

Division(s) affected: *Marcham & Cumnor*

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

**24 JUNE 2025**

### **APPLETON & TUBNEY: OAKSMERE & A420 – PROPOSED 40MPH & 50MP SPEED LIMITS**

Report by Director of Environment and Highways

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Cabinet Member is **RECOMMENDED** to:

- a) **Approve the 40mph speed limit on Oaksmere in Appleton, between its junction with the A420 & the new 20mph speed limit terminal, and,**
- b) **Approve the 50mph speed limit on the A420, between the existing 50mph limits at Tubney Wood & Parklands Manor (ex. Besselsleigh School), as advertised.**

#### **Executive Summary**

1. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on proposals – as part of the Councils 'Vision Zero' strategy – to introduce a new 50mph speed limit on the A420 between the existing 50mph limits at Tubney Wood & Parklands Manor, creating a continuous limit between Fyfield & Cumnor (replacing the existing National Speed Limit in the process), and an accompanying 40mph speed limit on Oaksmere in Appleton, leading north-westwards off the A420 to the new 20mph speed limit terminal at the village., as shown in **Annex 1**.
2. The Council's 'Vision Zero' strategy is to work on a safe system approach to reducing fatal and severe injuries to road casualties. 'Vision Zero' focuses on a whole safe system approach that starts with a simple premise - no one should be killed or seriously injured due to a road collision, whichever mode of transport you are using, and the whole system approach encompasses the following five aspects: safer roads and roadside, safer vehicles, safer speeds, safer users, and a holistic post-collision response.

## **Sustainability Implications**

3. The proposals aim to reduce vehicle speeds to safer levels for all motorists & road users, specifically those considered to be more vulnerable, including pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians, and motorcyclists.

## **Financial Implications**

4. Funding for consultation on the proposals (and implementation if approved) has been provided by the County Council's Vision Zero programme.

## **Legal Implications**

5. The consultation that has been undertaken complies with the consultation requirements for the various elements as required by law including under the Highways Act 1980, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and any other relevant legislation.
6. The scheme has been promoted by Oxfordshire County Council as the Highway Authority and Traffic Authority under the Highways Act 1980, and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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## **Equalities and Inclusion Implications**

7. No negative implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of these proposals.

## **Formal Consultation**

8. Formal consultation was carried out between 09 April and 08 May 2025. A notice was published in the Oxfordshire Herald Series & Oxford Times newspapers, and an email was sent to statutory consultees & key-stakeholders, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators, countywide transport/access & disabled peoples user groups, Vale of White Horse District Council, local District Cllr's, local Parish Councils (Appleton-with Eaton, Marcham, Besselsleigh and Fyfield & Tubney) and the local County Councillors representing the then (since changed following 'Electoral Review 2023-25') Kingston & Cumnor, and Sutton Courtenay & Marcham divisions.

9. Relevant parish/town councils, and local Cllrs (including County, District, Parish, Town) were also encouraged to use the consultation documents provided to publicise the proposals amongst local residents as necessary.

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

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Partially support</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>No objection/ opinion</b>	<b>Total</b>
40mph speed limit on Oaksmere	11 (17%)	4 (6%)	45 (70%)	4 (6%)	64
50mph speed limit on A420	14 (22%)	4 (6%)	44 (69%)	2 (3%)	64

11. Additionally, a further six emails were received directly – with Thames Valley Police & Oxford Bus Company not objecting, Appleton Parish Council & Oxfordshire Unlimited (a charity run by disabled people and carers for disabled people and carers) supporting the proposals, a member of public supporting but also requesting that the village-wide 20mph speed limit be extended, and two further responses (local resident & unknown email) partially supporting on the basis that 1) the limit should be 30mph by the pedestrian crossing, and 2) that the 50mph speed limit should be extended further eastwards from Cumnor towards Oxford.

12. The full responses are shown in **Annex 2**, and copies of the original responses are available for inspection by County Councillors. Any comments received that Officers identify as containing personal abuse and/or other personal information will be redacted as appropriate.

## **Officer Response to Objections/Concerns**

13. Most of the objections to the proposal for 40mph on Oaksmere are not reinforced with reasons for that opinion. One objector says that it is not the right approach, as it is a road where drivers should travel at a speed appropriate to the circumstances. This is agreed, but Officers feel that lowering the speed limit may lead to a reduction in current speeds (as Thames Valley Police point out in their response), which will benefit active travel users of the route.

14. The objector also suggests the creation of a footway or cycle-path, but that is beyond the scope of these proposals.

15. Another objection is made on the basis that there is no way of enforcing the limit.

16. Two respondents – who partially support the scheme – have requested that the limit is further reduced to 30mph, due to the lack of lighting and footway, and the number of pedestrians travelling to/from the bus stop. It is considered that

this would be artificially low, as 30mph speed limits are generally applied through villages themselves (where not 20mph) rather than on rural routes.

17. One supporter of the proposals has requested that the 20mph limit is extended further out of Appleton. This limit was recently consulted on and implemented, to replace the 30mph limit from the village gateway. It will not be possible to modify the current 20mph limit without further consultation, however the current extent is considered to be appropriate as implemented, and it should not be extended significantly beyond the built-up limits of the village.
18. Most of the objections to the 50mph speed limit on the A420 assert that it is not necessary and that it will reduce opportunities to overtake slower vehicles. It should be noted that there is a roundabout located close to the centre of the 1650m (1 mile) stretch, so average speeds are constrained by having to slow down to navigate the junction. Reduced approach speeds should result in less harsh braking may help to reduce collisions at the roundabout (there have been three slight and on serious injury collisions in the last five years).
19. On the Oxford-bound exit from the roundabout, the carriageway narrows to a single lane after 200m to accommodate a bus stop in a layby and the turning into Parklands Manor. The road layout at present may give rise to some ambiguity about the speed limit, being a single lane dual carriageway with off-slips on both sides, so the introduction of a continuous 50mph limit will increase clarity and will help to reduce the likelihood and severity of collisions.

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Annexes	Annex 1: Consultation plan
	Annex 2: Consultation responses

Contact Officers: Roger Plater (Senior Officer – Vision Zero)  
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- █ Proposed 50mph (currently national speed limit)
- █ Proposed 40mph (currently national speed limit)
- █ Existing 50mph speed limit

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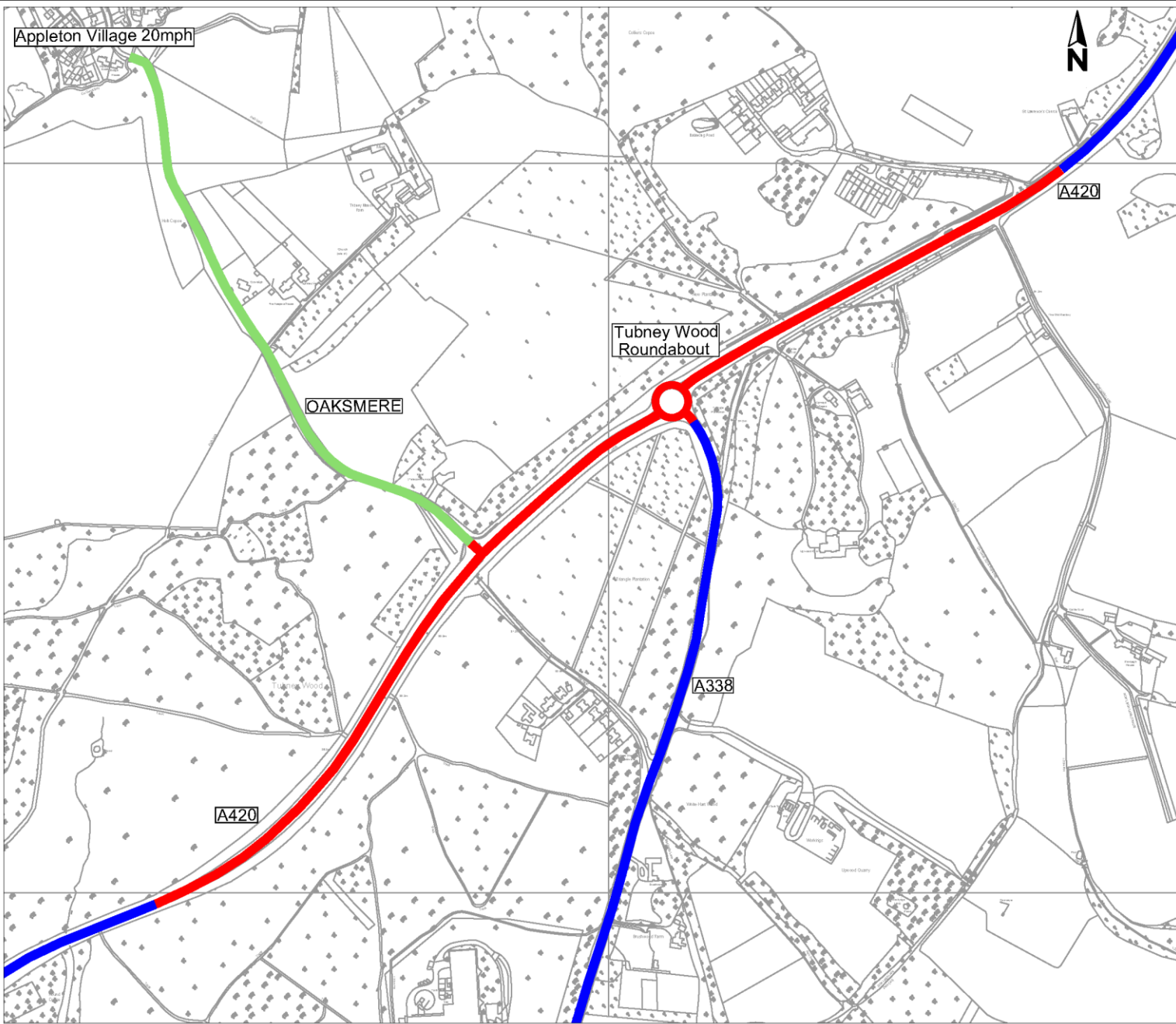
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## A. Email responses:

RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(e1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<p><b>No objection</b> – In principle the Police have no objection to both proposals.</p> <p>With regards to the change in speed limit along the A420 it is hoped this will be complimented by Camera Technology in an effort to achieve greater compliance especially for the Dual carriageway section.</p> <p>I am aware there have been Parish calls to lower the speed limit along Oaksmere for a number of years as residents will often walk the road to catch the Bus at the stops positioned at the A420 junction.</p> <p>Reducing this speed limit may produce a small reduction in current speeds, but unlikely to make the road feel more safe for pedestrian who are walking in the road.</p>
(e2) Head of Built Environment and Infrastructure, (Oxford Bus Company)	<p><b>No objection</b> – OBC and our associated companies do not operate on the roads concerned. However, it's an important part of the bus network with the two interurban S6 and S9 routes run by Stagecoach passing through.</p>
(e3) Appleton Parish Council	<p><b>Support</b> – The Parish Council met tonight [12/05/25] and fully support both proposals.</p>
(e4) Local group/organisation, (Unlimited Oxfordshire)	<p><b>Support</b> – The proposed changes to the speed limits seem very sensible, and we are in favour of them.</p>
(e5) Local resident, (Appleton, Park Lane)	<p><b>Support</b> – I fully support the imposition of the proposed 50 mph speed limit on the A420 and the 40mph speed limit on Oaksmere in Appleton, but please can I also ask that the 20mph speed limit be extended out of the village, past the bridge over the Ossie Brook to where the road straightens and the verge is low enough for a pedestrian to step onto. That short extension of the 20mph zone would slow vehicles at the section of Oaksmere where drivers leaving the village are navigating regular flooding, potholes, and dazzling winter sun with poor visibility of oncoming traffic because of the bend in the road; where large tractors and trailers regularly speed around the narrow bend (40mph is</p>

	<p>too fast) and where there is no verge for pedestrians to step onto if they find themselves sharing the road with traffic coming in both directions.</p> <p>I normally drive, but recently had a spell where I needed to use buses, and that was when I realised how crazy it is that the 20mph starts on the village side of this very dangerous section of the road. PLEASE CAN YOU TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND THE 20MPH ZONE THE SHORT EXTRA DISTANCE ALONG OAKSMERE THAT WOULD MAKE THE WALK TO THE BUS STOP VERY MUCH SAFER.</p>
(e6) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p><b>Partially support</b> – I am very pleased you are looking into reducing the speed limit near Parklands as there have been multiple accidents involving vehicles here and my son takes the bus to school every day from there and it's a real concern.</p> <p>Reducing the speed limit to 50 is I believe your proposal- which is a good step - but it's not going far enough. For avoidance of doubt, please consider this email supportive of this proposal.</p> <p>There is a pedestrian crossing on that part of the road and very little light. Please conduct a thorough examination of the road here - how much large traffic passes and consider the winter - with school children crossing the road and waiting for buses. The speed limit should be 30 mph and you should increase the road lights here. Please! By slowing the traffic- it's likely to allow more pedestrians, and nature to thrive better.</p>
(e5) Email response, (unknown)	<p><b>Partially support</b> – I am in favour but I would like to suggest that the 50mph speed limit is extended maybe a mile further from Cumnor towards Oxford. Cumnor suffers greatly from traffic noise from the bypass, especially from speeding vehicles and motorcycles. Because the A420 through Cumnor is in a cutting there is no awareness that you are driving through a village!</p>

*B. Online responses:*

RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(o1) Local resident, (Appleton, Badswell Lane)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>I strongly oppose this proposal. I also note that the options in this consultation are skewed unfairly towards a result in support (support / partially support / objection v 1 option for objection). This stretch of the A420 represents one of the few areas to overtake heavier / slower traffic between Swindon and Oxford. When forced to move as slower speeds, eg, by a slight curve by the Greyhound PH, frequent tail-backs occur even with moderate levels of traffic.</p> <p>The proposed reduced speed limit from Oaksmere to the A420 is totally the wrong approach. It is a road simply where drivers should travel (as always) at a speed appropriate to the circumstances. The majority of issues occur in this stretch simply by farm vehicles travelling inappropriately fast (but well below national speed limit) and in the middle of the road. The correct action for improving safety for more vulnerable road users for this stretch is creation of a foot / cycle path. Note that this would be only for the handful of pedestrians / cyclists that use this road per day from from a village with a population of 1000.</p>
(o2) Local resident, (Appleton, Whites Forge)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>Re the 50mph limit on the A420 this is daft as the whole purpose of the dual carriageway section is to give traffic the opportunity to overtake slower vehicles before it goes down to single carriageway.</p> <p>Re Oaksmere, again I object - there is no way of enforcing this and totally unnecessary as was the reduction from 30 to 20 within the village. The never ending change in speed limits means more street furniture in a rural village and motorists should keep their eyes on the road not trying to remember whether they're in a 20, 30, 40 or 50.</p>
(o3) Local resident, (Dry Sandford, Lashford Lane.)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p>



	Pointless.
(o4) Member of public, (Milton Keynes, )	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>All data sources show speed may affect the severity of an outcome, but seldom causes accidents. Indeed it is also widely known artificial limits can be too high in certain conditions, so inappropriate speed is in fact one contributor. I note there is no access to the investigators' findings.....</p>
(o5) Local resident, (Wootton, Besselsleigh Road)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>This is a major route bypassing villages and towns to get from Oxford to Swindon. The imposing of 20mph zones has been ignored and I feel people actually drive faster than they did when it was a 30mph out of sheer frustration. The A420 is a major road dual carriageway in places so reducing the speed limit here is quite unnecessary.</p>
(o6) Local resident, (Wootton, Cumnor Road)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>The A420 section in question should be left as NSL. There are already too many artificially low limits in the area causing more and more frustration. Lowering the speed limits here will further erode respect for speed limits as already evident in many areas locally.</p>
(o7) Local resident, (Wootton, Mathews Way)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>This is of not benefit, it will just cause some to drive more erratically due to frustration. There will be a lack of resources to enforce this so I believe it could cause more accidents due to attempts to overtake</p>

<p>(o8) Local resident, (Wootton, Mathews Way)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>The roads are safe enough for the higher speed limit. We have enough speed restrictions on local roads already.</p>
<p>(o9) Local resident, (Wootton, Abingdon, Cumnor Road)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>These proposals to further reduce speed limits are misguided. The constant onslaught of more and more ridiculous limits takes no account of the value of our time.</p> <p>My mental health has deteriorated as a result of the constant unnecessary frustration they cause.</p> <p>Consultations are a sham, box ticking exercise with no notice being taken of any comments that don't fit the anti-car narrative. The rules for these consultations say authorities should ensure adequate publicity of the proposed order to those likely affected by its provisions. No attempt has been made for this, there's no reason any users would search the council website for speed limit reductions where they are not necessary. Virtually nobody reads The Herald! It's like death by a thousand cuts.</p> <p>More specifically, the A420 section I use daily and there's absolutely no need for a speed reduction. On the contrary, it's a brief but welcome break from the council's insanity.</p> <p>Anybody who meets the standard required to pass a driving test can safely use this road.</p>
<p>(o10) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b></p> <p>Increase the likelihood of vehicle “trains” — reducing overtaking possibilities</p>
<p>(o11) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Object</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p>

	there is no evidence that speed is the cause of any related accidents
(o12) Local resident, (Wootton, Cumnor Road)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>Re: 50 limit on a420, this doesn't make sense at all. The road between Tubney and the roundabout is a dual carriageway on both sides. It gives a chance for people to safely overtake slow lorries which you get a lot of on the a420 after very long stretches on the rest of it which are 50, single carriageway and actually probably do justify the limit. People slow down for the roundabout anyway. Where is the evidence that it being a NSL road as it is now is unsafe?</p> <p>For the road from Appleton to the a420, a lower speed limit might make some sense here as it is quite a blind road - but again I would like to see evidence of it being dangerous as it is before imposing lower speed limits just to meet a target. There may be other safety measures worth considering before this action is taken for this road. I would rely more on what the local residents to Appleton think.</p>
(o13) Local resident, (Wootton, Leigh Croft)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>The A420 50mph speed limit is unnecessary - it is a dual carriage way and only short, allowing for the passing of slower moving vehicles.</p> <p>The 40mph on Oaksmere is probably unnecessary as it is a twisty road which does not allow for higher speeds and therefore seems a waste of money</p>
(o14) Local resident, (Appleton, Badswell Lane)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>I partially support a 40mph limit on Oaksmere, Appleton, but would fully support a 30mph speed limit there. Oaksmere, which is regularly used by pedestrians, has no lighting nor pavement, is winding, and is not safe to drive on at more than 30mph. Please consider implementing a 30mph limit there.</p>

(o15) Local resident, (Appleton, Netherton Road)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>The proposed 40mph speed limit on Oaksmere, Appleton is too high. The limit should be 30mph. Pedestrians use Oaksmere to reach buses on the A420. There is no pavement on Oaksmere. This makes the road perilous for pedestrians especially in the dark or bad weather. A pavement and 30mph speed limit are essential.</p>
(o16) Local resident, (Appleton, Netherton Road)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>The dual carriage way sections provide an opportunity to overtake slower traffic (such as farm vehicles). Traffic often builds up behind such vehicles and the dual carriageway is very useful for overtaking. However overtaking often requires brief spells of exceeding 50mph. I feel that the proposed limit would lead to greater driver frustration and not have the desired effect.</p>
(o17) Local resident, (Appleton, Oaksmere)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p> <p>Oaksmere: support. Oaksmere in the past few years has become dangerous, due to large farm vehicles travelling at speed, and the consequent damage to the road verges, as well as a large and continual number of potholes. A 40mph limit may even cause some observance of the widely ignored 20mph limit already in place in the part of Oaksmere within the village. because Tubney A420: Object. It is pointless. It will be widely ignored. If the speed needs to be reduced on a perfectly good piece of dual carriageway with good visibility, then there is considerably more chance of adherence if it were reduced to 60mph.</p>
(o18) Local resident, (Appleton, Whites Forge)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Object</b></p>

	<p>Imposing a 50mph speed limit on the only section of dual carriageway for some miles will significantly reduce the opportunities for overtaking slower vehicles. It is likely to be ignored by frustrated drivers. It can be difficult at times to leave or join Oaksmere due to the volume of fast traffic on the 420 however it only usually requires a short wait. This would not be helped by slowing the traffic as both lanes would be travelling at a universal speed, reducing the chances of suitable gaps developing.</p>
<p>(o19) Local resident, (Appleton, Badswell Lane)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b></p> <p>50mph speed limit A420 Tubney - partially support, in principle dropping the speed limit to 50mph makes a significant amount of sense. My only concern is traffic joining the A420 from Oaksmere, Appleton will possibly struggle to enter the carriageway due to slower traffic not wishing to move into the outside lane.</p> <p>Dropping the speed limit to 40mph on Oaksmere receives my full support. Many people walk along this road to use the S6 bus to and from Oxford and Swindon. It a dangerous stretch of road with no easy refuge for pedestrians. The road is not suited to the national speed limit of 60 mph unfortunately many people do travel at that speed.</p> <p>When the parish drew up their Neighbourhood Plan dropping the speed limit and also creating a footpath to and from the A420 was an aspiration for many members of the community.</p>
<p>(o20) Member of public, (Besselsleigh, A420)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b></p> <p>Residential properties at risk for joining the road and higher road speed increases noise for nearby families</p>
<p>(o21) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, prolines manor)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Partially support</b></p> <p>The road is currently dangerous and has seen a number of accidents recently</p>

<p>(o22) Local resident, (Abingdon, Parklands)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>I'm a an owner of a property within the Parklands development, when leaving the estate the passing traffic is far too fast, a reduction in the speed limit is urgently required and fully supported</p>
<p>(o23) Local resident, (Appleton, Eaton Road)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Oaksmere is used by pedestrians, has no pavement, poor sightlines, and no streetlights. A 40mph limit is much more appropriate for a road of this nature.</p> <p>The A420 would be safer with lower speed going into the roundabout, and a consistent 50mph limit between Fyfield and Cumnor will be more likely to be observed than the current 50/60 mix, where motorists don't always seem aware that there has been a change.</p>
<p>(o24) Local resident, (Appleton, Eaton Road)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Cars are speeding way too much around the area of Appleton. I live at 77 Eaton Road and cannot understand why we do not have 20mph speed limit from the very entry to the village at north end, and certainly where houses are already located on both sides of Eaton Rd where we live. There should be 20mph limit and maybe cameras or speed humps to control the drivers as many do not honour even 30mph limit and the 20mph through the village either.</p>
<p>(o25) Member of public, (Appleton, Eaton Road)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Slowing the speed of traffic in Oaksmere would improve safety for bus passengers walking up to the A420 and for drivers as there are regularly deer in the road in the evenings.</p>

<p>(o26) Local resident, (Appleton, Park Lane)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>I fully support the imposition of the proposed 50 mph speed limit on the A420 and the 40mph speed limit on Oaksmere in Appleton, but please can I also ask that the 20mph speed limit be extended out of the village, past the bridge over the Ossie Brook to where the road straightens and the verge is low enough for a pedestrian to step onto. That short extension of the 20mph zone would slow vehicles at the section of Oaksmere where drivers leaving the village are navigating regular flooding, potholes, and dazzling winter sun with poor visibility of oncoming traffic because of the bend in the road; where large tractors and trailers regularly speed around the narrow bend (40mph is too fast) and where there is no verge for pedestrians to step onto if they find themselves sharing the road with traffic coming in both directions.</p> <p>I normally drive, but recently had a spell where I needed to use buses, and that was when I realised how crazy it is that the 20mph starts on the village side of this very dangerous section of the road. PLEASE CAN YOU TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND THE 20MPH ZONE THE SHORT EXTRA DISTANCE ALONG OAKSMERE THAT WOULD MAKE THE WALK TO THE BUS STOP VERY MUCH SAFER.</p>
<p>(o27) Local resident, (Appleton, Parklands)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Safety for Children when approaching Bus stop</p>
<p>(o28) Local resident, (Appleton, Badswell Lane)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>The A420 in this area is particularly dangerous for pedestrians crossing to the bus stop and joining vehicles from Oaksmere as cars accelerate to overtake after a period of single carriageway.</p> <p>Oaksmere needs a pavement as well as a lower speed limit as it is access to the main bus stop from Appleton for residents - there are blind corners where visibility of walkers on the road is compromised for drivers</p>

(o29) Local resident, (Appleton, Park Lane)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Lower speed limit should lessen accidents particularly as Oaksmere doesn't have a pavement or lighting and is the route for pedestrians to get to the bus stop on the A420</p>
(o30) Local resident, (Appleton Nr Abingdon, Eaton Road)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Might, only might, reduce the speed of vehicles along Oaksmere which is used by pedestrians since losing decent bus service.</p>
(o31) Local resident, (Appleton outskirts, Oaksmere)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Any speed reduction is welcome particularly on Oaksmere where pedestrians and cyclists are at risk from speeding traffic and hgvs</p>
(o32) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, A420)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>There are residents, including children, who cross the road regularly or are driving out of their residence to join the A420. At 70mph speed it is impossible and dangerous to do either.</p>
(o33) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, A420)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Far too dangerous for traffic getting onto A420</p>



(o34) Local resident, (besselsleigh, a420)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Currently dangerous- frequent accidents</p>
(o35) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Besselsleigh)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Vehicles travel too fast along the A420 it is difficult to turn out. I Live in Besselsleigh &amp; when I am waiting to turn into the village the car moves as lorries go speeding past so it would be nice if the speed limit could be reduced all the way along to the dual carriageway at Cumnor.</p>
(o36) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>I am a resident at Parklands. It is treacherous at times trying to exit and enter the driveway. Cars coming from the west are travelling particularly fast. Can I suggest also introducing a safe 'island' for cars turning right out of Parklands. Doing this would mean more safely traversing one lane at a time. It would also have the benefit of stopping the dangerous overtaking that sometimes occurs by traffic travelling west before they reach the dual carriageway.</p>
(o37) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>As a resident of Parklands, I find it scary trying to exit the development onto a420 due to the speed cars are travelling which is far too fast for a residential area.</p>
(o38) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p>

	Road safety
(o39) Member of public, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Tenants always mentioned that the current speed limit makes it very dangerous to drive into their home.</p>
(o40) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>There have been a couple of accidents on the A420 so a reduction in speed would help to prevent more such accidents.</p>
(o41) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Currently traffic travels far to fast which makes turning onto or crossing over the A420 far to dangerous for vehicles and pedestrians who are crossing the road from the various bus stops. The speeding traffic gains very little benefit in time as they eventually have to brake when they filter into the single carriageway road.</p> <p>A particularly dangerous spot going north on the A420, where there is also a bus stop, is where the dual carriage way filters into a single carriageway to allow for the bus stop outside the Parklands development. Speeding traffic approach this at speed and then suddenly realise they need to filter. A crash a few months ago took out the safety barriers here and had there been a pedestrian at this bus stop they would have been severely hurt and possibly killed.</p>
(o42) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>I am a local resident and live along the A 429. I cycle on the road every morning, and take my young children to school along the footpath. I cross the road to catch the bus to town. I have witnessed four car accidents, - two into bus</p>

	<p>railings, one into a lamp post and another. I have been subject to terrifying near misses myself and believe there are further life threatening crashes imminently. I fully support both reductions, and actually would support a lower speed along the A420</p>
<p>(o43) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Within the last 18 months there have been at least 3 major collisions on the A420 exactly at the location of the bus stops we use outside Parklands, where high speed seems to have been a significant factor. The level of destruction to the roadside barriers and the Parklands boundary at these points suggests these were high speed impacts and could have caused unimaginable harm to anyone waiting at the bus stops ... mostly used by the estate's children. This is in addition to a number of other collisions and incidents along the short stretch from Parklands to the nearby roundabout.</p> <p>As a driver, I've experienced aggressive and dangerous tail-gating and over-taking as I've slowed to turn in to Parklands while the other drivers are trying to make the most of the 70mph limit, resulting in risky manoeuvres. Also as a cyclist, I've experienced drivers passing dangerously close and at excessive speed at the point where the carriageway narrows to a single lane. Really scary.</p> <p>The general soundtrack of beeping horns and revving engines indicates this is a chronic situation, with drivers regularly exploiting the higher limit at risk to themselves and others.</p> <p>Although reducing the speed limit may not make pulling in or out of Parklands any easier - which in itself can be difficult with long streams of traffic - the additional safety would be well worth it.</p> <p>I also regularly use Oaksmere lane and agree this would benefit from a 40mph limit, especially as the lane varies in width, has an uneven surface and a sharp bend just before entering Appleton village - all of which seem hazardous.</p>
<p>(o44) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>In addition to my previous response, I just wanted to raise awareness of another major collision on the very morning of the deadline for responses to this survey.</p>

	<p>A van smashed into the car of a Parklands resident at speed outside the entrance to the estate as she was taking her child to school.</p> <p>Such was the force, the entire front of her car was destroyed. Thankfully she and her child avoided significant injury ... this time!</p>
(o45) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>There have been many accidents on this stretch of the A420. It is worrying to try and cross the road to reach the bus stop even with the central reservation space to do this. I would support an even lower speed than the one suggested, which I believe is necessary.</p>
(o46) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands Manor on the A420)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>In the interests of improving road safety - the section of the A420 between Tubney roundabout (A338) and Parklands Manor is straight and badly abused by speeding motorists who see it as open road and not realising that Parklands Manor is now residential and part of the village of Besselsleigh. this speed abuse is exacerbated by weekend joyriders with no control over engine noise where a lack of accoustic fencing does not provide protection to the 100 residents of Parklands Manor. Stagecoaches buses and pedestrian usage is also impacted by speed abuse. Roadf surface noise is also likely to be way in excess of acceptable limits</p>
(o47) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Road through Besselsleigh village)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Oaksmere is a narrow winding road, with no footpath reducing the speed limit to 40mph will hopefully make is safer for all users of the road.</p>
(o48) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, A420)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p>

	<p>A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>I am resident of Parklands Manor. My wife doesn't drive and very often uses the Bus. The road with the current speed limit is incredibly dangerous and not safe for a residential area.</p>
(o49) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, A420)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Traffic levels on A420 are considerable from early in the morning. Exit from Parklands is difficult at the best of times but with traffic at high speed vehicles are behind you quickly and having to slow down as your vehicle seeks to accelerate after pulling out. The situation is dangerous. Turning right from Parklands is especially difficult with current speed limits.</p>
(o50) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Great idea. Dangerous road with fast traffic and residents nearby.</p>
(o51) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>I live at Parklands. The turning into the A420 out of Parklandd is in a 70 mph area. This makes it very unsafe. In the past few years drivers travelling at speed have hit the bus stop fencing. In the last few months there have been two accidents at the bus stop which resulted in ambulances being in attendance.</p> <p>This stretch of the A420 is very dangerous as cars accelerate and then when the road narrows by the Parklands turning are travelling at high speeds. The current 50 mph zone starts to the east by St Peter's church. The whole of the A420 from the Tubney Road about to the existing 50 mph sign should be 50 mph for safety reasons to prevent accidents and to allow the bus to stop at the bus stop safely. Plus adding safety to the Parklands turning</p>
(o52) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p>

	<p>A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Dangerous exit from Parklands onto a fast road.</p>
<p>(o53) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>We live at Parklands and have two children. Both use the bus service and are having to cross a dual carriage way, with poor lighting, and cars travelling at 60-70 miles per hour.</p>
<p>(o54) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Firstly trying to leave Parklands during rush hour is nigh on impossible unless someone usually a lorry driver has the sense to let you out. Turning right is particularly bad as once the traffic dwindles coming from the right, traffic then zooms up from the left making it impossible to cross and at times I have had to sit in the middle until it clear from the left.</p> <p>As regards Oaksmere don't know how people drive at 50mph. I can only drive at 30mph due to the narrowness and bends and that a pedestrian could be just around the next corner.</p>
<p>(o55) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands manor)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Traffic in both areas is dangerously fast and there have been multiple accidents at the bus stops on the A420 by the parklands manor development. The danger of turning out of parklands manor is also greatly enhanced by the speed of oncoming traffic and it is only a matter of time before another serious accident happens. Speed of massive hgv's along the a420 is also a significant risk of catastrophic crashes</p>
<p>(o56) Local resident, (Besselsleigh Parklands Manor, Parklands)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p>

	<p>Too many crashes have already happened only a matter of time before someone dies or seriously injured</p>
<p>(o57) Local resident, (Cumnor, Faringdon Road)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>I use both this section of the A420 and Oaksmere on an almost daily basis. With the A338 roundabout, the junction with Oaksmere, the access to the Parklands development and the bus stops, the current national speed limit on the A420 is too high to be safe. A 50mph limit throughout would be much safer. However, if the current two lanes on each carriageway are retained, this will encourage drivers to exceed the speed limit. With the numbers of pedestrians on Oaksmere, the narrowness of the road and bends restricting visibility, a speed limit is needed. Whilst I think a 30mph speed limit would be appropriate, I support the proposal for a 40mph limit.</p>
<p>(o58) Local resident, (Parklands Manor, Parklands)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>The volume of cars impose a material risk to the safety of people in Appleton and Tunney community with bus stops and residential entrances at the A420.</p>
<p>(o59) Local resident, (Parklands Manor - Besselsleigh, A420)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>My daughter got off the bus on the road and a car was driving so fast it knocked off the mirror on the bus that flew really close to her face as she was getting off. In addition there have been a number of accidents on the road.</p>
<p>(o60) Local resident, (Parklands Manor, Besselsleigh, A420)</p>	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>Support</b> A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>The speed limit specifically near Parklands Manor, Besselsleigh is quite high and has been a hazard for years. There have been a number of accidents as well. For safety reasons, I would advise the speed limit between Parklands Manor and the turning to Wootton just opposite the Greyhounds should not be higher than 30mph. Thanks</p>

(o61) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, )	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Turning into and out of Parklands is downright dangerous given the speed at which some cars travel.</p>
(o62) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>Support</b></p> <p>Car collision this morning (May 8th, 2025) right outside Parklands Manor on A420 in Besselsleigh --- strongly support slowing down traffic there. It is also a place where bus stops are and pedestrians have to cross a wide A road --- I strongly support slowing down traffic to 50mph, if not down to an even slower speed. I have seen fence railings near the bus stop for both directions being damaged, must have been caused by fast cars, can't imagine what could have happened if there were a bus-waiting pedestrian nearby when those railings were damaged.</p>
(o63) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b></p> <p>I am a Parklands Manor resident, and find every day that the traffic exceeds the recommended speed limit. Getting in and out of Parklands is a hairy experience.</p>
(o64) Local resident, (Besselsleigh, Parklands)	<p>Oaksmere 40mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b>  A420 50mph speed limit – <b>No objection</b></p> <p>People speed so badly on the 420 and it can be heard to heave side roads and residential areas to join the road. There is also heavy load traffic and people drive recklessly</p>