

Appendix 2, Brunswick Street area - Feedback to Statutory Consultations

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Summary	Feedback received
	Summary of responses: Objections - 0, Support - 22, Comment - 1
1) Comment - Thames Valley Police	<p>Thames Valley Police are not opposed to lowering speed limits providing they are appropriate to the road environment and likely to have casualty reduction benefits.</p> <p>There are two areas for which you are proposing a 20mph speed limit, Brunswick Street and Western Road, and Southcote Road, Westcote Road and Parkside Road.</p> <p>Brunswick Street and Western Road.</p> <p>There are no recorded personal injury collisions in Brunswick Street or Western Road in the last five years, so there are no casualty reduction benefits to be gained from this proposal. There was one recorded collision at the junction of Brunswick Street and Tilehurst Road which I have not counted as it is not within the boundary of the proposal.</p> <p>I have not been supplied with speed data, as requested, to show the current speed of traffic using the these roads. That said, having driven both roads I do not think that speeds are currently excessive because of the parking arrangements and width of both roads. I anticipate that the speed of traffic is already comfortably within acceptable tolerances for a 20mph limit.</p> <p>On that basis Thames Valley Police will not object to this proposal, however, if speeds are already low I would ask what this reduced limit is designed to achieve?</p> <p>In future, when consulting with Thames Valley Police in relation to reducing speed limits I will require a recent speed survey for the road in question.</p>
2) Support	We have been asking for this 20 mph for the last few years now. I Have lived on the street for over [REMOVED]

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	and it has become a rat run for speeding drivers driving from the Tilehurst Road to the Bath Road it's a very narrow street as you know with lots of elderly and families taking the children to school in the mornings and afternoon And it's an accident waiting to happen I personally have been doing 20 miles an hour for the last two years also my house [REMOVED] and more than once I've had to jump back in my gate to avoid being run over I do hope this proposal goes ahead
3) Support	Cars speed along this road any time of day or night. This is a family street with many young and elderly alike.
4) Support	What measures will be put in place to ensure the speed is not breached?
5) Support	Cut through driver's regularly drive /race down Brunswick Street as it's a one way road linking Tilehurst Rd to Bath Rd. Many times during the day and night (waking me up)
6) Support	As a resident of Brunswick Street I regularly witness drivers speeding down our narrow one way street on a daily basis. These are drivers using it as a cut through between Tilehurst and Bath Roads. With many young children living on the street I feel it is only a matter of time before someone is hurt.
7) Support	20mph is too high a speed for such a narrow street with minimal width pavement and several yards on some stretches on one side of the street only, hampered also by the amount of vehicles which are parked on double yellow lines upon the pavements forcing many pedestrians to walk in the road. Some residents are disabled and the only safe way is to walk down the road due to the poor state of the curbs. I propose a 10mph speed limit which would be aided with the installation of sleeping policeman type road humps which are suitable as to not cause additional road noise due to the close proximity of many bedrooms overlooking the road. Bollards at certain locations would limit the pavement parking, particularly on the corner of Western road adjacent to the Foresters PH which would allow pedestrians to make use of the pavements, which is what they are there for.
8) Support	20mph limits are best practice for safety, noise reduction, climate, sustainability and duty of care
9) Support	On such a narrow one way street a limit of 20 mph would improve safety for cyclists, motorists and especially pedestrians as there is a section without a pavement. Some drivers using the road as a rat run onto Bath Road speed along at well over 30 mph. We even get cars going down the one way street heading towards Tilehurst Road.
10) Support	Absolutely support this - much needed to tackle dangerous speeding traffic.
11) Support	I support the proposal. A 20mph limit would improve safety and increase capacity.
12) Support	I walk and ride my kids that way all the time. It is a narrow residential street with cars. One of my children has already been hit in the area going out between parked cars, an although he suffered a minor brain injury, he survived and suffered no long term ill effects as the driver was going ~20 mph. This should not be a short cut and

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	<p>certainly not a high speed on where there is risk of injury/death stepping out between cars</p> <p>This is even before the benefit in reduced pollution and fumes to children in the road</p>
13) Support	To help keep residents safe all residential streets should have a 20mph speed limit
14) Support	<p>Brunswick St is so narrow and with so much on-road parking that anything more than 20 mph poses a significant risk to pedestrians and motorists.</p> <p>Furthermore as this is a residential street it is likely that children may be present in the street and hidden from motorists by parked cars, this combined with minimal street lighting presents a meaningful risk that could be easily reduced by reducing the speed limit.</p>
15) Support	A narrow residential road with limited space, makes sense to reduce the speed limit.
16) Support	This is a narrow street with lots of cars. The pavements are narrow so pedestrians must walk on the roads. Reducing the speed limit for cars will make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists.
17) Support	I fully support this as a resident of this street. I've seen so many cars go way too fast down the road that it's just dangerous
18) Support	Given the typical usage and parking a limit of 30mph doesn't seem safe
19) Support	I'm always amazed anybody even tries to drive at more than 20mph on Brunswick Street, a narrow and heavily parked street with vestigial pavements, but they do.
20) Support	Narrow (very narrow, in places) residential street which links two busy roads. Temptation to drive too fast (>20mph) is strong.
21) Support	<p>As residents of Glenbeigh Terrace, we support the introduction of a 20mph on Brunswick Street. However, I would state that it is often hard to drive faster than 20mph given the terrible on-street parking and narrow sections on the road (often caused by large vans) parking overnight on Brunswick Street. To reduce the on-street parking a permit scheme should be introduced as during the day the road fills up with non-residential cars who park and walk into town/Reading West station.</p> <p>The pavements on Brunswick Street are in terrible condition because of the on-street parking which means that pedestrians walk in the road. Heavy vehicles like larger cars & vans parking on the kerbs have contributed to the terrible condition of pavement & kerbs. Many cyclists also cycle against the one-way street, which can be very confusing as a driver.</p> <p>Reducing the speed limit to 20mph would help limit the through traffic on Brunswick Street but the biggest issue is the parking. Emergency vehicles are often unable to access Brunswick Street & as residents of Glenbeigh Terrace I have no idea how an emergency vehicle would get to us given the street parking on Western Terrace and</p>

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	<p>the slope that goes down into Glenbeigh Terrace. The parking makes it very difficult for us to access our house and receive deliveries etc. There are often cars parked on the corner of Western Terrace and slope of Glenbeigh Terrace which means you have to drive on the pavement which has now fallen apart.</p> <p>I think there should be a consideration for on-street electric car changing as part of this consultation, to help future proof this scheme. Especially to promote lower emissions in this residential area of RG1.</p>
22) Support	<p>I support this 20mph proposal as there has always been a problem with speeding down this road. Recently this issue has grown, so much so that my vehicle has been subjected to a hit and run [REMOVED]. If said restriction had been in place, it may have deterred this driver from speeding and driving so irresponsibly. I know many of my neighbours have suffered a similar situation due to speeding drivers and with the addition of a new small playground to the end of our street where parents take very young children to play, so I thoroughly support this new measure to keep everyone safe. I may even suggest adding cameras to the area as well, so we can monitor who is speeding - as sometimes a 20mph sign is not enough of a deterrent.</p>
23) Support	<p>For such a narrow, residential road this would be the safer decision to prevent accidental clips and accidents which have occurred numerous times on Brunswick and Western Road respectively.</p>