

# 20MPH SCHEME FOR TOWNS

## Consultation Report Chipping Norton Town Council - 2022

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## SUMMARY

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The following report summarises the results received from the 20mph scheme community consultation undertaken by Chipping Norton Town Council. The survey was undertaken between the 22nd July 2022-14th September 2022 and received a total of 256 responses – the majority (255) collected online and 1 hard copy submission.

The majority of respondents were Chipping Norton residents (79%), with other responses collected from those who visited (10%), attended school in (5%), or worked in locally in Chipping Norton (4%). A small number of respondents were local or county Councillors (2%).

The results indicate that a majority of respondents are supportive of the 20mph scheme in Chipping Norton, with 64% fully supportive and 9% somewhat supportive of the scheme. 21% of respondents were not supportive of the scheme or had concerns about implementation (6%).

When respondents were asked which roads should remain 30mph, 30% of comments mention Worcester Road, 11% mention London Road. Respondents who were somewhat supportive or had concerns about the 20mph scheme mentioned that the 20mph zones should be extended to cover school areas.

When asked which roads should become 20mph, 37% of comments mention that the schools should be included (Holy Trinity Primary School on London Road and Chipping Norton Secondary School on Burford Road).

Overall, the responses indicate that Chipping Norton is supportive of the 20mph scheme, and key areas to include in the future 20mph zones will be school zones.

# RESPONSES

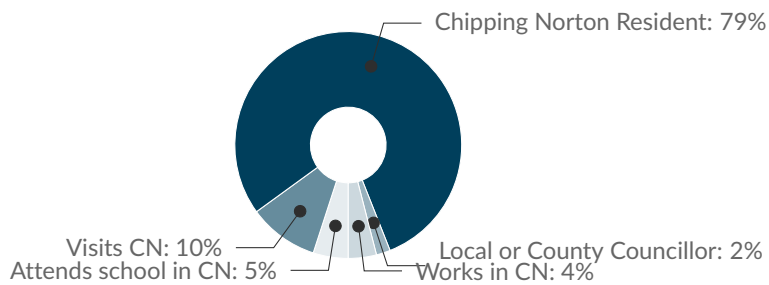


Fig 1. Please select one of the following that best describes the capacity you are completing the questionnaire in

Survey Respondents	Count
Chipping Norton Resident	201
Visits Chipping Norton	26
Attends school in Chipping Norton	13
Works in Chipping Norton	10
Local or County Councillor	6
Total	256

## THE 20MPH SCHEME FOR CHIPPING NORTON

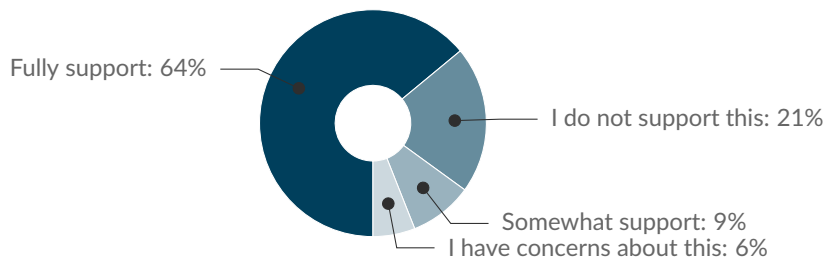


Fig 2. How do you feel about the 20mph scheme in Chipping Norton?

20mph Scheme in Chipping Norton	Count
Fully support	164
Somewhat support	23
I have concerns about this	15
I do not support this	53
Don't know	0
Total	255

## CURRENT 30MPH ZONES

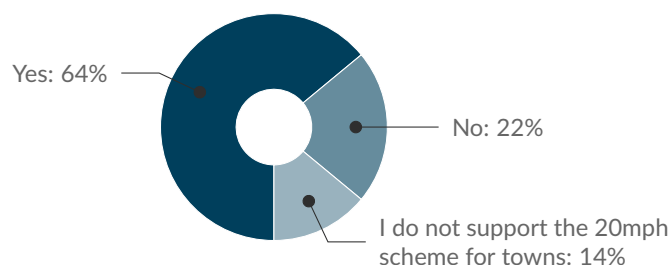


Fig 3. Do you believe that all 30mph zones in Chipping Norton should become 20mph?

Do you believe that all 30mph zones should become 20mph?	Count
Yes	164
No	56
I do not support the 20mph scheme for towns	36
Total	256

# KEY INSIGHTS FROM FREE TEXT QUESTIONS

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## Q1: Which roads should remain 30mph (54 responses)

- 16 comments mention Worcester Road
- 6 comments mention London Road
- Respondents who indicated that they were not supportive of the 20mph scheme indicated that all current 30mph roads should remain 30mph

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## Q2: Which roads should become 20mph? (49 responses)

- 18 comments mention that areas outside schools should become 20mph zones
- Respondents who indicated that they were not supportive of the 20mph scheme specified that no roads should become 20mph

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## Q3: Please let us know your reasons for taking part in the consultation – i.e. why you support or object to the 20mph scheme being introduced in Chipping Norton? (221 responses)

- 21 comments mention the recent accidents in Chipping Norton town centre being an impetus for responding to the survey.
- 22 comments mention the impact of the 20mph zone and pollution – residents have conflicting feelings about the 20mph scheme worsening or lessening the impact of airborne pollutants in the town.
- 9 comments mention that they have concerns about implementation of the scheme as current drivers ignore the existing 30mph zones. Comments mention that the 20mph scheme should be implemented with other traffic calming measures such as increased signage on roads, flashing signs, speed cameras, etc.
- 16 comments mention HGV's and issues surrounding large vehicles passing through the town center.
- 18 comments mention the narrowness of pavements in Chipping Norton and that having a lower speed limit would benefit pedestrian safety, especially those travelling with young children.
- 34 comments mention that a lower speed limit would benefit children's safety walking in town.

## APPENDIX: FULL TEXT RESPONSES

Responses copied verbatim with names and addresses redacted.

**Q: Please can you specify which roads you think should remain at 30mph?**

All of them

All the roads coming in to the town

The 30 Mph should be maintained . After MS London Road. After the Secondary school Burford Road After the Children's playground Worcester Road. After Aldi Banbury road Over Norton Road

All

New Street/Worcester Road beyond Dunstan Ave/Penhurst through to Southerndown. Burford Road beyond High School / Leisure Centre (but 20 in Cotswold Gate development).

Over Norton Road beyond Park Road, the final residential side road. 20mph in Over Norton village area out to just beyond village hall.

Banbury Road at current 30mph change point (or perhaps a little higher, beyond Banbury Crossing). But 20 in the new residential development opposite plant nursery.

I believe that all the 30mph roads in Chipping Norton should remain 30mph roads.

London rd Banbury rd are fine. Burford rd is fine as is

All roads

All roads

Worcester road beyond the Owen Mumford should remain 30 as there are no side roads and residency is on one side of the road only- to limit this area to 20 will simply devalue the 30 limit

Noone all town its be 20mph it be perfect.

Areas outside the current 20mph zone should remain 30mph. Maybe extending g the 20mph zone to cover the schools

all of them waste of tax payers money

Most roads

Only the town centre should remain 20mph and up to the schools. There is no need to extend this throughout Chipping Norton

Stretches on outskirts of Chippy e.g. Worcester Road alongside the common, where there are fewer access points and no on street parking. Better to start with 30 and reduce to 20 if we want drivers to obey.

Worcester Road

I think generally the limits will currently. There are however other areas of concern like maybe traffic lights or a roundabout at the top of new street, also a major change to the road and crossing by the Ace Centre as this is extremely dangerous and no one seems to stop at the crossings as too many other distractions.

Out of town roads

All of them

Worcester Road beyond cemetery/Owen Mumford. Consideration should also be given to where zone should start on Burford Road eg at junction of road to Charlbury or at Greystones

I think not all 30mph should become 20mph. It is difficult enough with the lorries passing town, we shouldn't slow down the traffic even more.

All roads that carry main traffic - A-roads and through roads Many roads - policing the 30 limit would be more helpful....if people don't stick to that (they certainly don't) and don't get penalised, there's no hope of ensuring 20 is adhered to.

Worcester Road, New Street, London Road, Banbury Road

The 'A' roads through the town, with improved signage and speed sensors Worcester Road past the tweed mill, the common(past toy lane, kennel lane etc.), as far as the 50 mph sign. Banbury road as it is now.

All

London and Banbury Roads down to the roundabout near the petrol station. The main access roads (e.g.London Road, New Street) ought to be 30 for some of the length as you enter Chippy, but down to 20 by the time you get to the centre of town. Worcester Road but only beyond the current speed camera - though this should perhaps be more informed by residents of that area than me.

Roads from A44 to double roundabouts (near MS and Aldi) and near Bliss Mill. roads not in the central part of the Town

All except those already 20th in the town centre. Any roads away from schools and with low footfall.

All - except those named in which roads to be 20mph. Only IF this was to be implemented.

Worcester Road (possibly) and Banbury Road (possibly)

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All

Main A roads should stay at 30mph

I live on Worcester Road and I don't want the pollution increased which would be the case if vehicles proceeded at 20 mph as the internal combustion engine is not efficient at such a low speed. It would be good if the 30mph limit were to be observed and drivers who exceeded this limit were prosecuted.

I believe that the current 30mph roads should remain as they are.

ALL OF THEM,

The current 20mph limit is more than enough

As they are now

Worcester Road beyond the cemetery should remain at 30mph.. Roads with a grass verge between the pavement and the road with proper pedestrian crossings eg Banbury Road beyond Aldi that are not past schools could also remain at 30mph.

Worcester Rd from Station Lane to the boundary Banbury Rd Burford Rd beyond the school/leisure complex entrance

All roads should remain at 30mph except for residential cul de sacs

The main roads away from the centre of town or residential areas where paths are separate from the road. An example would be the A44 as it enters the town past the Veterinary Hospital to the start of the current 20 mph zone and Worcester Road running into the current speed camera.

Any which are currently set at that level, though there may be some of which I am not aware.

Main Roads into through town must remain

I thought there already was a 20mph speed restriction through the town centre. I am happy for that to stay but don't feel it needs to be throughout the town. The poor man who was killed in a road traffic collision was in the 20mph zone. Speed isn't always the problem.

Roads such as Worcester road on the way out of town

Banbury Road, Worcester Road, London Road, Over Norton Road

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**Q: Please can you specify which roads you think should become 20mph?**

The main stretch through the town from the two mini roundabouts to Sainsbury car park one way and to the other mini roundabouts and Albion Rd. Should be 20mph on Burford Rd when school is in process.

inside a perimeter set by MS,Aldi ,Secondary school Burford Road,Playground Worcester Rd, The Keys junction on the Churchill Road

Only outside schools

London Road for existing 30mph zone from just beyond Health Centre. All of town centre as currently so 20mph out to High school, all residential areas, Churchill Road to current 30mph end by Tilsley Road.

None.

New street should extend 20 to include the play ground

None

By the school., when it's open

London, Banbury, Over-Norton, Churchill and Burford

Cross Leys and Dunstan Avenue two of them drivers and delivery driver use for race Everyday.

The current 20mph zone should be kept and extended to cover the school areas.

None

Sections with obvious hazards such as around schools and shops or where previous serious accidents have occurred

Distons Lane - parked cars + lots of pedestrians including children, elderly (including from Penhurst), and animals. Very unsuitable to go faster than 20 but too many do!

The ones which are already 20 are fine.

New Street, town centre, past all schools

None

All other roads

The central main streets, the schools streets and on some estates, yes , but not all.

Residential only

None

All residential roads

Over Norton road; London road, certainly past Holy Trinity school and beyond. (If not already 20). Burford road as far as Charlbury turn. Churchill road past all built up area -(is this already 20?)

None

High Street going through the town where there have been alot of accidents with pedestrians and vehicles. Particularly near Harpers and further down near Sainsbury's. Also the approach from both ways to the school and leisure cente.

Banbury Road, up to the Cromwell Park junction London Road, up to the Health Centre junction Burford Road, up to junction with Charlbury road Churchill Road up to end of town (current 30/50 line) Over Norton Road up to last house on the uphill side.

High road behind the Co-op, narrow road in front of what was Harper's and through the market square, theatre road, possibly some other very narrow roads especially residential roads.

Retain those already at 20mph

No more

Any roads near schools

New Street, Burford Road The Green.

All other roads, in particular in or near the centre of town

none

The roads in housing estates should reduce to 20mph

Perhaps roads inside estates and residential areas with no trunk roads passing through, also roads near schools.

None.

Outside schools only

None

We would be better off stopping the lorry's coming through town

Centre of town

Roads past schools should be 20mph . Roads that are purely residential rather than routes to other destinations should be 20mph. Churchill Road with many parked cars and poor visibility should be 20mph

All other roads

Heavily residential areas away from the main central roads.

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There are already sufficient, as far as I am aware. Roads such as Spring Street, Church Lane and so on can be acceptable with a 20mph limit; I would not expect a motorist to be able to manage 30mph on them anyway.

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residential streets that are a not a main route into town

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Near schools.

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Roads near schools

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Churchill Road; extend 20 limit on Burford Road to beyond the School traffic lights, all housing estate roads eg Walter-bush road, Dunstan Avenue, The Leys, etc..

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I would love the A44 Worcester Road to be 20mph but the 30mph flashing sign is mostly ignored and it is dangerous just trying to cross the road to walk into town. I haven't had the confidence to cross the road for 5 years!

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**Q: Please let us know your reasons for taking part in the consultation -i.e. why you support or object to the 20mph scheme being introduced in Chipping Norton.**

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My daughter walks to school and with such narrow paths in so many parts of town it's a no brainer The amount of children that use these inadequate pathways and the lorries that cut through when the main town is closed This would go a long way to help keep our children safe Also the speed cameras are situated in the wrong places, surely the safety of residents and visitors is paramount so surely we need one when entering congested areas not entering and exiting the town

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You asked for people's views!

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Hi - I live on New Street and the difference when drivers slow down to 20mph is palpable - especially the lorries. 20mph feels much safer for both pedestrians and other road users. Crucially, there is a very significant decrease in noise and vibrations when drivers travel at this speed and I believe slowing down will literally save these old buildings we live in and which give the town its unique character. If 20mph deters the HGVs from bombing through our town that is an added bonus. Yes to 20mph - it's a no-brainer!

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Too much money is spent on putting in speed limits where other measures would do more good. Yes limits where there are large numbers of people but not on the ones where you do not get pedestrians. It is rare you can do more than 20mph through the town anyway. Spend the money sorting out the 2 silly roundabouts no one knows how to use and the awful bend by Sainsburys where lorries mount the pavement to get round

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I am a shopkeeper in Chipping Norton. My shop is on the High Street. I witness on a day to day basis the problems with traffic speeding through the town, heavy trunk thundering past the shop and passers by on the pavement. This heavy trunk includes tractors with heavy loads, hay bales, articulated lorries, wagons with heavy plant on top ( ?), buses ambulances at top speed and boy racers. Most acute is the horsefair end of High street, (where I am) as there is no crossing. Pedestrians attempt to cross the road when they can 'find a gap' in the traffic. This area has a higher than average number of Senior citizens and higher than average number of vulnerable older people. It is absolutely necessary to put a 20 mph speed limit in. Not to mention other measures. **[NAME AND ADDRESS REDACTED]**

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I fully support this. Living on the over norton road in chipping Norton has become so dangerous. With the buses always travelling dangerously fast and numerous complaints being made to stage coach about the speed in which the buses think it's acceptable to drive down a residential street where children play is worrying. We also suffer from all the marks Cotswold bakery vans and staff who drive down the road at about 60mph approaching chipping Norton from over norton as they gain speed coming down the hill. They have often been seen having to over take cars in the dip because they simply can't slow down fast enough. I have 2 children who attend school in chipping Norton and nursery. No one ever stops on the zebra crossings and all approach the double round about far too fast. Speed in chipping Norton is an enormous problem which seems to have largely just been ignored.

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The 20 mph zone should encompass the whole Town from where the current 30mph is in force , the zone at the moment is to small

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I have school aged children that will be walking independently to school and that is a concern at the moment.

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People speed through Chippy including lorries making it an unsafe town. My inly concern is, how will it be enforced

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Living in a very busy area has its problems already and cars going faster than they need to, especially where there are children and elderly, only causes more. 20 is plenty please.

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The walk to CNS can feel quite dangerous along the fire station side with cars accelerating to 30mph, I think a 20mph speed limit would make this narrow path safer.

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As a resident I feel that there are some parts of Chippy that need a lower speed limit, especially near the schools and the ACE Centre.

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The paths in Chippy are very narrow and the roads are increasingly busy, it too often feels unsafe to be a pedestrian and as a former parent of one of the primary schools it's a concern while walking with small children.

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All residential areas should be 20mph there are so many cars on the roads and speed is dangerous. However, I live in Albion Street which has been 20mph for some considerable time yet no one sticks to 20mph and it is not enforced. So can you tell me how making all Chippy 20mph is going to make any difference if the present zones are not enforced?

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It slows the response of your fire service. Also the last 2 serious accident that have happened in the town have been in the 20mph and you have shown no facts on how it has improved the town

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I generally support the scheme but it needs doing properly this time. The current scheme misses out the three most important locations.The infants/ junior school London Road.The playground Worcester Road.The senior school Burford road.Additionally the 20 mph signs are too small and the 20 needs repeating painted on the road surface every 50 metres.

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The speed camera in Chippy is already a big revenue earner, 20 mph is just a money grab.

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I hope this will contribute to road safety improvements and pollution reductions. Whilst it takes some getting used to as a driver and can be a slight challenge in a modern vehicle to drive quite slowly, I don't think there is any huge necessity to drive any faster than 20mph in the built up areas of the town.

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I believe we should be more ambitious if we wish to encourage walking and cycling and I don't believe the 20mph scheme achieves this. In my opinion, it does nothing to encourage walking/cycling over cars because you are still bound by the roads – why take a bike when it has to traverse the exact same route as a car? I think the best way to encourage this change is to create more footpaths/cyclepaths through the town that aren't accessible to cars, similarly to how the Dutch discourage car use by making walking/cycling the most convenient option (induced demand). Additionally, determined cyclists will cycle regardless, it should about encouraging the hesitant, and sharing the road with cars is perhaps the biggest barrier to this. I know this option isn't immediately achievable, however the 20mph scheme seems all style and no real substance, and frankly, a bit of a waste of time and money.

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Chipping Norton would be a safer place for our communities if we had a 20mph speed limit throughout the town. It is a way forward.

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We live on Albion St and see most drivers do not take any notice of the 20mph limit. they are driving over the speed bumps so fast the car bottoms out with a lot of noise. There seems no deterrent make them driving slower? Also when cars and motorbikes leave the small roundabout at the bottom of Burford road they seem to think its a race track? Just one more thing we have started to notice a lot more larger HGV using Albion St which does not seem safe at times.

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I am interested in taking part in the consultation but as yet do not know whether I support the initiative. I need more information. I will do some online research and see what the evidence supports.

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It is proved that fewer serious accidents happen at a lower speeds. Some of the time traffic travels at about that speed through the day and sometimes slower! If lower speeds were a problem, why do motorways always lower the limit when busy to get more traffic through an area then the same must be true for towns. People will feel safer walking, some with children and the elderly (there is a lot of retirement housing) on the narrow paths on our streets. It may yet reduce noise from the latest craze of having to drive too fast just to make the car exhaust bang, but that is an enforcement issue unless we can get volunteers to have a speed watch.

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Support for environmental and safety reasons. Will hopefully encourage more walking and cycling.

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Chipping Norton is my home town. It's the place where I come to shop, meet friends family . I was born worked in the town for many years. It is a rural market town, but I feel that those trying to impose these limits are attempting to turn it into some kind of West London suburb. I have to drive into Chipping Norton. There is no feasible alternative. The argument that pollution would be reduced doesn't bear scrutiny. How long has the data shown that slow moving traffic through Horsefair exceeds the pollution limits? You can't have it both ways. I have no time for Mr Courts, but I agree with his quoted comment in the September Chipping Norton News

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It is a busy town, lots of pedestrians, there have been a number of RTA's that I am aware of and I Belstone the risk of traffic accidents involving pedestrians and children would be greatly reduced.

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Many of the roads in Chippy are narrow and can feel somewhat dangerous at times so slowing the traffic down will be beneficial for all.

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I support the scheme for safety reasons, and to make moving around in the town more pleasant for pedestrians and cyclists.

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Too many hgv and dangerous to pedestrians . I use a mobility scooter and it is frightening. By pass desperately needed Rollright Stones mentioned for years but nothing done

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I especially belive that the 20mph should happen much earlier on the Banbury, London and Burford Roads as there are schools on two of them with crossings that cars often have to break hard to stop at and the pavement is very narrow on one side of Banbury RoadThe traffic goes fast in the centre of town and then they spped up to go down New Street.Lower speeds will also help reduce emissions and particulates in the town It will also wind up Jeremy Clarkson

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Cars currently exceeding all speed limits

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Pleasanter and safer for peds and cyclists, quieter, better for those livings by roads

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Very concerned about the very large lorries thundering along and the level of air pollution!

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I have a young family. I feel that traffic travels too fast through the town

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The roads around Chipping Norton can become over congested at peak times and reducing the speed limit will just make matters worse. Drivers should themselves naturally become more aware in built up areas and drive accordingly. What should change on the streets of Chipping Norton is the reduction of HGV's.

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The existing 20 is not working simply because the police van is only ever seen in the 30 areas. Police the 20s 2 or 3 times a week strictly drivers will start to respect it . Don't extend the 20. S to include the 30s it will be too slow for too long and the whole thing will fail . A few raised narrowed crossings would slow the trucks or even put them off coming through Chippy. The police could make a fortune by having a blitz on the huge tractors who have no visible identity on on either end. Please call another public meeting to discuss further urgently. Thanks

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I fully support the scheme for 20 mph in town but it needs to be monitored with speed cameras especially at weekends . There is a lot more that could be done to support pedestrians in town eg keep greenery trimmed at the moment the crossing at the bottom of London Rd is very difficult to cross .

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As a dog walker I am very aware of the many hazards walking in Chipping Norton . If you would like more info call me .

We need to make our streets safer . We have already had someone die crossing the road recently . It will also cut pollution and noise for people living on these streets. In addition cycling will be a more pleasurable experience which could encourage the uptake.more children could then walk or cycle to school in a safe and healthier environment ( if we could get rid of the huge lorries coming through town even better )

The should be a good safety and community measure although I can find flaky evidence on both sides. My main concern is the lack of any clear plan nor resource for enforcement and compliance, and the fact that main roads (eg past Holy Trinity/Hospital) will by regulation need traffic calming/gating and flashing indicator measures which OCC would have to be funded by parish/Town Council - this is not feasible nor realistic. OCC need to step up if they are serious

This is safer action for everyone. With the recent accidents at the top of New St, we need to be doing something. Doing nothing is not an option.

It is not possible to go over 20 mph generally with the traffic and just on the outskirts 30 mph is not dangerous.

I support making 20mph scheme for safety reasons and reducing emissions.

The only place I think should be 20mph is at the front of school

I'm a cyclist, pedestrian and driver. I feel some of the pavements are too narrow and drivers often exceed 30. With kids it can be a little nerve racking. A 20 limit might get those who do 40+ to do 30+. I'm a confident cyclist but don't see many people on town bikes. If it was safer maybe we would see more people visiting the town and shops on bikes. Electric bikes are becoming more and more common too making cycling more accessible.

It is far easier for drivers to understand that a whole town has the same speed limit, rather than some streets do and some streets don't. Whole boroughs in London are 20mph zones and it is perfectly easy to understand. We need to encourage safe speeds consistently throughout our town if we are to encourage walking, cycling and particularly the safety of our young people. The Regulations normally require speed control events every 60 metres, which is very expensive, but if very obvious signage and constrictions are placed at the entry to the town, informing drivers that the whole town is 20 mph, that should alert drivers sufficiently.

I am a parent of a child at Chipping Norton School and I visit the town regularly for shopping and medical appointments etc. there are large numbers of young people on the pavements leading to the school at the beginning and end of the day and I am keen to support any initiative that creates a safer environment for them.

Our street is used as a rat run for builders using Travis Perkins etc at the bottom of the hill. We have children as well as pets in the street and it is dangerous the speeds that they travel down. On the main road out of town past the park, lorries travel quickly and there are often children and families getting in/out of cars and crossing the road - it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.

As a resident of West Street, the impact of the volume of traffic, the speed, noise and pollution has increased considerably in the four years since we moved here. Most vehicles exceed the limit.

Fully support 20mph makes so much difference Why not?

Reducing to 20 mph makes things \*much\* safer for everyone.

Local councillor who has been involved in driving the 20s plenty agenda, locally and across Oxfordshire

I support it but it's not ever going to be enforced, every Monday night at 9oclock there are a number of youngsters that come speeding out of the leisure centre, great big lorries that go through town at more than 20 but where's the enforcement a sign that flashes no one gives a s\*\*\* about, police cannot do there jobs at the moment so I don't hold high hopes

The town was never designed for cars and lorries and so a 20mph speed limit is much more appropriate than 30mph. This would significantly reduce the level of injury from collisions with pedestrians and cyclists. Vehicles should not dominate use of the town centre . We have kids at two of the schools in Chipping Norton and regularly see the dangers. For example at the New Street crossing by Sainsburys, on West Street, and the Burford Road. A town-wide 20mph limit is simple to understand and ties in with the wider move in this direction across the country.

The everyday flow of traffic through, during daylight hours in chipping norton is below 20mph anyway , so I do not see any reason to lower the speed limit . If only for making revenue.

I visit and spend a lot of time in Chipping Norton to see my partner who lives here.My objection is mostly based around the fact that most accidents seem to happen at specific poorly designed junctions that can not handle the amount of traffic flow. The A361-A44 T-Junction in town centre comes to mind, which is already set to a 20 limit that doesn't help. As there is constant traffic along the A44 along with the poor visibility around the corner to the left, nobody can get out of the A361, leading to people jumping out in front of traffic when it isn't safe - causing accidents. There needs to be traffic lights, a mini roundabout, or some other form of traffic flow control to mitigate the issue which the lower speed limit has done nothing to solve.Another hotspot I've noticed myself is the turnoffs onto the A44 in the town centre from the local shops/car park, where the same issue happens where people don't give way for traffic and just pull out (and pedestrians just walk into the road oblivious to traffic).A blanket lowering of speed limits to 20 will not solve any of these issues and can even exaggerate them by holding more traffic on the same roads for longer - reducing flow. The junctions where these accidents occur need to be improved - as shown by the current 20 limit in the town centre being a failure to prevent these accidents.As active travel is related to this reduction, I personally only travel into the town

centre (once I'm at my partner's house) by walking and this can already be achieved down routes off of the main roads. The routes on main roads already have plenty of crossings, and speed of the traffic has never deterred or worried me (though some bins would be nice outside of the town centre). In terms of discouraging car use, lower limits will never discourage using a car, only worsen traffic flow and lengthen journey times for zero good reason. The area generally does not have good public transport links and the car is generally the only way to get anywhere. If speed limits are being introduced purely to make the roads more frustrating rather than for safety, the speed limits serve no purpose and will have very little compliance. Congestion and emissions will be best resolved by directing through traffic around the town rather than through it via a bypass. Speed limits will do nothing to solve the problem of through traffic. Around schools, I find the best solution to speed limits is what the Scottish implement. Two enforceable speed limits for the same road, but one is active when lights flash during school hours. One speed limit is whatever the road would naturally be, the other is 20mph. This is the perfect compromise between retaining a road's traffic flow whilst having all the safety benefits of slower speeds in case of a pedestrian collision. This somewhat exists in England but the lower limit isn't enforceable as it's a suggested limit, though this generally has a very high compliance in my experience. I feel this is a better solution over a blanket 20 as when no children are about, compliance will be very low as there is no hazard in the road, leading to people generally following limits less in important areas. From personal experience of 30 limits reduced to 20 in my own town / towns near me in North Worcestershire/West Midlands County, compliance is near enough non-existent as most people deem 20 to be too slow when no hazards are in the road. This leads to dangerous behaviours such as tailgating and overtaking in unsafe residential areas, negating any form of safety benefit a 20 limit would bring. People tend to completely ignore a speed limit if it's placed with no specific hazard and is just a blanket reduction, as there is no hazard to slow down for. People also tend to slow down when hazards are present. In conclusion, I don't believe blanket limits are a good idea in general, I feel that a road's speed limit should be set for the conditions of that road. Most of the issues affecting safety are caused from other problems, such as bad junctions that were never designed for the amount of traffic flowing through them. This along with the general inconsiderate/dangerous driving (pulling out in front of vehicles) which is rife within the town centre. I also feel compliance with the speed limits will be lower if roads become 20mph where not necessary and that introducing limits purely to discourage car use will only exaggerate this. Whilst not being a resident of the town, I hope my opinion is considered and hope to see specific accident blackspot junctions improved, rather than blanket limits enforced. Thank you.

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speed limits mean drivers 'concentration is divided which can be dangerous

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The existing 20mph scheme was drawn too narrowly and missed key routes (West Street, London Road) where there are local schools and narrow streets and pavements. The roads are becoming busier with new homes being built and the increasing HGV problem (number and dangerous driver behaviour) remaining unresolved many years on.

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Research from around the world and in the UK proves beyond doubt that reducing the speed limit to 20 mph will reduce accidents and the severity of accidents. The reduction in speed will also help to reduce pollution in the town not just because this will reduce tail pipe emissions, but also because safer, slower roads will encourage more walking and cycling. We have a couple of 20mph limits in the town already, proving that they have no effect on traffic flow.

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I totally support a 20mph speed limit in the whole of Chipping Norton where it is presently 30MPH. The footpaths are narrow in many places, and it's so great to see them used by the whole community, but it is very dangerous and quite frightening in places, with vehicles (lorries, cars, tractors, motorbikes) speeding past within close touching distance. A lower speed limit would be safer for pedestrians, cyclists, wildlife and pets. Living on Churchill Road, we see many interesting interpretations of 30 MPH, unfortunately most considerably over that limit, coming into Chippy and leaving Chippy! So a decrease in the speed limit would be greatly appreciated, for safety and noise reasons.

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As a resident and business owner in Chipping Norton I see the main road as the biggest problem the town has. It appears that human beings have to behave like second class citizens in the town as cars and lorries trash our quality of life. We need massive change to get Human beings being treated with respect again.

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All local areas of chipping Norton need to be made 20mph. I have been over just off of Albion street and even with all the speed bumps in place, people still speed. I now live on the Cotswold Gate development, off of the Burford road, and this decontrol needs to be a certified 20mph area. People from the Walterbush road side of Chippy use it as a quick get through to get to the Burford road, and there is a lot of speeding. There are a lot of children on this development and who play at the park, ride their bikes and it's scary to watch how people still speed.

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High revving vehicles and fast moving HGV's all make West Street a dangerous place to live. The narrow pavements cause huge splashes to residents attempting to walk in. to town. Children walk to school along west street and there is no designated Zebra crossing. The County Council and Town Council have largely ignored the AQM and Air Pollution in the area.

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Most people drive safely at appropriate speeds through Chipping Norton. The exceptions are already breaking the existing limits, including where there is a 30mph limit. It would be better to enforce the existing limits, especially at the pedestrian crossings near the ACE centre and outside the King's Arms.

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As a resident of Chipping Norton (75years) retired but Volunteer in the Town I totally support this. I must add that a speed check would confirm that the 20 mile zones in place at present are sadly followed by a small majority. Albion Street is still a race track at times having lived near the junction for 52 years. and trying to cross the road in West Street is still a nightmare. Thank You.

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Because the town is getting so busy and cars need to slow down. Some people use Albion Street as a race track.

Should have included the roads outside of the 3 schools in first place, but as normal the town, district and county council did half a job

It would make the town safer for pedestrians. There have been two fatalities since we moved here twelve years ago. There are so many HGVs coming through town. I know I'm off topic but once they get past the playing fields headed towards Moreton a lot of them zoom past rattling our houses and making the Worcester Road more dangerous to cross. We have narrow pavements once you get past The Crown and Cushion and if someone was to slip off the pavement slower moving vehicles might avoid another fatality.

I think switching from 30 to 20 is a great idea. My only concern is with the enforcement of any new rule. Many drivers currently ignore the 30 mph limit because they know the chance of getting caught is extremely slim. I'm sure these people would still behave the same even if a speed restriction of 20mph was implemented

I support this proposal. I would like to be consulted on improved facilities for a refuse and recycling centre for Chipping Norton.

As a Senior Citizen, I would feel more comfortable with a slower pace of life, particularly with driving.

Road safety for all road users.

I think it is absolutely essential that the traffic through town is slowed down. On many occasions I have been crossing on the central pedestrian crossings, and nearly knocked over by people speeding down the hill and not being able to stop in time. I try to walk everywhere in Chippy so as to reduce car traffic - and we need to really slow the cars down and the large lorries that come hurtling through our town. Thanks, [NAME REDACTED]

I have children walking to and from school daily on two of the approach roads - London and Banbury - and frankly both could do with traffic calming measures as both are increasingly within, rather than at the edge of Chippy

I take a part because everyday I see how drivers on Cross Leys and Dunstan Avenue drive like in a race. It's so important these roads to become 20 mph and have a camera before catastrophe.

Safer for all pedestrians I strongly support the proposal - To improve safety To reduce noise pollution To reduce air pollution To cut carbon fuel consumption To encourage all drivers to drive with more care and attention To make Chipping Norton a more pleasant place to live and work in, and for our tourist economy

Hi team The 20mph are having little or no effect, until there is some enforcement it will not reduce the level of speed in the town. Albion street has a high level of speeding vehicles. The chicane type used in the Netherlands are more effective. In Albion street they can be of the pot planted pallets that could be moved at the time of the fair

I live in Chipping Norton, and work at our secondary school, currently the 20mph speed limit does not take in any of the schools. Zebra crossings can be precarious, although they are plentiful, and the pelican crossing red light outside secondary school is sometimes ignored by drivers. I understand that it can be frustrating to drivers in a rush, waiting to ensure the safety of children, but if vehicles were travelling at 20 they would have more time to brake safely upon seeing the red light. The flashing lights signifying 20 at certain times are ignored, I imagine because they often flash at the wrong times.

As an on call firefighter. We are subject to normal road speed when responding to a fire call. If the whole town were to be made 20mph then response times will be longer. Our required response time is 5 minutes from the moment our pager is activated to the time the appliance is rolling. Some of our firefighters already find it difficult to respond in time due to the current 20mph zone. Particularly from Over Norton and Chadlington Road.

I don't support this scheme, an absolute waste of time and tax payers money. Also this survey is very biased to the scheme get someone who knows how to write survey unbiased

I see too many cars driving too fast especially in residential areas. The 20 mph zone at present misses key danger points near where I live - fire station, school, leisure centre, Primary school and narrow pavements where children walk to and from school. Drivers approach or leave the 20 mph zones at dangerous speeds which also makes crossing on the zebra crossings hazardous.

I feel it should be applied in a more nuanced way. The boundaries of a town are not always clear and lower speed limits should be reserved only for areas that require it. This also helps with compliance when people can see the reason.

Previously lived in Chipping Norton and still live locally, visit regularly

Lorries and traffic always speeding past our home. Noisy and dangerous

I support the 20mph scheme as there is an increase in traffic in the town centre and it is a very family oriented place. The biggest issue is the lack of safe crossing places for pedestrians in the town centre. Also, the number of large trucks through the town is dangerous.

Safety

The 20mph scheme would decrease carbon emissions and pollution. The emission reduction would help to prevent catastrophic climate change, and the pollution reduction would improve people's health. The scheme would also encourage more walking and cycling, which both reduces emissions and improves health. This is why I support the 20mph scheme being introduced in Chipping Norton.

The current scheme leave important places at its boundaries, e.g. New street playground and schools on on London and Burford roads. I sense that drivers in residential street are already using 20mph as the appropriate norm.

It could improve the experience of people in town, reducing danger and traffic noise. Would need enforcement, including evenings and nights when currently traffic roars along New Street at horrendous speeds.

Some years ago I was driving through Manchester on Saturday afternoon, wondering why there were no cars about. A young girl suddenly appeared from behind a bus. I hit her and she passed under the car, fortunately missing the wheels. Witnesses confirmed my speed at under 30 mph. The girl survived without any permanent injuries. The incident has stayed with me for over 50 years.

I support the scheme as all the evidence shows that roads are much safer with the lower speed limits. This in turn encourages a more mixed road use for local journeys and a shift in behaviour - people are more likely to walk, cycle, scoot etc when the car is less dominant and invasive.

Cars driving too fast on Churchill Road where I live.

I visit Chipping Norton, from Moreton-in-Marsh, for shopping or to meet a friend every Wednesday afternoon. I am concerned about the level and speed of traffic in New Street, the High Street (A44) and West Street, particularly after the fatal accident at the top of New Street. As a pedestrian, I am very careful crossing roads. The number of HGV's, using such narrow roads and turnings is a concern, which is also a problem in Moreton. It is time that something was done to restrict them, certainly from the A44.

Passed link from a local councillor and wanted to put views across.

It seems crazy that the current 20 mph limit stops before the schools. Cars speed up approaching schools. Pavements are so narrow. Tree skirts block Pavements. Bins block Pavements. Women and children are thr majority of pedestrians and are at a disadvantage/ more risk from cars. Children / adult cyclists are put off from cycling around the town due to traffic. Slowing it down could have many positive knock on effects as to how our roads are used.

I'd rather people used their common sense and drive safely, than spend their time crawling through busy streets while looking at their speedometer instead of the road.

Too many people speed through the town and have no respect for others

20mph zones are infrequently enforced by police, and are excessively slow. Getting overtaken by cyclists presents more risk than just having a 30 limit. 30 mph limits also put out fewer emissions than 20mph zones.

I fully support the implementation of this scheme in residential streets and the town centre. Consideration should also be given to providing visual clues that drivers are entering a built up area eg white fences as used in many other towns.

To many cars ignore the 30mph so or even driving opposite side of the road.

Since the current 20 mph limit there has been more congestion, it doesn't reduce speed as those that do 35+ still speed, there has been more person vs vehicle collisions since introducing the 20mph zones. Lastly as a retained firefighter not only does this delay us getting to station when responding to call outs but it has a significant impact on recruitment as new recruits must be within a 5 min radius which is now smaller due to the speed zones

With the traffic growth is necessary to slow down for safety of our residents, but not all Chippy . The town centre and schools areas could be on 20mph but not all town.

I regularly travel to Chipping Norton by bike: a 20mph limit would make the roads much safer

Too much noise, traffic, pollution and too many pedestrians being knocked over. It also needs enforcing which they currently are not

I actually thought it was already 20mph. We've recently moved from London where 20mph works to make it safer for everyone (even though I got a speeding ticket for doing 25mph). I'd like to see more cycle lanes / cycle provision too please. We don't live in chippy but our children go to school there.

I feel people drive to fast around town and the residential streets but I'm not sure if 20mph will actually stop them sadly.

30MPH is slow enough in my view. I know it will be a minority view. Pedestrian education on how to safely cross the road will be more effective. There are plenty of places to cross the road yet still I see them running the gauntlet. Madness.

Because, sadly, people drive like idiots and need to slow down

Because it's completely unnecessary and there are far more important issue to be concerned with. No parking for residents. Lorries driving down the high street. Dog poo bins not being emptied etc.

The current speeds on London Road are far too high. As a minimum the 20 zone should cover all the schools and access to them.

2 accidents in town centre in past few months. Driving at 20mph may saves. My children are 12 and 10 and now walk and cycle alone in CN. I would feel more at ease about them doing this knowing vehicles are driving more slowly and making them at less risk of harm

Reducing the speed limit in town creates concerns as drivers are paying more attention to their speed than on the road and the pedestrians which in turn causes more accidents. Try sorting the dangerous sharp turn in the town first where so many lives have either been lost or seriously hurt.

New street has become more dangerous since reducing speed limit with pedestrians walking out into road while other vehicles undertake. I witnessed a near miss caused by drivers being frustrated by the speed limit.

As a driver, I am responsible enough to make my own judgement around safety risks. There is no need to reduce speed limits. Drivers should be trusted, not over regulated. The additional signage around Chippy is ugly and makes Chippy an unwelcoming place to visit. NO, Chippy town is being ruined by over regulation - the driver signs around new street makes Chippy look unfriendly unwelcoming, particularly around Penhurst Gardens. Anyone who has passed a driving test knows to give way to pedestrians, they do not need a big yellow warning sign telling them this - PENHURST GARDENS. It is the same with speed limits, trust drivers to be responsible, don't regulate or dictate to them!

20 makes sense, safer for pedestrians, cars will still get to other side of town in same time just with less breaking, speeding up which must also be better for fuel use, pollution.

20mph. Unenforceable. Unnecessary. Increased pollution from vehicles struggling up steep hills in low gears to permit low speed. Repair appalling road surfaces and potholes instead. OCC has lost plot with their road schemes.

The footpaths are so narrow and it will make the town a lot safer

I think it is wrong to demonise cars. It would be more useful to stop the cars dropping off children on London Road at school and nursery, which causes chaos for cars getting through.

All residents have their views, we need as many to be heard as possible.

Please do not make changes to speed limits in Chippy. New street has become more dangerous since the speed limit was lowered - drivers do not follow the limit on that road, so the scheme just doesn't work in practice.

I believe 20mph should be the norm for areas with heavy pedestrian usage

For safety reason.

I feel the 20 20 mile an hour sign should cover up past all the schools and along Churchill Road. The speed they drive along Churchill Road is horrendous and I've been caught many times with somebody squeezing past the park cars

reduce speed of traffic at schools/ parks /elderly facilities etc a lot of them fall just outside the 20 zone. might also make it easier for cars to stop at the zebra crossings in chippy

The frequency and severity of accidents in the High Street, particularly at the Churchill Road /New Street / High Street junction. The congestion at the double roundabouts at the London Road / Over Norton Road/ Banbury Road has improved since the 20-mile-an-hour limit was introduced from the Old Police station into Town.

Safety

Slower traffic increases pollution and does not diminish the likelihood of collisions with other road users. Consideration needs to be given instead to developing an adequate bypass for the bottleneck in the town centre.

I support the 20mph scheme as i think its crazy that the main road is 20 then all the housing estates etc are 30mph plus the speed goes up before the playground and by schools.

I live in Horsefair Chipping Norton. I find that traffic as soon as it leaves the High Street almost feel it is all right to exceed the 20mph zone! This is not only annoying, but it is the most dangerous part of the Town in my opinion. Perhaps a camera would be helpful here?

Crossing the roads Chippy is usually dangerous; partly because of poorly designed junctions and crossing places (e.g. top of New Street) but also because of speed. Lower speeds should improve matters and making the whole town 20 might help where drivers tend to accelerate when they get to the end of current 20 mph areas but are still very much in the centre of town (e.g. post West Street mini roundabout). Chippy is quite a small town, so impact on overall journey times should not be too significant.

I support this for town and community safety - however I am very concerned that the authorities have 1) no organised plan or resource for helping enforcement and compliance and 2) according to regulations will need traffic calming/gating and speed indicator measures on the main roads - such as past Holy Trinity and Health Centre to make it effective - the Town Council should not be left with massive issue of resourcing this. OCC say they will not pay for this.

Twenty is plenty!

I live off Evans Way and the Burford Road is like a race track going in and out of town. We need speed cameras too as well as 20mph limits

No point in making it 20mph. Try teach cyclists and other road users the rules of the road and also educate those in school. Divert larger HGV vehicles around chipping Norton if u want a more pollution free town. Maybe give the residents a better incentive for going greener with an electric car or bike or scooter. People in authority just make it harder for yourselves and the general public to come up with simple solutions that you can do as a trial and then implement it.

Chipping Norton has had a number of recent casualties where pedestrians have been hit by traffic, including a fatality. It has a large school and several primary schools, that children walking to should feel safe when crossing the roads. There

is no need to drive through Chipping Norton any faster and slowing down will force through traffic to appreciate the locality.

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Cars in the 30 zones surrounding the central 20 zone often speed, especially on Burford road outside of the Chipping Norton school. Any measures to attempt to reduce vehicle speed are a good idea.

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I've just come home from a family holiday in the Netherlands. The UK's approach to highway safety is a colossal embarrassment. And there's worldwide data to back that up. Reducing the speed to 20mph is like giving everyone vitamin supplements during the pandemic. Yes it makes a measurable difference to average life expectancy. No it isn't addressing the underlying cause or problem. Moreover, making accidents less likely to cause death or injury is a poor excuse for what we should really be doing – making accidents less likely/possible in the first place. We have the A361 and A44 major routes through the very centre of the quaint market town of Chipping Norton where human beings, on a human scale, are trying to go about their lives – shopping, socialising, stretching their legs, running, cycling, using pushchairs, wheelchairs, kids on non-powered skates/boards etc., tourists and residents alike. And we think it's remotely sane to do all that on the side of a national trunk road? Any argument about speed is simply a case of what the needs of through traffic can tolerate vs. what the residents can tolerate. All this effort, energy, education, consultation, bureaucracy and debate should be spent on the generations-long task of developing a truly First World highways network. And I refer back to the NL example, where there are fantastic roads, cycle-ways, footpaths, pedestrian areas, mixed-use areas, and so forth – all built around the crucial principle of national through routes, distribution roads, and the little local streets such as living streets and others. Once you see what civilisation looks like, everything we have here is just shameful by comparison. My favourite example is a position on the road into Charlbury where you can take a photo of the "Charlbury welcomes walkers and cyclists" with a red warning sign some metres further on, cautioning the absence of footpaths. And zero cycle infrastructure, let alone dedicate separate paths for bikes.

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I believe 20mph to be a much safer speed limit than 30mph, especially in Chipping Norton's narrow streets. There are now sufficient towns with the limit, for drivers to expect to slow down when they come to a built-up area. If, indeed, this does reduce pollution that would be an added bonus.

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I think it will improve the quality of life in the town

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Road safety is vital. The centre of Chippy is much better with the 20mph.

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Living in the Worcester road which is a 30mph zone pretty much every vehicle that passes my home is well in excess of this limit. There is a sign which is triggered when 30 mph is exceeded 50 yards from my house and it is triggered by 95% of the vehicles that pass my home. Articulated lorries at night I would guess pass our property at 50mph or more as the entire house shakes and wakes the whole family. We have 2 young children who walk to school and risk their lives every day crossing the Worcester road with speeding traffic. Trying to pull off of my driveway to go to work in the mornings I am constantly having near misses with trying to judge distances of vehicles traveling way above 30mph. Weekends are worse when motorcyclists think it is some kind of race circuit, you can hear them coming from Salford and not slowing down, overtaking other vehicles in the 30mph zone at speeds well in excess of double this speed. Ironically it would appear all motorists are aware it is a 30mph limit whenever the speed camera van is parked in the lay-by adjacent to Bliss mill as this is the only time they adhere to the 30mph limit. I and I'm sure all residents of Worcester road would wholeheartedly support any measures to bring down the speed limit to 20mph, however in my experience I highly doubt that any motorists will take a blind bit of notice and continue to drive at whatever speed they chose.

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The biggest problem, by far, is antisocial cycling/cyclists, they have zero respect for pedestrians and other road users. The cycle on pavements, the wrong way down one-way streets, through red lights and pedestrian/zebra crossings, and are utterly abusive if you challenge their awful behaviour. Packs of Lycra clad cyclists are a serious menace. The police singularly fail to deal with these antisocial louts. Deal with this problem first.

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We all know that vehicles can be dangerous, and that vehicles plus speed can be lethal. Slow speeds where there are likely to be people (or animals such as dogs), must be safer. It's a no-brainer really.... We should all support it.

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We have already had two fatalities involving pedestrians recently in the town centre and we do not want any more, anyway of reducing this has to be good, reducing the speed is one way, restricting HGV into the town must be seriously looked at again and then to have a total ban on HGV I live on the A44 Worcester Road just outside Chippy where there is supposed to be a 50mph speed limit but we have cars and motorbikes usually at the weekends who totally disregard the speed limit and think it is just simply a race track and again the noise is quite incredible, you can hear them two or three miles away. IT IS ABOUT TIME SOMETHING WAS DONE ABOUT THIS.

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There are lots of kids and elderly in the area so it wouldn't hurt to lower the speed limit.

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It causes more pollution and congestion

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Don't just dont

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Because when the first 20mph zone was introduced some years back, idiots at the council didn't put in the place around 3 of the most important areas, the two primary schools and the top school. So finally it may encompass them.

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I live in Chadlington and am a regular visitor to the town and am concerned about the number of incidents where pedestrians have been injured or worse in the 15 years I have lived here. Also my wife works in the school and I have 2 children at Chippy school.

As a parent, I feel that the more we can introduce lower speed limits the more it will remind road users, especially car drivers, that the roads and routes are for everyone's convenience, and not just theirs

The current 20mph limit does not extend past the town centre and strangely does not even encompass the schools, playground, major employment areas, Aldi, MS etc

Solutions are available for safer public spaces, the Town and County council know it. Chipping Norton is a town dominated by motor vehicles and prioritises motor vehicles. Crossing almost any road is hazardous. Cycling, pushing a children's pram or buggy and just walking is unpleasant and dangerous. I support the extension of the 20mph zones, especially past the three schools and main recreation ground on Worcester Road. How these areas were not included in the first 20mph zone implementation isn't quite believable still. Even if the town becomes a 20mph zone, will these be respected by drivers of motor vehicles? Will there be any encouragement, guidance, infrastructure and calming measures? Is there any point? Take a walk on Burford Road at school opening and closing time. Does this feel safe? Is it safe? There are no alternative routes for young people walking to school. Although proposals have been thoughtfully made and presented, there is no urgency, no money, no social will or desire to make any of this better. The statistics on injuries and fatalities for the past 10 years at Horsefair and the crossing at the top of Worcester Road by Sainsburys alone are shocking. The lack of action is an indictment against those with the power to make these roads better and safer for everyone. Nothing has ever been done because who cares ultimately? These people's lives and future accidents are purely statistics that are brushed away. A full 20mph zone is nothing more than a token gesture because it will be lightly observed, and used by opponents to disregard further measures in favour of more pleasant and safer public spaces. Far from solving the bigger issues, a 20mph limit would be a welcome addition to the town.

Some areas would benefit from speed restrictions, but if they are too widespread, they are more likely to be abused. Of course it is necessary to avoid alternative rat runs.

I object to a blanket 20mph across all roads as the vast majority of us are sensible and prudent drivers/road users - the authorities should deal with the offenders rather than dumbing us all down to the lowest common denominator.

This is not the issue that needs sorting in town - what about more crossings, making the narrow part of Horsefair safer, stopping HGVs driving through the town? 30mph is safe enough, the problem in a Chippy lies elsewhere.

The current areas designated as 20mph are constantly ignored by drivers, so further extended enforcement may eventually educate negligent drivers into following the rules.

Several people have been killed in traffic accidents in the last few years. I live in New Street where cars and lorries go thundering down the road so fast that the houses shake. There is also the rec at the bottom of New Street for children to play. The traffic is too dangerous at speeds.

I support this in areas with schools. To keep to this speed in all areas of town is difficult to maintain. In terms of danger to pedestrians, a roundabout at the top of New Street is long overdue.

I would welcome this change as I walk my children to school and often feel the volume and speed of traffic is excessive for the size of the roads and pavements only just allow enough space to pass at some points. A key feature in improving pedestrian and cyclists safety would be a designated lane.

I personally can not see how the 20mph will be enforced. I only SUGGEST it in areas where there are schools and/or a higher risk of pedestrians being injured. I also don't believe that speed is the main cause for accidents in this town. In my opinion it is the lack of safe areas for pedestrians to cross roads which have become busier over the years.

Object to it as it hasn't improved safety at all where it is currently. It must be increasing pollution as Chippy is one big hill so now everyone is forced to drive in a high 2nd gear

To make the roads safer for all users, reduce pollution and encourage walking and cycling

I am very concerned about the number of vehicles being driven much too fast through town. Hopefully a 20mph limit would stop people from charging through at speeds in excess of 30.

To reduce pollution and make the streets safer for everyone, I fully support a 20mph speed limit throughout Chipping Norton. The evidence is clear, and a change to 20mph is a very small inconvenience to pay for a healthier and safer local environment. Many people in CN do not even own cars, and it is doubly unfair that they should pay the price for the selfish desires of others to drive faster than is necessary through the town.

Traffic congestion

Journey time would increase through the town

As an OAP I don't cycle or walk long distances any more so use a car when I need to and, although I support the need for road safety measures, I feel we need to keep balance in our thoughts about speed reduction. Vehicles travelling at 20mph cause more pollution than those travelling at 30, and, because they take longer to move a certain distance, they emit polluting gases for a longer time. I do agree that less damage would be caused in collisions, both between 2 vehicles and between a vehicle and a pedestrian, at a lower speed, although there seem to have been more accidents causing injury and death since the introduction of the 20 mph limit in the centre of Chippy.

I live locally and shop a lot in Chippy. 20 mph through the Town Centre as it is now is good but no point in extending it.

As a young resident of Chipping Norton and a pupil at Chipping Norton School, I have to walk along the Worcester Road



daily to get to school and I am horrified at the speed of the traffic travelling in what should be a 30mph zone. I have to cross the Worcester Road at least twice every journey with my younger sister and feel very unsafe and vulnerable with the speed in which the traffic is travelling. At night, I find it extremely difficult to get to sleep because of the speed which vehicles travel past my house (mainly lorries), as it shakes the whole house and I am sure if these vehicles were to travel at the stated speed limit, this would definitely not happen. I am not sure a 20mph zone is the answer, but more rigorous enforcement of the current speed limit would definitely be an improvement to the lives of residents of Worcester Road.

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Being a resident of Chipping Norton and supporting this consultation is extremely important to me and my family. We are residents of Worcester road who in my opinion are massively forgotten about when it comes to road safety. This road is a 30mph limit right up until the CN boundary, yet motorists are persistently speeding well above this in our area. Our house shakes with the vibration of the traffic, specifically the HGV's. In my opinion nothing has been offered in this area of the town with regards to safety, so hopefully with this consultation going on it will highlight the areas that needs addressing with urgency. We have young children, pets and elderly regularly walking along this road that need to be looked after as equally as the town centre.

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I don't believe that changing speed limit to 20mph within Chippy will help the increasing issues with higher numbers of residents/cars within the town and more/larger trucks and lorries passing through. I'm rarely able to drive above 20mph through the center currently due to how busy it is anyway. I feel that this will simply act as a distraction from making proper and helpful changes and improvements to roads and infrastructure within the town that needs to happen to future proof roads. The recent serious incidents in the town are a clear sign that proper road changes need to happen.

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No evidence that speed has played a part in recent accidents. Problems are road layout especially top of New Street and "hidden" crossing below Sainsbury's which is not a proper pedestrian crossing. Also lack of off-road parking for New Street playground is an accident waiting to happen 20mph difficult to do in car will potentially lead to more congestion pollution

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Far too many cars drive quickly through town and also HGVs. The pavements are quite narrow on the way up to Chipping Norton School and I always worry about my children walking to and from school.

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I just do not see the need in reducing the speed limit across the town down to 20mph. The only road that should be consider is Albion street so those awful speed humps can be removed. The newer one are so harmful and dangerous to cars it's a joke.

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Let me be very clear. I have no intention of ever complying with any 20mph zone. I have continued going 30mph through the middle of town ever since you tried to bring in 20. My highest speed down newstreet is 35, its always 28+ on the flashy speedo I will just overtake, tailgate and excessively use the horn if held up. Its pathetic and i have no intention of ever complyong

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Not only am I resident but I also work at the top school, and my daughter attends. She was almost knocked over whilst walking home from school this year by a very angry motorist driving way too fast and also in an electric car which frankly pose more of a danger to children than they do help the environment. She did everything right but the junction of burford road that turns into Walterbush road and the green is a complete hazard. There is no safe crossing there at all, there should be a pedestrian crossing but failing this A reduction in speed would help. However my worry is the kinds of people that drive like this past schools with no consideration for young children crossing will continue to drive like idiots no matter what restrictions are put in. A more permanent crossing is what is needed to keep our children safe. Said motorist screamed in her face and it was not her fault. She now won't walk anywhere alone. New street is still a major hazard despite the 20 mph 'rule' and I'd argue the bottom of the green, west street is just as treacherous.

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My son will be walking to school from September so any ways we can keep people/kids safe is a huge benefit

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I do not support these blanket speed restrictions being implemented. The restrictions do not take into account the issue of both journey times and congestion being increased due to slow progress leaving the town onto major A road routes. We should be focusing our efforts on a relief road as well as a junction with traffic lights on the A44 through the town on the corner of Sainsburys as this has been an accident hotspot for years (and the site of a fatality). Residents have been asking for this for years and yet no progress seems to be happening. The speed restrictions do nothing to address the amount of traffic making its way through the town. The plans also completely ignore the fact that some manual vehicles are not easily able to stick to 20mph without nearly stalling or lugging the engine which can cause damage. By creating 20mph zones pedestrians may also walk out in front of vehicles more frequently instead of using the crossing. Active journeys such as walking already have routes away from roads through woodland areas which could easily be retrofitted to have bike lanes shared on them. In conclusion I hope that these points will be taken into consideration when deciding the scheme. I feel that these are the better ways of improving transport for the town.

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Speed cameras are already being used to catch those who are barely speeding at all even with the 30MPH limit. Cutting the limit further would result in more essentially careful drivers facing needless legal action and expense at a time when broad costs are already rising.

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I live on a road with a large number of families and there are drivers who speed excessively (40mph+). It is scary hearing people race down the road. It is a busy bus route, with a primary school and nursery off it. I would support speed bumps.

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Too many accidents in Chipping Norton and villages around Chipping Norton affecting people on foot due to speed not adapting to the narrow roads, blind corners, areas without sidewalks etc

It would be great if kids could ride their bikes to school, but unfortunately, the roads are too narrow, the traffic is too big and dense and little ones will be killed or injured. Plus no one is training children how to ride safely on the roads. No don't go there!

I support the 20mph scheme as its becoming increasingly hazardous to cross roads, and even drive.

Totally support a more comprehensive roll out of 20mph scheme in Chippy. Walking down West End into the centre I often feel unsafe as road and pavements narrow and vehicles are often speeding.....not to mention huge lorries careering thru down the road! Desperately need a 20mph here, as a lot of cars are travelling at more than 30 I feel.

My family live here and I want cleaner air and safer pedestrian access for my children

I am a pedestrian, cyclist and car passenger and am keen that our roads and pavements are safe for everyone. Much of the problem with speed is that some drivers don't observe the current 30mph limit. Is there any evidence that these drivers will drive slower and more carefully if the speed limit is lowered to 20mph? There are also many places in Chipping Norton where pedestrians do not feel safe and reducing the speed limit will have little impact- eg crossing West Street and New Street in the town centre and Albion Street at the junction with London Road. There are also places where the pavement is in the wrong place- Banbury Road out to The Pillars, or is too narrow- Burford Road out to the Charlbury Road, Churchill Road, Albion Street. These problems are more significant the speed vehicles drive.

Want to have 20mph around schools and houses in side roads where children may play. Discourage HGVs?

Most roads within the town are narrow heavily trafficked. They are a danger to pedestrians (especially where footpaths are inadequate), to cyclists and to users of mobility scooters. Extending the 20mph limit to cover most of the built-up area will help to reduce the hazard and will encourage through traffic to find alternative routes.

The existing 20mph limit needs to be extended to make all our roads safer, especially near schools, playing field entrances, bus stops and places where pedestrians regularly cross.

The current speed limits are satisfactory and do not need to be lowered.

The current restrictions are already adequate and no further change is necessary.

My primary reason for supporting is for safety, but I also can see how this would make the town more pleasant overall, with reduced noise and a gentler atmosphere.

We need to encourage and support sustainable transport within the town, so that people of all abilities can walk and cycle. It will make the town quiet and less polluted.

I believe that 20 mph zones should be targeted and not just blanket for all areas. As such the town centre and residential streets are sensible candidates for such a limit but a number of other roads are not.

Too many people speed through Chipping Norton from Churchill and we have seen school children knocked down walking to school.

I have two young grandchildren who both live in the town and I am very concerned about the speed of vehicles when they go from 20 in New Street to 30 just before the park!

The 20 mph needs to be extended beyond both schools on Burford road and London road and especially down past the recreation ground .

I think that a 20mph speed limit should be extended and enforced. This would improve safety.

Traffic problems in Chippy are not due to the 30 mph limit. The council needs to concentrate on the problem at the top of New Street where cars from West Street shoot across the top with without giving way to cars coming up the hill and coming through the town. I think only traffic lights will solve this problem. You also need to look at double yellow lines outside the common. Many cars park on the road so cars going up the hill have to drive in the centre of the road. Vehicles (especially large goods vehicles) coming down New Street, cannot see these cars coming up the hill because of the bend in the road. People that park here (often with excitable children and dogs) open the doors of their cars on the road so very dangerous. Also, cars parking down station road (off Worcester Road) means you drive from Worcester Road into a sharp right hand bend. There are usually cars parked all down that road making it single file. This also needs to have double yellow lines. It is I think the council are just following the trend and not looking at the actual problems. Just another box ticking exercise.

It is already not necessary to drive at 30mph when not supported by the conditions, so drivers should be moderating their speed anyway. Maintaining a speed of approx. 20-30mph is easy enough, but concentrating on staying exactly at or below 20 can be difficult, particularly where roads are sufficiently wide/clear etc. to support speeds of up to 30. I would be concerned that those motorists who attempt to adhere to the lowered limits will look at their speedometers too much instead of the road.

We have narrow pavements and a narrow road in West Street. Not only are we suffering increasingly high levels of traffic, but cars often roar along far too fast in an extremely dangerous way. Crossing West Street is difficult; the corner of Burford Road/Walterbush Road is dangerous for pedestrians. Existing traffic rules are not enforced, and we can only hope that a wider 20 mph zone will be. In addition, the ongoing failure of the County Council to address pollution issues,

e.g. in Horsefair, makes it even more necessary to improve the lives of residents and visitors by all possible means. Slowing the traffic will help, and will also add to other initiatives to slow down global warming.

I am in full support of this proposal. My 11 year old daughter, who attends Chipping Norton school has to walk home each day and cross over several roads. The pavements are narrow either side of the pedestrian crossing and I believe reducing the speed could potentially save a life.

I regularly cycle around town to do shopping. Aldi and COOP being the places I visit most times. Setting a 20 limit will slow down traffic and make it safer to cycle in town. I am an experienced cyclist having cycled in Oxford for many years. These measures will help me but more so those who want to use their bicycle but do not have the same level of experience.

20mph will INCREASE congestion in town and reduce air quality in the center if applied to the main routes through town. It will also make it far harder to cross the main road in town center. It is already awkward with the current limits clumping traffic together forcing the use of the SOLE pedestrian crossing in town center. If you want to slow traffic down, also include other crossings in the town center. A zebra nearer to or in the horse fair choke point would help. Similarly, adding zebra's to the island crossings on new street west street would help.

Have safer crossing points for pedestrians at tricky junctions (West Street/New Street).

I support it because of the vast difference in injuries caused by traffic going at 30 and 20 mph.

I live on new street and I have had a structural engineer to my property to assess cracks on my internal walls, part of the result was the HGV's causing the issue.

Feel roads near schools need to be safe

Reducing traffic speed makes walking and cycling a much more pleasant experience. Many sections of road are, in effect, reduced to a single carriageway due to parked cars. Reduced speeds will make negotiating these sections by car easier.

I broadly support the proposal but not unconditionally. The main problem in the town, is the volume of heavy traffic driving through; the speed limit is something of a side issue. Yes, it should be 20 mph but unless it's enforced, it will make little difference. (That said, I would hate to see motorists prosecuted for doing 23mph but would certainly like to see action taken against those doing 40mph +). I personally think a better way of calming the traffic would be to have another pedestrian crossing in Horsefair, by the Blue Boar where the road is narrow and a lot of people want to cross. Not only would this slow traffic, it would make the town safer for pedestrians and may deter people driving through the town unnecessarily. I would also like the 20mph zone to be extended further up the Over Norton road - maybe to just beyond Wilcox Road. Motorists can be regularly seen driving at speeds from 40-50mph, coming in from Over Norton (down Cleeve Hill), or indeed going the other way.

I support the scheme, as a pedestrian, cyclist for 75 years, motorcyclist and car driver for 60+ years. Reason:- too much traffic in a town that wasn't designed for it, plus too many road users who need an IQ test. I respect 20 limits in other towns and frequently get passed by people doing much more than 30. I'd rather drive at 20 for ever than lose my licence and not be allowed to drive at all (but speed is nice in the right places, when it's safe)

I do not support this scheme unless all roads that are currently 30mph become 20mph. Keep it simple. Driving through London where it constantly changes is very confusing and stressful.

I cross the main road via the pedestrian crossing in the town centre mostly twice a day. This puts me in a perfect position to monitor the speed of through traffic. I can't remember when I last saw anyone driving at 20mph. Most vehicles pass in excess of 30mph. I am a driver so I have good idea of the speeds. There are currently not enough, or even large enough, signs to remind drivers.

We support the 20mph scheme as the slowing of traffic could potentially reduce death/injury on the roads, particularly those near schools and near junctions without a formal crossing point. There is also a great risk on narrow pavements which are a hazard in Chipping Norton as at points one is very close to the cars. There are also blind corners like the one at the junction of High St and New St.

Support ... greater safety, reduced noise/exhaust pollution.

I support the scheme as a major contribution to road safety and road users. However, I am concerned that without suitable traffic calming measures it won't improve safety on its own - see recent incidents at the top of New Street. Additionally I have approached Thames Valley Police about setting up a Speedwatch scheme in my part of Chippy and am awaiting further contact. It might be something that the could be considered town-wide. However, it's possible, and you might know for certain, the available equipment is shared between schemes and have limited availability.

I mostly walk around Chipping Norton (when driving, it is to go somewhere else). However, I don't think an all-20mph speed limit would be of any use and could damage the town economically. Firstly, it seems clear that these limits would not be enforced effectively or at all. Those who want to ignore them will just do so. Secondly, I believe the main problems for pedestrians in CN aren't caused by excessive speed but by volumes of often relatively slow-moving traffic. It is very hard to cross the High Street near the Blue Boar (already in a 20mph zone) at busy times due to constant flows of vehicles, a problem that could be solved by a second pedestrian crossing. The sharp turn between High Street and New Street is difficult for vehicles and dangerous for pedestrians and again, is already in a 20mph zone. If there's an answer it involves redesigning the junction and possibly another pedestrian crossing. More generally, finding a way to move some freight off the A44 (as promised for more than a decade) would help. Thirdly, CN needs to cater for drivers to continue

to attract shoppers and visitors. We have no train service, this is a bad area for cycling given hills and while there are relatively good bus services they only work for people on those routes. Putting up signs that effectively say 'we don't like cars' is likely to encourage drivers to go elsewhere. This seems like a solution thought up by a county council in Oxford for Oxford, not rural Oxfordshire. I'd like to request that the town council drops this and looks at more useful measures including new pedestrian crossings. Thanks.

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Anything which will reduce the fatalities and serious accidents in the town has to be encouraged.

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With the increased number of fatalities, serious accidents and near misses in the last 12 months or so it is imperative that speed limits are implemented AND enforced. However, the biggest problem will be the lack of police resources to enforce any speed limit including the current 30 mph. However, speed restriction is not the only answer. Additional pedestrian crossings in New Street in particular, which will help in vehicles adhere to a 20 mph speed restriction and the removal of HGVs from the town.

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The high speed, mostly experienced by passing through traffic, especially heavy lorries, makes our houses vibrate considerably and is causing great concern to us residents as it has already caused cracks in lintels over front doors facing the road! The speed camera needs to be moved up where all the houses are! The police speed van parks on the layby as often as it can, but we need 30 or 20mph painted on the road as well.

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