

**Giles Cattermole – CMD Transport Management (09/10/25) – A4074: Oxford to Caversham – Proposed 40mph & 50mph Speed Limits**

**OCC A4074 Ipsden to Mapledurham [Speed Limits]  
Draft Order 20, Schedule 2**

**Comments**

The 7 mile stretch of the A4074 between Nosworthy Way roundabout, Crowmarsh and the B4526 Goring Road junction is of relatively recent build, generous width, and grading and curving fully suitable for the National Speed Limit.

The track is mostly straight, with good sightlines. The stretch's suitability for NSL traffic is demonstrated by the accident statistics of just 3 Fatal and 15 Serious Accidents over the last 25 years.

I see no justification for reducing the speed limit to 50 mph on safety grounds. Particularly given its importance as a national highway, with daily volumes in the 15,000 to 21,000 range. And the resulting delays and inconvenience to that number of travellers

If the justification for this proposal is therefore political, this should be made clear to the Oxfordshire electorate.

By contrast I support the proposed 40mph limit on the 'Bends of Death' stretch between the B4526 junction and the Berkshire border

The accident statistics also show that there is clear need to improve both safety and traffic flow at a number of intersections between the A4074 and other minor roads, particularly:

- Henley Road, Sandford northbound
- Whitehorse Road/Church Lane, Ipsden – staggered junction
- Main Street/Reading Road Woodcote – staggered junction

I commend these for your attention.

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