

Appendix 2, Southcote Road area - Feedback to Statutory Consultations

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Summary	Feedback received
	Summary of responses: Objections - 0, Support - 2, 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>Southcote Road, Westcote Road & Parkside Road.</p> <p>Collisions have been recorded at the junction of Southcote Road and Tilehurst Road and Southcote Road and the A4. These are not speed related or within the boundary of the scheme. there are no recorded personal injury collisions in Southcote Road or Westcote Road and only one personal injury collision on Parkside Road, a minor injury rear end shunt between two LGV's when the lead vehicle slowed to pull into the nearside.</p> <p>Again no speed data has been supplied as requested.</p> <p>Speed cushions are proposed at regular intervals along Parkside Road and Westcote Road which should regulate speed. In Southcote Road there only appears to be one set of speed cushions at the junction with Tilehurst Road and the existing road hump at the junction of the A4.</p> <p>I am concerned that speeds in Southcote Road may not be comply with DfT guidance for the setting of 20mph speed limits, it's difficult to judge without speed data. It is for the Highway Authority to ensure speeds are appropriate as speed enforcement should not be used as a tool to reduce speed on a road with an unrealistic speed limit.</p>

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	<p>Thames Valley Police will not object to this proposal, however, I must advise you that should there be complaints of speeding on any of the roads where the speed limit is being reduced, enforcement activity will be a very low priority for Thames Valley Police.</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	<p>Firstly, I would like to thank you for introducing these measures: we have asked for them several times over the years but at last, they are being implemented.</p> <p>We regularly get cars and motorcycles speeding along Parkside Road and Westcote Road not only as the rat run towards the town centre, but also in the other direction towards the Bath Road. I have spoken to local residents and they all agree that it would be preferable to have a continuous road bump rather than the two cushions system because the latter does not deter motorcycles from speeding; they just go between the cushions. If this was not the intention, would you reconsider the design to make the bumps continuous?</p> <p>Also, the Bath Road between Liebenrood Road and Berkeley Avenue and between Liebenrood Road and Burghfield Road are regularly used as drag-racing strips (other than at peak times when traffic is very heavy).</p> <p>Traffic turning into the Bath Road from Liebenrood Road frequently goes through red lights. (amber appears to be a signal to accelerate). Can anything be done about that? There have already been injuries there.</p> <p>When responding to your enquiries, it would be much quicker, simpler, cheaper and less wasteful of paper and envelopes, if we could still do so by e-mail. I think that the majority of people have access to electronic means of communication. Those that do not could still use Royal Mail. One has been able to communicate with the Planning Department for years by email.</p>
3) Support	<p>As a motorist, cyclist and resident of Westcote Road, I in general support the proposal of reducing the speed limit to 20mph, especially on Southcote Road where visibility is poor. However, I have concerns regarding the effectiveness / safety of the proposed traffic calming measures (i.e. positioning of the speed cushions), which I will detail under the relevant consultation.</p>