



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of an **INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION** will be held in 2nd Floor Landing Meeting Room - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2017 AT 12.00 PM**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manjeet Gill'.

Manjeet Gill
Interim Chief Executive
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WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Our Vision

A great place to live, an even better place to do business

Our Priorities

Improve educational attainment and focus on every child achieving their potential

Invest in regenerating towns and villages, support social and economic prosperity, whilst encouraging business growth

Ensure strong sustainable communities that are vibrant and supported by well designed development

Tackle traffic congestion in specific areas of the Borough

Improve the customer experience when accessing Council services

The Underpinning Principles

Offer excellent value for your Council Tax

Provide affordable homes

Look after the vulnerable

Improve health, wellbeing and quality of life

Maintain and improve the waste collection, recycling and fuel efficiency

Deliver quality in all that we do

For consideration by

Chris Bowring, Executive Member for Highways and Transport

Officers Present

Paul White, Senior Technician

Arabella Yandle, Democratic and Electoral Services Specialist

IMD NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	
1. IMD 2017/27	Finchampstead South	FLEET HILL, FINCHAMPSTEAD–PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT Purpose: To report the responses to the formal consultation on the TRO for the speed limit and recommend whether to proceed or not	5 - 24

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Agenda Item IMD27

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION REFERENCE IMD: 2017/27

TITLE	Fleet Hill, Finchampstead–proposed 40mph speed limit
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	Cllr Chris Bowring, Executive Member for Highways and Transport
DATE AND TIME	12:00 Tuesday 31 st October 2017
WARD	Finchampstead South
DIRECTOR	Clare Lawrence - Assistant Director, Place
REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED ON	31 st October 2017
VENUE	Second Floor Landing Meeting Room, Shute End

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

The reduction in the speed limits along Fleet Hill and The Village will help accident prevention along these roads and create an environment that is safer for all road users.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive Member for Highways and Transport:

- 1) approve the making of the Wokingham Borough Council (B3348 Fleet Hill, B3348 The Village) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 2017, as advertised;
- 2) authorise officers to inform respondents of the results of the consultation accordingly.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Following a number of accidents and concerns from local residents, Wokingham Borough council are considering reducing the speed limit on Fleet Hill from 50mph to 40mph. This is in the section between the Tally Ho pub and the western edge of Finchampstead Village

The formal consultation for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) generated 17 responses covering various issues detailed within Appendix A. Assessment of these responses has indicated there were 14 in support, the police had no objection and one respondent objected.

Following full consideration of the objection received it is the officers' recommendation to proceed as advertised. Subject to the Executive Member's approval, this new 40mph speed limit TRO will be introduced in late 2017, and all those that responded to the consultation will be informed accordingly about the outcome of the process.

Background

Following a number of accidents and concerns from local residents, Wokingham Borough council are considering reducing the speed limit on Fleet Hill from 50mph to 40mph. This is in the section between the Tally Ho pub and the western edge of Finchampstead Village.

Consultation

The formal consultation for the proposed TRO was undertaken by means of a newspaper advert, on-line access to maps and TRO documents, letter drops to all local residents affected and emails to statutory consultees. It ran from 13th July 2017 through to 6th August 2017. Of the 32 responses, 27 were in support, the police had no objection, one made a comment (but did not state they support or object) and there were three objections.

Analysis of Issues

The three objectors' comments can be summarised as follows:-:

- The current speed limit is already 10 mph below the National Speed Limit and the road does not appear to pose any significant risks from a safety point of view.
- Is the consultation for the speed limit open to the views of other road users and not just residents?
- The proposed reduction in speed limit will result in yet another unsustainable 40 limit which the vast majority of drivers would consider too low
- A local resident (of over 15 years) can't remember any serious crashes and there are no schools, shops or other amenities people maybe using, and so therefore does not feel a speed reduction is necessary.
- Another resident states that the current 50mph limit (which was previously a derestricted 60mph limit) was unnecessary as no new drives or access roads have been added in that entire period. They don't wish to see any new access roads added and view any reduction in limit as more likely to give rise to additional property development, and so would like the current limit either to remain or the previous derestriction reinstated.

The proposal to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph along B3348 Fleet Hill and The Village, Finchampstead was initially requested by local residents, who have concerns with the number of accidents taking place along this section of road. Looking at the personal injury accident data on this road for the last five years (1st July 2012 to 30th June 2017), there were ten PIAs reported on this road, of which one was a serious accident and the other nine were slight accidents. This does not however include a number of non-reported incidents, which would include non-injury collisions or near misses, which we have heard about from local residents. From the personal injury accident reports, it seems that that all of the ten reported accidents were either due to drivers travelling too fast for the conditions and/or the alignment of the road.

The positive benefits in reducing the speed of vehicles along this section outweigh the slightly longer travel time that motorists will experience due to the reduced speed. It will take approximately 18 seconds longer to travel one mile at 40mph than it would have at 50mph; it is anticipated that this will have no discernible impact of traffic flows along Fleet Hill and The Village. A speed survey in February 2017 stated that the mean speeds along this section of road were 39.2mph eastbound and 38.6mph (w/b), with the

85%th percentile having speeds of 45.3mph and 45.0mph, respectively. This indicates that the proposed reduction in speed limit complies with the police’s criteria for the enforcement of a 40mph speed limit. This supports the view that a reduction in speed limit to 40mph is both appropriate and should help deter excessive speeding in turn leading to a reduction in the severity (and hopefully the frequency) of injuries occurring. Highways Engineers are also currently designing additional local safety measures on this section of road to address any issues with the alignment or highway condition generally.

The formal consultation for the TRO included a letter drop to all residents living on Fleet Hill and The Village that are adjacent to the section of road upon which the TRO is being proposed. The usual statutory consultees (e.g. Emergency Services, Transport Companies, Local Members and the Parish Council) were also contacted. The proposals were also advertised in the local press and by street notices – these were located at the extremities of the proposed speed limit along the route. All documents were also placed on the Wokingham Borough Council website and were available to view at the Shute End Council Offices. This demonstrates that the formal consultation for the proposed Traffic Regulation Order complied with the appropriate regulations and was indeed available to the wider general public for comment.

As to the concern regarding any additional property developments along that section of road, this would be a matter for further assessment as and when any planning applications are considered.

Recommendation and Conclusion

On this basis officers do not consider there are any substantive grounds to uphold the objections, and that given the level of general support this proposal has received therefore recommend proceeding to make the Traffic Regulation Order as proposed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£1500	Yes	Revenue
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	-	-	-
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	-	-	-

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

Cross-Council Implications
N/A

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES	
Director –Finance and Resources Graham Ebers	No comment
Monitoring Officer Andrew Moulton	No comment
Leader of the Council Charlotte Haitham-Taylor	No comment
Town and Parish Councils	
Finchampstead Parish Council	No comment
Local Ward Members	
Ian Pittock, Member for Finchampstead South	No comment
Simon Weeks, Member for Finchampstead South	<p>Please note the date of the proposed IEMD is incorrectly shown on the report as 11.00 on 3 Oct - this should state 31 Oct.</p> <p>Thanks for sending report for the proposed reduction in the speed limit on Fleet Hill, Finchampstead. As previously indicated I am in full support and the email correspondence I have received from residents reflects the formal responses you have also received from them.</p> <p>If the IEMD is approved by Cllr Bowring on 31 Oct when is the work - signage, VAS, road studs and road markings likely to be implemented?</p> <p>Could you please confirm that when you refer to the 10 accidents in the last 5 years, that these are <u>injury</u> accidents? If that is the case, I really think it should be made clearer in your responses to the few objectors, some of whom seem to be of the mistaken opinion that there have not been any injury accidents here. I personally know four Finchampstead residents who have been hospitalised as a result of accidents on Fleet Hill.</p>
Thames Valley Police	No comment

List of Background Papers

Notice of Intent, Statement of Reasons, B3348 Fleet Hill 40mph speed limit order, consultation letter and responses.
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APPENDIX A**B3348 Fleet Hill, Finchampstead – Speed Limit Change Order 20XX (formal consultation)**

	Letter/Email from	Received	Supports / Objects / Comment	Comment/Objection	Officer Comment
1.	Respondent (not stated as local resident)	Email received 20170713	Supports		Noted
2.	Local Resident	Email received 20170713	Supports	I fully support the reduction of the speed limit on Fleet Hill, proposed by Wokingham Borough Council. However I remain concerned that nothing has been done to improve the junction at the War Memorial for people crossing to The Ridges which is very dangerous indeed and consider that this is a much better use of the public money available.	Noted
3.	Local Resident	Email received 20170713	Supports	We approve that the speed limit should be reduced to 40 mph.	Noted
4.	Local Resident	Email received 20170713	Supports	We consider this proposal to be an important safety measure. The sharp bends in Fleet Hill are unsuitable and, in our opinion, dangerous as several accidents and many near misses can testify to. As residents in Fleet Hill we welcome and support the proposed speed reduction to 40mph.	Noted

5.	Local Resident	Email received 20170713	Supports	I reside at Rectory Farm, The Village, Finchampstead, RG40 4JY and write in total support of the proposed reduction from 50 to 40 mph.....Indeed it would make sense to reduce it to 30 mph on parts of Fleet Hill. This reduction is long overdue but now assumes even greater importance with children travelling from Finchampstead Village to Bohunt School in addition to the children already travelling in the opposite direction to attend the Primary School. I hope it can be put in to force as soon as possible	Noted
6.	Respondent (not stated as local resident)	Email received 20170713	Supports	I approve of the speed on Fleet Hill being reduced from 50mph to 40mph. This is a road with some nasty bends and it is a road which is becoming increasingly busy year by year. An accident waiting to happen!!	Noted
7.	Local Resident	Email received 20170713	Supports	I am writing to support the proposal to change the speed limit on this road from 50mph to 40mph. This is a dangerous road and the speed reduction is a very sensible measure.	Noted
8.	Respondent (not stated as local resident)	Email received 20170713	Supports	My wife and I support the proposed reduction from 50 to 40 mph the speed restriction currently in place on Fleet Hill.	Noted

9.	Respondent (not stated as local resident)	Email received 20170714	<u>OBJECTS</u>	<p>The character of this stretch of road does not appear to set any significant driving challenge or significant risks from a safety point of view. 50 the current speed limit is already 10 mph below the National Speed Limit which would be found on many similar roads. Unless of course you are living in Oxfordshire where there is a much criticised blanket application of 40/50 where national limits would reasonably apply. Is there a safety case to be made which gives concern from a record of road traffic accidents on this stretch of road where there are no significant junctions. Is the consultation to be conducted in such a way as to gather the views of road users and not just residents, roads being provided for wider population to use NIMBY ism will result in yet another unsustainable 40 limit where the vast majority of drivers would consider too low and more perceived speeding issues without addressing real safety issues. This leads to a self-perpetuating low social value cycle of drivers being subjected to 40 speed control on a road perceived by most reasonable drivers to be safe up to 50, resulting in more faux speeding as the 40 is not perceived as a risk by drivers, more speed enforcement and more speeding courses which do not do anything for the vast majority of reasonable drivers. All that happens is people switch to a cruise control setting at 40 which removes driver control and concentration allowing the driver to vary speed up to the limit which can raise a greater potential risk than a driver proceeding without cruise control. So what is the actual problem this is intended to address?? If the problem is some speeding well above 50 on this road then that is the issue to address, reducing to 40 will just frustrate the majority of drivers and not deal with those who would speed above 40/ 50 in any case. Such action only eroded driver confidence in and credibility about whether limits are reasonable. I feel there needs to be a rebalancing of public policy interest between wider road using public in the majority and the minority of resident households adjacent to such roads. There are already far too many blanket reductions in response to residents without considering real safety risks where perceived risks may be</p>	<p>The proposal to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph along B3348 Fleet Hill and The Village, Finchampstead was initially requested by local residents, who have concerns with the number of accidents taking place along this section of road. Looking at the personal injury accident data on this road for the last five years (1st July 2012 to 30th June 2017), there were ten reported PIAs on this road, of which one was a serious accident and the other nine were slight accidents. This does not however include a number of non-reported incidents, which would include non-injury collisions or near misses, which we have heard about from local residents. From the personal injury accident reports, it seems that that all of the ten accidents were either due to drivers travelling too fast for the conditions and/or the alignment of the road.</p> <p>The positive benefits in reducing the speed of vehicles along this section outweigh the slightly longer travel time that motorists will experience due to the reduced speed. It will take approximately 18 seconds longer to travel one mile at 40mph than it would have at 50mph; it is anticipated that this will have no discernible impact of traffic flows along Fleet Hill and The Village. A speed survey in February</p>
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				<p>handled with Other methods other than blanket speed reduction.</p>	<p>2017 stated that the mean speeds along this section of road were 39.2mph eastbound and 38.6mph (w/b), with the 85%th percentile having speeds of 45.3mph and 45.0mph, respectively. This indicates that the proposed reduction in speed limit complies with the police's criteria for the enforcement of a 40mph speed limit. This supports the view that a reduction in speed limit to 40mph is both appropriate and should help deter excessive speeding in turn leading to a reduction in the severity (and hopefully the frequency) of injuries occurring. Highways Engineers are also currently designing additional local safety measures on this section of road to address any issues with the alignment or highway condition generally.</p> <p>The formal consultation for the TRO included a letter drop to all residents living on Fleet Hill and The Village that are adjacent to the section of road upon which the TRO is being proposed. The usual statutory consultees (e.g. Emergency Services, Transport Companies, Local Members and the Parish Council) were also contacted. The proposals were also advertised in the local press and by street notices – these were located at the extremities of the proposed speed limit along the route. All documents</p>
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10.	Local Resident	Email received 20170714	Support	This reduction is long overdue but now assumes even greater importance with children travelling from Finchampstead Village to Bohunt School in addition to the children already travelling in the opposite direction to attend the Primary School. I hope it can be put in to force as soon as possible	Noted
11.	Local Resident	Email received 20170714	Support	I live in one of the houses near to where Fleet Hill changes to 'The Village' at the 30mph speed limit sign and I write in total support of the proposed reduction from 50 to 40 mph along Fleet Hill.....it may even make sense to reduce it to 30 mph on parts of Fleet Hill. I have personal experience of several 'near misses' and examples of dangerous driving as people either accelerate early out of the 30mph area as they see the 50mph sign, or are still travelling significantly over 30mph as they come into the village towards the primary school. I walk my children to the primary school and home most days and do not feel that the road is safe enough even in the 30mph zone (20mph during peak school times - also not adhered to!), especially near to where the speed limit changes to 50mph. This reduction is long overdue but now assumes even greater importance with children travelling from Finchampstead Village to Bohunt School in addition to the children already travelling in the opposite direction to attend the Primary School.	Noted

12.	Clerk to Finchampstead PC	Email received 20170714	Support	Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the proposed reduction in speed limit on the B3348 Fleet Hill from 50mph to 40mph. I can confirm that the Parish Council fully supports this proposal.	Noted
13.	Respondent (not stated as local resident)	Email received 20170714	Support	We agree that in view how dangerous this road is we agree that the speed limit Should be reduced to 40 miles per hour, as soon as possible.	Noted
14.	Respondent (not stated as local resident)	Email received 20170714	Support	As a previous resident and current landlord of Oak tree Cottage on Fleet hill, I write in support of the proposed speed reduction from 50 to 40 miles per hour.	Noted
15.	Local Resident	Email received 20170714	Support	As a resident of Fleet Hill, opposite the Tally Ho, we are wholeheartedly in favour of a reduction in the speed limit from 50 mph to 40 mph. We are constantly assailed by the noise created by traffic, mostly motor cyclists, accelerating as hard as possible up the hill as they leave the A327 and travel towards the village. Hence our complete support for the proposal. However, I would like to know how this is to be enforced? It is my experience that the placing of some signage advising the speed limit is NOT necessarily an effective deterrent to exceeding the limit advised. May I suggest that the reduction in speed limit is backed up by the addition of some cameras or, at the very least, some flashing signs that advise of the actual speed? In addition, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that we are quite often woken at night by traffic using the A327, racing down the hill from Arborfield and only just making the corner to cross the bridge in to Hampshire. The introduction of some speed limiting	Noted

				devices along this road would also be beneficial, in my opinion. I look forward to your response to these suggestions.	
16.	Respondent (not stated as local resident)	Email received 20170714		There seems very little point in reducing the above speed limit when very few drivers comply with the current speed limit through the village or in Long Water Road.	Noted.
17.	Local Resident	Email received 20170715	Supports	There are many unreported accidents along this stretch of road leading to the village. Speed is a major cause of these incidents due to blind bends and concealed property entrances along with higher volumes of traffic where there is no pedestrian footpath. We all strongly support this proposed speed limit change in the interests of road safety	Noted.
18.	Local Resident	Email received 20170715	Supports	Thank you for your notification sent to us, that the Council is considering reducing the speed limit on Fleet Hill from 50mph to 40mph. My wife and I support this - there are often deer, foxes etc on the road (mainly at night) and we've had a dog knocked over on the road ourselves. Further, there have been many accidents on Fleet Hill over the years - the bends can leave motorists unsighted. We look forward to a reduced speed limit on Fleet Hill.	Noted.

19.	Local Resident	Email received 20170716	<u>OBJECTS</u>	<p>I object to this reduction in speed limit. Being a local resident I know the road well, there aren't a lot of junctions or entrances onto this stretch of road. Over the 15 years I've lived just round the corner I can't remember any serious crashes on this stretch of road and there are no schools, shops or other amenities people maybe using. I therefore do not feel a speed reduction is necessary.</p>	<p>The proposal to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph along B3348 Fleet Hill and The Village, Finchampstead was initially requested by local residents, who have concerns with the number of accidents taking place along this section of road. Looking at the personal injury accident data on this road for the last five years (1st July 2012 to 30th June 2017), there were ten reported PIAs on this road, of which one was a serious accident and the other nine were slight accidents. This does not however include a number of non-reported incidents, which would include non-injury collisions or near misses, which we have heard about from local residents. From the accident reports, it seems that that all of the ten personal injury accidents were either due to drivers travelling too fast for the conditions and/or the alignment of the road.</p> <p>The positive benefits in reducing the speed of vehicles along this section outweigh the slightly longer travel time that motorists will experience due to the reduced speed. It will take approximately 18 seconds longer to travel one mile at 40mph than it would have at 50mph; it is anticipated that this will have no discernible impact of traffic flows along Fleet Hill and The Village. A speed survey in February</p>
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20.	Local Resident	Email received 20170716	Supports	We are writing to say that we would support a change in the speed limit on Fleet Hill. We have known two accidents outside our property since we have owned it, both involving young drivers. We believe the current speed limit to be dangerous considering the relative narrow width of the road combined with the hill and bends in the road.	Noted.
21.	Local Resident	Email received 20170717	Supports	I am writing to say that I am in favour of a reduction in the speed limit on Fleet Hill in Finchampstead to 40 mph. My daughter had a serious accident there last December and whilst we don't think that speed was a factor, we realistically just don't know. This experience is coupled with me witnessing the aftermath of at least three other serious accidents over the past ten years leads me to believe that it should be reduced. Please call if you want	Noted.

				any more details	
22.	A. Jenkinson (Development Transport Planning)	Email received 20170717		I notice that the Council is consulting on the proposed speed limit reduction on Fleet Hill and I have viewed the draft order and accompanying plan and statement of reasons on the Council's website. I assume that the proposal has been approved by a relevant Council Committee and that a report would have been presented to that Committee with details of the proposal including of any traffic surveys carried out to support the speed reduction. Could you let me know which Committee that was and the date of the meeting?	Noted.
23.	Local Resident	Email received 20170717	Supports	I live at Woodlands, Fleet Hill and have seen many accidents and near-misses on this busy road. I would also like you to consider introducing flashing radar speed signs. If possible I believe this will also make road users aware of the speed limit and change their driving behaviour	Noted.
24.	Local Resident	Email received 20170717	Supports	Just wanted to say that I am strongly in favour of a reduction of speed limit to 40mph on Fleet Hill. Having myself had an accident on this road, and have a friend who had an accident in the same place, I believe that a reduction of speed limit would help considerably in avoiding such incidents.	Noted.
25.	Respondent (not stated as local resident)	Email received 20170718	Supports		Noted.

26.	Local Resident	Email received 20170724	Supports	I am supportive of the proposed change of the speed limit on Fleet Hill to 40 mph. As a resident of Fleet Hill for over 20 years I have seen the increase in the speeds and recklessness that some drivers take. I have also seen the aftermath of several accidents. It would in my view, be better to have a 30 mph speed limit as even at 40 mph Fleet Hill does not lend itself for that speed in all sections of the road. Furthermore it would be consistent with the limit on either side of Fleet Hill i.e. the Reading Road and The Village.	Noted.
27.	Respondent (not stated as local resident)	Email received 20170726	Supports	I understand that you are considering changing the speed limit on Fleet Hill from 50mph to 40mph. As a resident of Fleet Lane and therefore a regular driver along that road on my way to work and on numerous other occasions, I am emailing to say that I am in favour of this change, having seen accidents and near-accidents occur on some of the bends. I feel that a 40mph limit would encourage people to drive more considerately along the road.	Noted.
28.	Local Resident	Email received 20170729	<u>OBJECTS</u>	The speed limit on Fleet Hill was 60mph when I bought my house 21 years ago and remained that for some years. The current 50mph limit was unnecessary as no new drives or access roads have been added in that entire period. We don't wish to see any new access roads added and view any reduction in limit as more likely to give rise to additional property development. We would like the current limit either to remain or the previous derestriction reinstated.	The proposal to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph along B3348 Fleet Hill and The Village, Finchampstead was initially requested by local residents, who have concerns with the number of accidents taking place along this section of road. Looking at the personal injury accident data on this road for the last five years (1st July 2012 to 30th June 2017), there were ten PIAs reported on this road, of which one was a serious accident and the other nine were slight accidents. This does not however include a number of non-reported incidents, which would include non-injury collisions or near misses, which we have heard about from local residents. From the personal injury

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					<p>alignment or highway condition generally.</p> <p>As to the concern regarding any additional property developments along that section of road, this would be a matter for further assessment as and when any planning applications are considered.</p>
29.	Local Resident	Email received 20170731	Supports	<p>As a long term resident of Fleet Rise/Fleet Rise Annex, Fleet Hill (37 years in total)</p> <p>I would heartily support the suggestion to reduce the speed limit on Fleet Hill outlined in your letter of the 13th July. The speed and volume of traffic (especially motor bikes) has increased so very much in the last few years and although I know of no actual incidents of residents having accidents whilst exiting their driveways, many houses have limited sight lines due to the hilly and bendy nature of this stretch of the road, and one has to be extremely vigilant and alert to avoid any collision whilst exiting during daylight hours. Also I only know of of the accidents directly outside our house. But one in 1974 resulted in the death of two teenage girls, one of whom died in my brothers arms, and the other, a head on collision of a car and a motor bike. Both incidents were caused by excessive speed of one or other of the participants travelling along the road. So I would hope that if there were a reduction in the speed limit this would reduce any further accidents, and prevent motor bikes from using this stretch as a rat run for going at excessive speeds. I hope the 40mph speed limit is adopted.</p>	Noted.

30.	Local Resident	Email received 20170803	Supports	I wish to add my name to the residents of Fleet Hill that support the change in reducing the speed limit. Having lived on Fleet Hill for many years have been aware of the reckless driving that occurs and the accidents that have resulted. Bringing the speed limit down will also bring it into line with the surrounding roads	Noted.
31.	Local Resident	Email received 20170804	Supports	We moved into Fleet Hill in 2014 and we have had numerous near misses on the road until July 2015. A middle aged women covered the ground we can see in the mirror so fast that I had no chance to see them whilst pulling out. Luckily I was in my wifes car and not my motorbike, other wise I would likely not be here today. Fortunately it was only minor damage as I nearly got out of the way in time, but annoyingly I was blamed 100% for the accident. Someone will be killed or seriously injured on the corner where I live if this isn't addressed. I think reducing the speed limit is a brilliant idea and I wholeheartedly agreed with implementing the reduction. 40mph is a good starting point but I would actually like to see further reduction, traffic calming, speed cameras or a regular police present to enforce it as the problem has got worse whilst we live here and drivers just don't care for their own safety or others. It could just be ignorance that drivers do not think that people actually live on this road (until its too late and I am knocked of my motorbike).	Noted.
32.	Thames Valley Police	Email received 20170810	No objection	In principle I have no objection	Noted.

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