

Appendix C - Consultation Responses

Road / Street	Object	Support	Support In part	Neither	Comments
A39 Wells Road		*			<p>Whilst I am fully in support of these measures, I doubt whether they will do very much to improve the problem of speeding traffic on the A39 just outside our house, where cars and even lorries often do speeds in excess of 40, or even 50 mph, on a 30mph stretch. A speed camera is definitely needed, or even road calming, or road narrowing, measures which are common in the villages further to the SW.</p> <p>The other point is that it makes little sense to make one of the A39 approaches to Corston into a 40mph stretch whilst not dealing with the other direction, ie the A39 from Marksbury. Traffic from this direction enters the village, downhill, from a 60mph stretch straight into a 30mph zone. There should be a 40 mph section before the 30mph section, as there is, in both directions, for every other village in this area.</p>
A4 Bath Road		*			We live on the Bath Road (<i>information removed for data protection purposes</i>) and are in favour of a reduced speed limit. It is very difficult to exit our driveway due to the speed of the oncoming traffic and our teenage children find it difficult to cross the road to access the pavement on the other side.
A4 Bath/Bristol Road and A39 Wells Road		*			I wish to express my individual support for the proposed scheme: (A4 Bath Road/Bristol Road and A39 Wells Road, Saltford to Corston) (restricted Road) (50 mph speed limit) and (Various roads, Newton St Loe) (20mph speed limit) (Variation No. 2) Order 202 reference 21-023a. In the interests of improved highway safety and reduced vehicle pollution.
A4 Bath Road		*			<p>Please register my support for the reduction in speed limit to 40mph for the A4 Globe roundabout to Saltford stretch.</p> <p>Every morning I walk my children down Corston Lane to the X39 bus stop on the other side. It is frightening crossing the A4, especially standing in the middle of the road on the 'refuge' with cars and lorries thundering past at high speed.</p> <p>I also sometimes cycle along the A4 when commuting to work in Bristol. Again, this is sometimes scary. The whole road needs a lot of work doing to it to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists, and reducing the speed limit is a vital first step.</p>
A39 Wells Road					<p>I just emailed about the A4 and these are my thoughts about the A39. I live in Corston and often cycle down the A39 with my 2 children when we bike into Bath. We also often walk with our dog along the pavement down towards Bath Spa Uni. The pavement is narrow in parts and some vehicles drive very fast.</p> <p>Please register my support of the proposal to reduce the speed limit from 50 to 40mph. This is a vital first step to make the road a bit safer and it will also hopefully reduce the speeds people drive through the village itself.</p>
	*				Another inefficient use of time and resources. Appears to be a "crusade" by one Saltford based independent councillor. Yet what is the evidence of a need? Is there a poor safety record on this stretch of road? After many years of use, I've never seen an accident, or even anyone trying to overtake, apart from motorbikes.
A4 Bath/Bristol Road	*				I use this road on a regular basis. My experience is that all traffic reduces to 30 due to the speed camera as it enters Saltford. Also, I have never noticed anyone driving faster than 50 along the 50 limit. My view is that 50 is safe, since it is a long straight non residential road. In fact it seemed safe to me when it was previously a 60 MPH limit. Therefore, reducing the speed limit to 40 is unnecessary. As a resident of Saltford, I would request that the limit remains at 50 MPH. Thank you.
	*				Regarding the proposed reduction of 50mph to 40mph speed limit as above I am writing to object. 50mph is absolutely safe on the roads in question and is totally unnecessary.
A4 Bath/Bristol Road		*			<p>I wish to express my support for the proposed 40mph speed limit for the A4 Bath Road leading into Saltford from Bath/Corston.</p> <p>Speeding vehicles through Saltford on the A4 is an ongoing safety hazard, especially at the bottom of Bath Hill where the existing 30mph limit starts and pedestrians can have difficulty crossing the road safely (there was a fatality there a few years ago). A 40 mph limit replacing the 50 mph limit should help reduce the speed of vehicles much sooner when they enter the 30mph speed limit and enable greater compliance with the 30mph limit when reached.</p>
All roads		*			<p>I am emailing to express my support for the proposed changes as detailed in the above TRO. The current speed limit, in particular along the A4 from the Globe to Saltford and the A39 Globe to Corston, makes crossing the road very difficult and unsafe. I cross these roads regularly with my grandchildren, my dog, when out running and when getting the bus. All of these activities I do several times a week from 5 to 10 times a week. My elderly mother who lives with me (<i>information removed for data protection purposes</i>) will no longer use the bus to go to Bath or to come back from Bristol as she is too frightened to cross the road after getting off the bus at the stop on the side of the Rugby ground.</p> <p>These stops are used by many different users including children going to and from school as well as people who work in the village (St Teresa's nursing home) and residents of Corston. There are poor sight lines at certain points and the refuge in the middle of the road is unnerving to use when traffic is passing at such speeds either side. I also think serious consideration should be given to a properly controlled crossing here which would also help to slow the traffic.</p>

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All roads		*		<p>I would like to register my support for speed restrictions and changes to traffic management proposed as part of the following:</p> <p>A4 Bath Road/Bristol Road and A39 Wells Road, Saltford to Corston) (Restricted Road) (50 M.P.H Speed Limit) and (Various Roads, Newton St Loe) (20 M.P.H Speed Limit) (Variation No.2) Order 202- and the reference 21-023a.</p> <p>Speeding traffic is a serious issue within villages surrounding Bath and a risk to them being liveable neighbourhoods.</p> <p>In addition to problems on this road, any restrictions imposed on the main roads running through and alongside the village will place additional pressure on Ashton Hill. This road is used as a well known cut through by commuters to avoid the A4 and A39. It is a single track road shared with pedestrians, livestock, walkers, cyclists and horseriders on which speeding traffic is causing a serious risk. Passing traffic is frequently over 50 pmh (and some over 60mph, especially at nighttime) which is frankly lethal for anyone wanting to use the road to access the village, take exercise, commute to the Business Parks along this road etc. There are frequent accidents and near misses on this road and incidents of road rage to pedestrians using the highway are also regular.</p> <p>I would therefore support changes to the main roads but strongly urge the Council to consider the implications for Ashton Hill in tandem with this as these pose a serious risk to all road users.</p>
All roads	*			<p>My name is <i>(information removed for data protection purposes)</i> from the corston parish ward, address <i>(information removed for data protection purposes)</i> , I object to the decrease in speed limit for m 50 mph to 40 mph.</p>
All roads		*		<p>Saltford Parish Council resolved its response to B&NES Council's Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) public consultation 2021-023a at its December meeting, stating it strongly supported the proposals by B&NES Council to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph on the stretches of road identified in the TRO consultation. Saltford Parish Council welcomed these proposed changes, viewing them as a safety measure aiding the reduction of speeding as vehicles enter 30mph sections of road, and specifically the 30mph section of A4 in Saltford.</p>
A39 Wells Road		*		<p>I am writing with reference to the proposal to make an order under provisions contained in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be that it is prohibited to drive a motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of road shown in schedule 2 to this order.</p> <p>This relates in particular to the part of the A39 Wells Road from its junction with the A4 Bristol Road to a point 50 metres east of Corston Brook.</p> <p>We are totally in favour of the proposal. We have lived in Corston, at the entry to the village, just over Corston Brook, for nearly 30 years. During that time we have experienced accidents and potential accidents as vehicles accelerate after the Globe roundabout and then find they are having to negotiate a bend into the village and the 30 speed limit sign. We are often tailgated by vehicles seeking to rush on their way as we decelerate (and indicate) for a left turn into Brook Cottages. It is difficult to turn left out of our drive, into the village because of the speed that vehicles are approaching from the Globe.</p> <p>Because of the lack of restriction approaching the village, vehicles still come up the village street much faster than the 30 mph restriction. Almost immediately there is a crossing, the entry to the village hall and houses that front onto the street. Pedestrians are in danger.</p> <p>Please ensure that this proposal meets with approval.</p>
A4 Bath/Bristol Road	*			<p>As someone who regularly uses this road, I wish to object strongly to the proposal to cut the 50 mph limit to 40. The stretch of road from Saltford to the Globe is a wide, safe road, with very few residential properties along it, so very few residents to be affected. It is stated to be in the interest of road safety; please could you tell me how many serious accidents there have been on that stretch of road on the last, say, 5 years? I suspect few to none.</p> <p>I am fed up with unreasonable speed restrictions affecting my journey times, with very few benefits. The 20mph section of the Wellsway from Keynsham towards Burnett is a case in point; it is painful having to drive along a wide clear road with ample pavements and visibility at such a low speed.</p> <p>At a time when bus services between Bristol and Bath are being savagely cut, leaving most of us with no choice but to drive, please consider the poor motorist!</p>
All roads		*		<p>As a resident of Corston, living very close to Corston Bridge I welcome the proposal to decrease the speed limits from 50mph to 40mph on the Globe-Saltford and Globe to Corston Bridge stretches.</p> <p>As our driveway is very close to Corston Bridge we have to contend with cars coming around the bend when we are pulling out of our driveway. I have narrowly avoided collisions on a number of occasions due to traffic approaching from The Globe at the 50 limit, not slowing down until well past the 30 mph sign.</p> <p>Some traffic exiting the village in the direction of the Globe also tend to speed up to 40/50 in advance of the 50 mph sign, taking the corner very fast and close to the narrow pavement around the bend, putting pedestrians at risk.</p> <p>I would also be in favour of a 20 mph zone through the village or chicanes, as are seen in other villages on the A39, in order to slow the traffic through the village. Given the narrow pavements and lack of pavements through the 30 mph zone, I feel very vulnerable to speeding traffic and heavy goods vehicles who are forced to drive very close to the kerb due to the narrow road.</p>

Globe Roundabout/A39 Wells Road			*	<p>I fully agree to reduce the speed limits from the Globe roundabout to Corston Village and on A4 from Saltford.</p> <p>I have some concerns regarding the speed change to Corston.</p> <p>The traffic comes off the roundabout at speed and if you are trying to get across road to get bus to Bristol it's awful, almost impossible.</p> <p>This made worse when they moved bollards closer to roundabout.You also have the traffic coming from the University to contend with.</p> <p>What not make the speed limit 30mph from the roundabout and move the bollards further up on A39. It might make the traffic in Corston a lot slower?</p>
A4 Bath/Bristol Road		*		<p>I am a resident of Saltford and have lived here for 20 years.</p> <p>I fully support the proposals to change the speed limit on A4 to and from Saltford to 40mph.</p> <p>I cycle and walk locally and also drive, I have become increasingly aware of the speed and volume of the traffic through Saltford.</p> <p>Many local children walk and cycle next to the A4 on their way to and from Wellsway Secondary School who are in danger as the travel to school. A 40 mph limit is an improvement.</p>
All roads				<p>As a resident of Corston living on the A39 and a bus user on the A4. It has become more evident that speeding restrictions are not adhered to.</p> <p>Particularly during lockdown and less traffic.</p> <p>The A39 divides the village with Community facilities on the opposite side to most inhabitants.</p> <p>Crossing is very dangerous as vehicles approaching from both sides of the village around a bend at speed so visibility restricted.</p> <p>The A4 has become increasingly busy possibly due to CAZ and the same applies, the two central reservations are approached around bends, you have to be pretty nippy to cross the road from and to the bus stops.</p> <p>Children cross to the North side of the A4 from the village early morning and in the Autumn/Winter months in the dark.</p> <p>Traffic does not give way or even slow as they are rounding the bend, too close for the vehicle behind. Children sometimes have to wait on the central reservation for many minutes with traffic coming from both directions at 50mph +</p> <p>If hit by a vehicle travelling at 50mph and thrown toward a vehicle also 50mph coming from the opposite direction ...Death.</p> <p>Turning right from Saltford into the village, the oncoming traffic view from Bath is blocked by the central reservation and the view from the central reservation for traffic from Bristol heading for Bath is too close to the bend in the road and impossible to cross at a normal speed.</p> <p>We have many elderly residents who may not be as able bodied as they once were.</p> <p>One resident using her bus pass for the very first time when returning on the bus from Bristol was hit by an oncoming car, probably at speed, whilst crossing the road from the north side using the central reservation.</p> <p>She was taken straight to hospital and never returned to her home again.</p> <p>30mph from the Globe to and through the Village of Corston also 30mph from the Globe toward Saltford with cameras etc may help to reduce speed.</p> <p>The bus stops are used by many Villagers, School Children, Nursing Home staff and Visitors to the home who are not used to the area.... also people working at the Business Park on Ashton Hill.</p> <p>Traffic has a choice to slow down.</p> <p>People crossing the roads may not have the choice to increase their speed.</p> <p>Both roads are accidents waiting to happen.</p> <p>I hope this is helpful.</p>
All roads		*		<p>I am authorised as Clerk to Corston Parish Council to make representation in strong support of the proposed Variation Order of speed limits for the A39 and A4 which effect Corston Village.</p> <p>Driving at excessive speed into the village from either direction on the A39 is common place. From the top of the village, down hill to the Church the sharp curve has seen accidents with the light fitting destroyed when a car arrives too fast to complete the curve safely. There is people crossing at the point to and from All Saints Corston Church.</p> <p>Further into the village is a difficult access out of the village hall onto the A39 near the pedestrian crossing. Drivers who drive up the hill into the village too quickly come around the bend and there have been accidents with people emerging from the hall. Again there is a risk to pedestrians even with the crossing now in place.</p> <p>On the A4 the high speed is a risk to pedestrians who cross the road and a consistent approach the managing maximum speeds would support that the speed limit on the A4 should be reduced to 40mph from the Globe Roundabout.</p>
All roads		*		<p>I wish to record my full support and agreement with the proposed speed reductions from 50mph to 40mph introduced by TRO 21-023a for the A39 Wells Road (Globe Roundabout to Corston) and the A4 Bath Road/Bristol Road (Saltford, Corston to the Globe Roundabout).</p> <p>These two stretches of highway are constantly exceptionally busy with fast moving traffic including a high proportion of vehicles that regularly exceed the current speed limit. There exists a severe danger to cyclists and in particular pedestrians using the narrow footpaths or crossing these busy roads and then being isolated on the pedestrian refuges with fast moving traffic on both sides. Also there is a history of vehicles approaching Corston at excessive speed, not slowing through the village and with some even failing to stop at the pedestrian crossing when the lights are at red.</p> <p>On more than once occasion on this section of the A4 here is a history of bus shelters being demolished by speeding vehicles unintentionally leaving the highway and on the A39 in Corston at least two parked cars and one lighting column being written-off by vehicles exceeding the speed limit where the driver has lost control of their vehicle.</p>

All roads		*			<p>I note the proposal for the lowering of the speed limit on parts of the A39 and A4 is out for consultation.</p> <p>I am strongly in favour of this proposal for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •traffic often enters Corston at the A39 at 50 mph from the direction of the Globe. This is a blind corner and within the last couple years cars have lost control on the bend and have destroyed the traffic signs on the verge, and have written off a car parked in the lay-by. •traffic entering the village at speed often fails to slow down immediately endangering cars emerging from the narrow access road to the Village Hall which is within 100m of the village 30mph sign •the crossing from Corston to the bus stop on the A4 is not a Pelican or controlled crossing. It will be much safer if the speed limit here was reduced from 50mph to 40mph •the pavements from the Globe to Corston are very narrow and it feels very dangerous when walking with lorries thundering past at 50 MPH •very dangerous having 50 MPH limit past busy access to Bath Spa University where cars and buses are turning out in particular turning right towards the Globe=
A4 Bath/Bristol Road		*			<p>As a resident of Bristol Road, Corston, I fully support the proposed reduction in speed limits from 50mph to 40mph.</p>
All Roads	*				<p>I would like to object to this proposal. The rationale given is vague and sounds like the council think that the speed limit alone is traffic calming. Speed limits should not "encourage" anything they should prohibit the behaviour of the small number of drivers who will drive with complete disregard to their own and other people's safety. It's the fastest you can go, under ideal conditions.</p> <p>You have failed, in a legal document, to give details on what is the current average or 85th percentile speeds of (free-flowing) traffic on that road, current levels of compliance and have given no approximation of how dropping the speed limit to 40 is expected to make this change.</p> <p>I would not be surprised that even if the council's optimistic expectation of an average speed drop is met, it would mean that average (free-flowing) speeds will be then be over the limit. It's very misleading to put out this consultation and provide no data on actual traffic speeds.</p> <p>Even if there was to be a small drop in average speeds, it would likely be in exchange for a massive drop in compliance, however it's the very fastest 1-5% of drivers who are the least likely to slow down.</p> <p>Dropping the speed limit does not prohibit those who truly go too fast more, on the contrary, it puts the prohibition on people going much more sensible speeds to the detriment of the limit being able to concentrate on those most likely to do harm, it can also give people a false indication of actual traffic speeds.</p> <p>Traffic speeds are overwhelmingly dictated by the design of the road and the conditions at the time.</p> <p>Speed limits are not traffic calming, they're a legal tool, there to single out the behaviour of the small number of drivers who try to use the roads as a race track, they should be based on speed surveys to ascertain what is normal driver behaviour.</p> <p>For what difference they do make to traffic speeds they're most effective when they match the road they're on and come across to drivers as reasonable.</p> <p>You already dropped it from 60 to 50 so if that didn't work, just dropping it further won't help. If speeds on a road are too high relative to the speed limit, either the design of the road is wrong or the speed limit is.</p> <p>Speed limit should especially not be set with the thinking that if you artificially set them very low, people who genuinely drive too fast will only dare drive 5 or 10mph over the posted limit. Setting speed limits based on this assumption is vacuous and potentially dangerous.</p> <p>Also, why have the limit change on the dual carriage way 350 yards before the roundabout? No one, and I do mean no one, who would drive an obviously unsafe speed approaching a roundabout does so because the speed limit lets them. The appropriate sign to use would be a "roundabout ahead, reduce speed now" sign, then have the limit change where traffic comes off the roundabout. Having the speed limit change to 40 there is a bit like having a sign saying "we hold you in contempt"</p>
A4 Bath/Bristol Road		*			<p>I strongly recommend that the speed limit on the A4 from the Globe to Saltford should be reduced from 50 mph to 40 mph. For safety reasons!</p>
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