The idea that a rural village like Towersey, surrounded by fields, could have an air pollution problem even if it were overun with old diesel lorries is farcical.

	My final point is that if lots of new speed limit signs were erected around the village (as per Chinnor and Sydenham) this would spoil the rural nature of the roads. The electric lit up ones, which tell you your speed, would be an absolute eyesore and completely out of place. Changing the speed limit and erecting signage will no doubt cost thousands of pounds, which would be a wicked waste of money when we have the playing field pavillion desperately fundraising for refurbishment and Windmill Road needing resurfacing. I very much hope that common sense will prevail and the limit will stay as it is, as it has been with no issues for decades. 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it' is a good saying to remember. Thank you. Travel change: No
(13) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Object – People who adhere to the 30 mph speed limit or drive appropriately through the village cause no problems currently Travel change: No
(14) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill)	Object – I don't believe it will reduce the speed in the areas that it is most needed. Windmill Rd and Thame Road, as they are long straight roads, and people will not keep to 20 Travel change: No
(15) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill)	Object – 20mph in my experience makes very little difference AND can actually increase the occurrences of road rage. In long stretches where the road is not built up (half way down Thame road) people can get frustrated and overtake in a 20mph. Towersey has one of these roads and I worry this will worsen the problem, not improve it. Towersey has a speeding issue but I do not feel this is the solution. Travel change: No
(16) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill Close)	Object – I don't think it will make any difference and a complete waste of money

	Travel change: No
(17) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill Road)	Object – I object to 20mph because I believe there are better combinations of speed reduction measures to use.
	Travel change: No
(18) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Object – It will cause more pollution
	Travel change: No
(19) Local Resident, (Towersey, Church Lane)	Object – There is no reason to this lower speed No accidents in 15 years. Also 33% more pollution as lower gear. And longer journey time Totally false risk issue Travel change: No
(20) Local Resident, (Towersey, Lower Green)	Object – The village is long and not densely populated. Traffic has to turn at the crossroads, so cannot speed. There is now a pavement that takes pedestrians most of the way through the village. 30mph seems appropriate for local traffic. Travel change: No
(21) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Object – People speeding through the village will continue to speed irrespective of the limit, this limit will just slow down people who follow the current limit unnecessarily. Travel change: No

(22) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Object – Putting up 20mph signs will not slow down traffic. Total waste of money Travel change: No
(23) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill Road)	Object – It is unnecessary as existing road conditions dictate the speed through the village. Driving at 20mph will increase pollution by 50% due to the extra time taken to cover a measured distance. As far as reducing through traffic pollution, a 50% reduction would maintain the status quo. This is just another means to penalise drivers. Travel change: No
(24) Email response, (unknown)	Object – I am against this as it will caus 33 % more pollution. There is no risk to us on the roads. No one has been injured
(25) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Concerns – Whilst I endorse wishes to reduce accidents and pollution, I am not convinced that 20mph will do that. In a petrol/diesel car, maintaining 20 is difficult, using a lower gear and potentially creating more pollution, and distracting the driver who has to monitor the speed carefully instead of observing potential hazards (cyclists, pedestrians, potholes). I totally support the 30mph limit and observe it rigorously. Sadly, many do not; more enforcement would be helpful. Some vehicles pass through Chinnor Road MUCH faster than 30mph. This is encouraged by sat-nav usage as it is a through road, but without pedestrian footpaths beyond the pub drive. Parking on the existing footpaths is also an obstruction to pedestrians, wheelchair users etc. So these things could all be solved by better enforcement and more common sense. And that can be done without changing the limit to 20 mph. Travel change: No
(26) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Concerns – The current 30mph limit is not enforced so what is the point? We are just inside the limit and many cars regularly pass our drive doing 50 (possibly 60) mph+ especially morning and evening Travel change: No

(27) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Concerns – A 30mph limit is fine if people stick to it. We need to enforce the 30mph limit rather than reduce it. People who speed in a 30mph zone will still speed in a 20mph zone so nothing will change. Travel change: No
(28) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Concerns – A blanket application of 20MPH does not make sense in Towersey. A more targeted application at the cross roads and bult up area with potential for people walking would be a more realistic approach. Travel change: No
(29) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Concerns – Drivers have not adhered to the 30 mph limit. Other traffic calming measures should be considered rather than reducing the speed. Chicanes and humps should be used to make sure people slow down to 30mph. With the increase in electric vehicles, any increase in pollution will be mitigated. Travel change: No
(30) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Concerns – I support but with the concern that the 20mph speed limit in Thame Road ought to commence at the same point as does the existing 30mph speed limit; i.e. in the vicinity of the Helpful Hirings site. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(31) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Concerns – I support but with the concern that the 20mph speed limit in Thame Road ought to commence at the same point as does the existing 30mph speed limit; i.e. in the vicinity of the Helpful Hirings site. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(32) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Concerns – Just don't think it will be adhered to Travel change: No

(33) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Concerns – At the very least this speed limit will reduce the speed that cars drive through Towersey. I am, however, concerned that there are more effective measures, chicanes and speed bumps, for instance, that we would be precluded from adopting for 3 years after adopting this proposal. I believe the data does not support an assumption that there will be a reduction in a accidents/deaths if the proposed 20mph limit is imposed. Travel change: No
(34) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Concerns – I agree that some vehicles do not today observe the existing speed restriction. Perhaps by introducing 20mph restrictions it may bring the speed towards 30mph. Travel change: No
(35) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Concerns – I support the basic proposal. Concern is that the 30 mph limit should be extended from Towersey, westwards up to the Thame bypass. If frustrated drivers accelerate from 20mph coming out of Towersey to 60mph, this would be very dangerous for cyclists and walkers on this stretch of road. There's no point in making part of the village safe to walk/cycle and then just "stop" at a vulnerable place for children walking up to Lord Williams Lower School and many others on the road (as there is no pavement). Also heading east on Manor Road, again there are many on bikes, or walking and the speed limit changes to 60mph. This should continue at 20 or 30mph to the end of Manor Road to the dead end. Travel change: No
(36) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Concerns – Can cut through and speed through the village on Chinnor road and there are no pavements of street lighting on some of the residential parts Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more

(37) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Concerns – Whilst I agree in principle with a reduced speed limit in the village I am not convinced based on other locations that this initiative will have the desired effect and feel that the cost of this initiative will divert precious funds from other parish council initiatives Travel change: No
(38) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Concerns – No one complies with 30mph speed limit, so 20mph speed limit will be irrelevant. Better to have electronic speed indicator or smiley/forwning face.
(39) Local Resident, (Asthall Leigh, Manor Road)	Support – improved safety Travel change: No
(40) Local District Cllr, (Aston Rowant, Aston Hill)	Support – Making roads safer matters and slowing traffic down helps that. Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(41) Local Resident, (Emmington)	Support – Safety, helps promote alternative travel means to private cars, creates a more pleasant Village atmosphere. Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(42) Local Resident, (Thame, Arnold Way)	Support – People drive too fast through the village Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(43) Local Resident, (Thame, Berkeley Road)	Support – Cars drive too fast through the village.

	Travel change: No
(44) Local Resident, (Thame)	Support – It will make living in Towersey much safer and more pleasant. Travel change: No
(45) Member of public, (Thame, Goffe Close)	Support – There are quite a lot of non village people who run/walk through Towersey as part of a circular route using the nearby Phoenix Trail, as well as locals walking around the village on some roads without pedestrian footpaths. Travel change: No
(46) As part of a group/organisation, (Tham)	Support – Thame Green Living supports lower speeds. Better for people's health and the environment. Also, much safer and encourages walking and cycling. Travel change: Other Everyone will walk and cycle more and feel safer on the road.
(47) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – I am a local resident and the traffic is far too fast through the village and it has become a rat run and dangerous. Travel change: No
(48) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – As a local village resident with horses & dogs, walking/hacking through Towersey has become unsafe due to the speed of drivers. We have had occasions in the past where horses have been spooked and even a horse hit because of drivers excessive speed causing horses to spook. When my daughter rides through the village I am highly concerned for her & the safety of the horse. A 20mph speed limit would go a long way to helping villagers, visitors young & old enjoy moving around the village for events 'general day to day life. Travel change: Other

	Walk & ride horse more
(49) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Chinnor road needs some traffic calming or something coming from the national speed limit into the village it's only a matter of time until one of the many speeding motorists kill someone Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(50) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Social spaces frequented by families with small children located next to crossroads that frequently has people speeding through at high speed Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(51) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Improve safety as parts of road have no pavements…and cars already drive too fast! Travel change: No
(52) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Safety of residents, particularly children who have to use the roads to get school now there are no bus services. Windmill road, Chinnor Road are often congested with parking and people passing through the village en route elsewhere often fail to recognise the speed limit making it dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists Travel change: No
(53) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – It will reduce the speed cars come through our small village with few pavements to walk safely on. Travel change: No

(54) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – We need to slow the fast dangerous vehicles to a safe reasonable speed. The village is used as a furious rat run cutting through from A4129, B4012 and B4445. Because of the lack of pavements and private parking much of the village roads are narrow and very unsuited to fast traffic. A speed restriction to 20mph would focus the drivers on slowing their speed and make our lives safer. Travel change: Other I would be able to walk my disabled husband more, as currently we have to avoid rush hours as the roads are too fast and busy for him to 'get out of the way' (which is what drivers expect pedestrians to do, regardless of the highway code
(55) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Village roads used as rat run. Vehicles speed through far too fast. Much of Chinnor road has no pavement and little lighting and so makes pedestrians vulnerable. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(56) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – As most of the roads in Towersey haven't got footpaths and we have a lot of traffic cutting through Towersey and most cars race through as we haven't got any speed bumps either. So 20mph might hopefully slow them down a bit. It's not save walking on the road Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(57) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor road)	Support – Few pavements on chinnor road and cars cut through at speed to head towards M40 creating road safety issues for pedestrians, cyclists and horses Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(58) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Traffic too fast as they pass my house just before Pheonix Trail bridge coming from Connie direction Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more

(59) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Benefits of 20mph; safety for walkers, runners and cyclists in the village, better for air pollution and noise pollution. Towersey is a rat run for commuters to M40, speed reduction will benefit non-motorists and maybe discourage motorists from driving through the village and encourage more walkers an cyclists, especially children Travel change: Other I would feel safer cycling and walking more especially when dog walking. Chinnor road and Manor road have no pavements so no protection from cars and farm vehicles
(60) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – I support 20 is plenty as I am often walking in the village with my grandchildren and also dogs. The speed at which people often travel through is horrendous. Much faster than the current 30mph. I hope this new limit may make people slow down Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(61) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Limited footpaths and an increase in younger families moving into the village requires steps to protect from road users. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(62) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – I support the 20mph speed limit proposal for the following reasons: 1. Most of the roads in Towersey are narrow and have no footpaths. 2. As a pedestrian, cyclist and driver, I am aware of how many drivers speed through the village. 3. When turning left from Chinnor Road (where I live) into Thame road, the visibility of cars approaching in Manor road is very poor leading to numerous near-misses. 4. While drivers have every right to cut through Towersey, many of these exceed the current speed limit. While they may not all fully comply with a 20mph limit, I believe that a 20mph limit would reduce their speed. A 20mph may make some of these stick to the ring-road rather than cutting through Towersey. 5. Slowing the traffic and lessens the chances of an accident with pedestrians. If the traffic was slower then, if the worst happened, the pedestrian would be less likely to be killed or seriously injured.

	Travel change: Yes - walk/wheel more
(63) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – I think a 20mph speed limit is needed to slow traffic going through Towersey. It is often used as a cutthrough and cars travel far too fast through the village. Especially when you consider there are not pathways in some areas. Travel change: No
(64) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – I frequently feel in danger when walking in the village because of speeding cars on Manor Road and Chinnor Road Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(65) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Cars are travelling too fast through our village putting people in danger. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(66) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Excessive speed of many vehicles in narrow lane. Travel change: No
(67) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Unsafe walking especially as road surface is so poor Travel change: No
(68) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – I live on Chinnor Road Towersey and the increasing volume of speeding traffic through the village and past our house is dangerous and noisy as well as polluting. I am familiar with the medical and scientific evidence showing

	the significantly reduced levels of death and injury caused by vehicles travelling at 20mph vs 30mph. I hope that this measure may also deter people from using Towersey as a 'rat run'. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(69) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Safety reasons: children, walkers, cyclists, horses, pets. Travel change: No
(70) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Chinnor Road is part of a rat run. It is a narrow road with no pavement which would benefit from the 20mph scheme. This would reduce pollution and be much safer for residents an the people getting on and off the Phoenix Trail. Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(71) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – They go so fast through the village but also as they come out and down Chinnor road at great speed Travel change: No
(72) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Roadside pavements in the village are inadequate. In some areas they are non existent. Village roads are used by horse riders and cyclists including many families with young children. A 20mph limit would make it much safer for these road users. Towersey roads are also used by motorists as a shortcut between Thame and Chinnor, frequently at speeds exceeding 30mph. A 20mph limit would deter these users from using village roads as a shortcut or at least encourage them to drive through at lower speeds. Travel change: Yes – cycle more

(73) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – I walk through the village where there are no pavements or lighting Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(74) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Through most of Towersey the road is the only safe passage for pedestrians (able bodied or with limited ability) , cyclists , horses and vehicular traffic . There are only short areas of pavement so the road itself is there to be shared by all the above in other parts of Towersey . Towersey is also a 'short cut' for traffic between the Thame ring road and Chinnor . I walk almost everyday along Chinnor Road and Manor Road , en route to further countryside and everyday traffic races past well above the speed limit Cars, vans and trucks . In addition , Several drivers have been known to shout abuse at my friend and I who walk together regularly , because we have to step away from the edges of the road to avoid deep potholes . The Highway Code clearly states that where there is no pavement along a road , drivers should slow to allow safe passage for other road users . The 'National speed limit ' zone on Manor Road should also be included in the 20 mph adoption zone . Whilst there are less properties at the farther end , many of them and separately are businesses so traffic is regularly dangerously speeding along a these sections . All the Towersey roads are too narrow for the speed limit to be anything above 20mph . I fully support the 20mph change . The sooner the better . Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(75) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Currently many drivers speed through our village using it as a cut through to and from chinnor. Many children cycle to and from school and the reduced speed limit and its enforcement should make the area safer for all. Travel change: No
(76) Local Resident, (Towersey, Church Lane)	Support – Having witnessed/experienced many incidents of motor vehicle drivers travelling at high speeds in Towersey, I believe that whatever can be/ done to provide safer roads for pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists should be done forthwith. Increased traffic flows, inadequate street lighting and, lack of footpaths do add to the risks. Reducing speed of all vehicles is a a must

	Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(77) Local Resident, (Towersey, Church Lane)	Support – Cars lorries etc fly through village at a very fast speed. Village used as a cut through rat run. I horse ride through the village and it is an accident waiting to happen sadly Travel change: No
(78) Local Resident, (Towersey, Church Road)	Support – Traffic speeds through crossroads which often has cars parked too near junction. Really need double no parking signs around junction and 20mph speed limit Travel change: No
(79) Local Resident, (Towersey, Church Road)	Support – To reduce speed Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(80) Local Resident, (Towersey, Lower Green)	Support – Whilst I support this proposal, I have a concern. The logic of the positioning of the 20mph limit from the Thame direction is obscure. At the current 30mph limit there are houses and the busy Helpful Hirings site. Th justifiction for keeping this at 30mph is due to traffic use, but the traffic flows are the same here as when the proposed 20mph limit is reached. This section of Thame Road is dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle users as it is used as an acceleration zone by car users heading to Thame. Given the nature of the the traffic movements into and out of Helpful Hirings, combined with the houses the opportunity to reduce the severity of any accident here is being missed. Pleses think again about retaining this road section as a 30mph limit and incorporate into the 20mph limit, especially when many motorists currently exceed 30mph here. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more

(81) Local Resident, (Towersey, Lower Green)	Support – Towersey is a cut through and people drive far too fast for the smaller country roads Inevitably, being near the Phoenix Trail, we have many dog walkers and families walking through the village who are put in danger with drivers ignoring speed limits and cutting corners at the crossroads. Travel change: No
(82) Local Resident, (Towersey, Lower Green)	Support – Traffic goes through the village far to fast and there is a danger to people children and animals. Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(83) Local Resident, (Towersey, Lower Green)	Support – Towersey is becoming a popular rat run during peak hours, traffic often speeding through the village. Roads are narrow and often used by pedestrians and cyclists. As a local resident I welcome the proposed 20mph zone. Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(84) Local Resident, (Towersey, Lower Green)	Support – 30 is just too fast for a village with elderly people and very young kids running around the park/ onto the road. It being 20 will also prevent people using towersey as a shortcut from chinnor to thame and visa versa; who often drive far faster than 30 anyway. Also, enough people have crashes on the thame road bridge that it should become a 40 and not national speedlimit. Travel change: No
(85) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – The traffic is too fast currently, particularly big farm vehicles Travel change: No
(86) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	

	Support – Faster than 20mph is more danger to pedestrians and cyclists and horses on these narrow roads .A footpath is not available in all parts of the built up area. The road junctions are very dangerous if parked cars are too close. Travel change: No
(87) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Want increased caution by drivers in populated areas for both pedestrians & animals. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(88) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – I think it will make people feel safer, even though I believe it will make no material difference. Travel change: No
(89) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Good for vehicles to slow down Travel change: No
(90) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – The roads are narrow, with many parked cars and many runners and walkers Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(91) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – There have been increased journeys through the village in last 5 years and speeds do appear to be increasing. Travel change: No
(92) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Cars drive too fast down this road.

	Travel change: No
(93) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Towersey is often used by drivers using the village as a short cut they are in a hurry have no interest in the local population and therefore VERY often drive too fast and not safely. A specific challenge is the traffic from the farms at the very end of Manor Road which is significant early and and in the early evening. Often driving at 50mph where there is no footpath Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(94) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – To make Towersey a safer place, for adults, children and animals Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(95) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Drivers, mainly from outside the village are driving far too fast along the narrow village roads, as a means of getting to work, school or delivering items. These roads are shared by cyclists, walkers, mothers with buggies, often making their way to the Phoenix trail. The village traffic has increased since lockdown. 20mph restriction would be a step in the right direction towards making the village safer. Travel change: No
(96) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Tractors excessive speed in village – will soon cause an accident Travel change: No
(97) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – With no pavements in the majority of the village, and many more cars using towersey as a cut through from the Chinnor road to the Princes Risborough road, I don't feel safe walking through the village with my children. 20mph would slow down the necessary traffic and hopefully persuade those using towersey as a shortcut to rethink their plans.

	Travel change: Yes - walk/wheel more
(98) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Little or no pavements so, people are forced to walk in what are narrow roads. A 20 mph speed limit will not only be safer for pedestrians and cyclists, servival in a collision with a vehicle at 20 mph is greatly improved Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(99) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – This would make Village roads safer for cyclists and pedestrians. The cycle track attracts more visitors to the village so this new speed limit would benefit all. Travel change: No
(100) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Sensible humus-friendly traffic management in a small reasonably densely populated village, in particular one that is used as a through route by others (ie rat run) Travel change: No
(101) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – The roads are quite narrow and there are many dog walkers, horses, children etc. who walk along these roads Many motorists drive too fast and there is little space for pedestrians to move out of the way. Travel change: No
(102) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – There are limited footpaths in the village making it dangerous for those on foot. Non residents speed through the village with minimal care for the residents. Travel change: No

(103) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Cars drive dangerously fast coming into Towersey from roads with higher speed limits. We have several dogs in the village that wander about without leads, children playing, and our residents walk and go on runs in the village. There is a significant lack of pavement so most of the time people must walk in the road and climb up onto the (usually raised) grass verges when a car comes by. Having a 20mph speed limit would make Towersey safer for its residents. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(104) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – There seems to be an increased amount of traffic in Towersey; also the housing in Towersey has increased meaning a lot more cars are parked roadside. For those of us that walk through the village with dogs and young children quite a lot, a lower speed limit would be appreciated. Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(105) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – I walk with my young children through the village and it's frightening when cars are going at 30 mph (or faster). A 20mph speed limit would help keep everyone safe Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(106) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Support – I am supporting as the road is narrow people use the main path to get to and from the playground on Thame Road, traffic on Chinnor Road should also be 20mph walkers and cyclyists leave from phoenix trail to visit pub and continue to the playing fields. Children use the roads to cycle to school and walkers run out of path leaving Towersey on the Thame Road Travel change: No
(107) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Support – The current speed controls within the village are inadequate. Vehicles travel at speeds in excess of 60mph through the current 30mph speed limit on Thame Road. A 20mph limit within the village will be a useful and welcome element of a what needs to be a wider provision of traffic calming measures that are required to ensure the safety of local residents.

	Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(108) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Support – Safety of public and reduction of pollution Travel change: No
(109) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Support – Safety for pedestrians and cyclists and quality of life. Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(110) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Support – There are a lot of dog walkers and members of public who walk around the village, the reduction in speed would make them safer Travel change: No
(111) Local Resident, (Towersey, Towersey- Kingsey Bridleway)	Support – Speeding in any village is unsafe. Even in London a 20mph limit is now imposed in all residential areas. So it's clearly appropriate in a village. Travel change: No
(112) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill Close)	Support – Towersey is a quiet, yet very interactive village. As a cut through, it's used as a race track, which presents much risk. There is a kids playground and non villagers aren't aware of kids playing, dogs walking and elderly crossing slower than others. Also, as a rural village, farm life should be considered as well as slow moving heavy machinery. Travel change: No

(113) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill Road)	Support – For some parts of the village 30 mph is too fast and too dangerous Travel change: No
(114) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill Road)	Support – Living nearby, on windmill road, people do dangerous speeds down there so if we can help educate, that's positive. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(115) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill Road)	Support – To try and promote other more suitable routes consisting of two carriageways, central white lines etc and Towersey not being used as a rat run of motorists one mostly single track with impromptu passing places making it stressful, dangerous and very unnecessary I'd like to see traffic calming too Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(116) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill Road)	Support – The speed drivers come through the village is astonishing. Someone is going to be killed one day soon. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(117) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Towersey is used as a short cut with cars speeding through and ignoring the current 30mph speed limit. Most of the village has no pavements meaning pedestrians are threatened by the speeding cars. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(118) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Towersey is a small village with few pavements. Cyclists, horses, wheelchairs and pedestrians regularly walk on the roads to access the village hall, Phoenix Trail, pub, church. Many families with very young children on bicycles come off the Phoenix Trail to go to the village amenities. 20 mph is safer for all. It will also, perhaps, encourage traffic the is cutting through to go on the bypass around Thame.

	Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(119) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – A car hit and killed my dog on the road as they couldn't stop in time and going too fast Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(120) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – The current 30 mph does not allow for vehicles coming out of drives with a limited view on bends in the road. Only this morning while pulling out of my drive in Chinnor Road a car came round the bend at speed and I had to accelerate away quickly. At least a 20mph speed limit would reduce the excessive speeds some cars just passing through the village seem to do. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(121) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Cars frequently speed through the village using it as a rat run between Haddenham and Chinnor Travel change: No
(122) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – My house is directly on Chinnor Road and so I am directly affected by the speed of passing vehicles Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(123) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – No pavement so it is very dangerous walking around village especially at night Cars cut through and drive very fast as there is no speed control Noise pollution Carbon pollution Splits the village up as people can't walk safely from one side to other Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more

(124) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Who will enforce the speed limit. Travel change: No
(125) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – The cars drive past our house on Chinnor road at an alarming speed, I would very much support a 20mph speed limit, as I have a young child and worry every time she comes out of the house. There is no parking on any of the roads in Towersey which means that people tend to drive faster as no restrictions Travel change: No
(126) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – People currently drive to fast through village Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(127) Local Resident, (Towersey, Church Lane)	Support – Drivers use Towersey as a cut through particularly during the morning & evening rush hour, vehicles are often driven much faster than is appropriate for a small village. Although I support this proposal I drive through Sydenham frequently where this 20mph speed limit has recently been introduced & would say 99% of drivers completely ignore the restrictions. Travel change: No
(128) Local Resident, (Towersey, Church Road)	Support – The cross roads is sped through as a cut through to Thame / Haddenham frequently and there have been close calls to what would be horrific accidents from this. Also the base of manor Road is National speed limit which is dangerous when it is a heavily use walking and bridle path. Travel change: No
(129) Local Resident, (Towersey, Lower Green)	Support – Happy to support however I do not believe people will adhere to it as they do not with 30! Perhaps this might get them a bit closer to it

	Travel change: No
(130) Local Resident, (Towersey, Lower Green)	Support – Current Traffic is too fast where there are so many pedestrians and cars parked. Towersey is used too much as a short cut to get to Thame from chinnor Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(131) Local Resident, (Towersey, Lower Green)	Support – Because it is safer and greener
	Travel change: Yes - cycle more
(132) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Thame Road and Chinnor Road are used at a short cut (rat run) and vehicles speed through the village to get to their destinations. Travel change: Yes – cycle more
(133) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Towersey is used as a cut through by many vehicles and they drive fast through a residential area. There are children, pets, cyclists and lots of pedestrians in the area. There have already been a number of accidents and near misses particularly at the cross roads Travel change: No
(134) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Drivers use the village as a rat run and consistently drive too fast Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more

(135) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Little or no pavements forcing pedestrians in roads in competition with road vehicles. A 20mph limit will not only make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists, in the unfortunate event of a collision with a vehicle at 20mph, the survival rate of a pedestrian is vastly increased Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(136) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – I have young children and the number of vehicles driving through the village at speeds greater than 30 already needs to be addressed Travel change: No
(137) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – Drivers continually break 30mph limits making walking along village roads, where there are no pavements, unnerving and dangerous. Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(138) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – To reduce car emissions and increase public safety Travel change: No
(139) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	Support – I am concerned at the dangerous speed at which many vehicles approach the village, particularly long Chinnor road. Travel change: No
(140) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Support – Towersey is used by a high volume of bicycle riders on a daily basis and the road is a long straight road that encourages driver to exceed speed limits. There was a bad accident last year where a car ended up on its roof along our road. It's a village and therefore should be 20mph I am in agreement with this.

	Travel change: Yes – walk/wheel more
(141) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Support – Because there have been to many near misses with speeding cars. Especially near the play park. Travel change: No
(142) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Support – Dangerous Road, witnessed an accident and had to call an ambulance as a car flipped due to speeding. Wasn't prosecuted despite the fact that they could have killed someone. Travel change: Other Ride / Walk / Cycle More
(143) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill Road)	Support – To slow drivers from out of the village ,using it as a rat run. Endagering people and animals. Travel change: No
(144) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill Road)	Support – Speeding cars along Windmill Road makes it very dangerous when pulling out of my drive. Also as a pedestrian I have experienced cars and lorries speeding along roads without a pavement which is also dangerous and an accident waiting to happen. Travel change: No
(145) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Support – I am a Towersey resident living on Thame road, we have had several accidents due to speeding and lots of near misses, I walk dogs ride horses and my bike and this is being effected massively by the speed of cars through village! Especially past my house on Thame road where people speed up, it's really scary and would like Thame road included to 30 mph signs Travel change: Other Horse riding

(146) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Support – Towersey effectively has only two roads into the village: one from Tythrop Way and the other from Chinnor Road. They meet at the crossroads in the middle of the village: Unfortunately there is a National Speed Limit sign (60mph) at the Tythrop Way entering Towersey Road leading into Thame Road, which is too fast anyway for the narrow road, and drivers seem to believe they can drive at 60mph down to the crossroads and beyond. Helpful Hirings is a company providing all sorts of transport and farming equipment on Towersey Road, Towersey, and there have been a number of near-misses at the entrance/exit of this site. They are situated at the point where the speed limit reduces to 40mph but, unfortunately, a lot of drivers ignore the revised regulation. On the village side of Helpful Hirings, and right next door, there are two domestic properties which can be badly affected by speeding motorists due to poor visual sight along the road. There have been many near-misses – someone will be killed there one day in spite of the villagers' protestations. Further along Thame Road there is a children's playing field with equipment and as there is only one footpath they have to cross Thame Road to reach it and it is also close to the Windmill Road junction. With parked cars along the road it is difficult for drivers to spot any youngster starting to cross the road because the existing 40mph/30mph do not slow drivers enough to avert any accident. The road from Chinnor into the village is also a problem for motorists as farm fields abut the road on both sides and, together with a winding road, views along the road are restricted. The housing has now spread beyond the old railway line (now The Phoenix Trail) towards Chinnor from Towersey and drivers need to be more cautious because of other vehicles entering the road and pedestrians walking to and from the trail. There are cyclists riding through the village together with horse riders. So the proposed 20mph restriction will help motorists, residents, children, cyclis
(147) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – to reduce speeds.

(148) Local Resident, (Towersey, Thame Road)	Support – Cars going too fast.
(149) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	Support – Im supporting the proposals.
(150) Email response, (unknown)	Support – We would like to support the plan.
	Support – As a resident of Chinnor Road, I am aware that many motorists use Towersey as a rat run to get to Aylesbury, Haddenham or to the A40.
	Many of these drivers exceed the speed limit and seem unaware that they are sharing the road with young children on bicycles on their way to school or the Phoenix Trail. Hopefully, some will use the bigger roads that are deigned for higher speeds once this limit is set.
	We also have neighbours who have limited mobility and use sticks to aid their walking. There isn't a pavement at our end, so these people have to go on the road.
(151) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	I believe it has been suggested by your consultants that the limit should start further into the village on Thame Road. However, there are often horses on the road and the limit should start where the current 30 mph signs are. This is very important.
	One very reckless motorist tried to 'jump' the bridge and ended up going through the hedge and upside down further up the road.
	There have been collisions at the crossroads in the village with cyclists. My own daughter was knocked off her horse at the crossroads some years ago. Fortunately, she was unharmed and the horse too. Drivers need to drive with more care and slow down. I support OCC's policy for Vision Zero. We can no longer tolerate careless and reckless driving. We need to encourage more walking and cycling. It has been an amazing success story in Chinnor and I look forward to 20 mph in Thame too.
	Travel change: Other

	I cycle and walk a lot anyway, but many don't because they do not feel safe. I have heard this from many people and I believe there will be a shift in attitude with these lower speed limits.
(152) Local Resident, (Towersey, Manor Road)	No opinion – I can see the pros and cons Travel change: No
(153) Local Resident, (Towersey, Windmill Road)	No opinion – May discourage rat run through traffic which is around 100 movements per day extra along Windmill Road. Otherwise considered a waste of time. Travel change: No
(154) Local Resident, (Towersey, Chinnor Road)	No opinion – This area is not monitored by any sort of means. If the speed does change it is most likely it won't be upheld or reinforced by any way. Unfortunately there's a 60 mph coming into and out of Towersey which leads people to speed through the village even at it being a 30mph at present. I feel that if the change does go ahead it will just anger residents even more. People are very cautious in the village in regards to local horse riders, tractors and farm life when on the roads and with this said I don't see any reason to change the speed limit. Travel change: No