

Informal Consultation Report

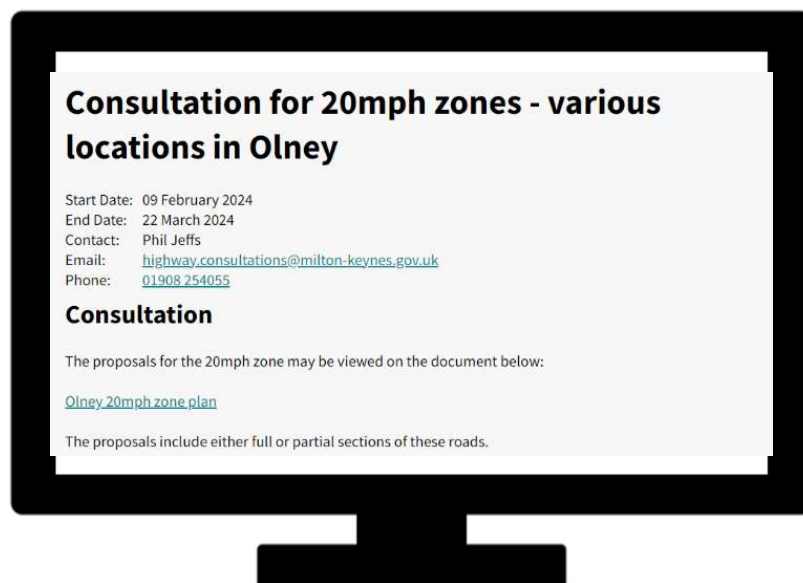
Olney, Various locations 20mph Zone

On 09 February 2024 the Council uploaded a proposal onto the Councils website for a proposed 20mph zone for Various roads within Olney.

Start: 09 February 2024

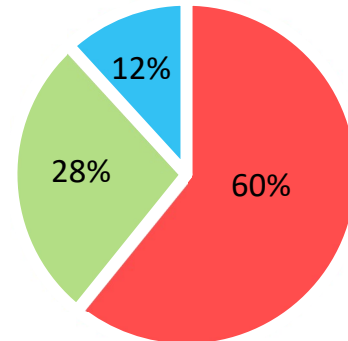
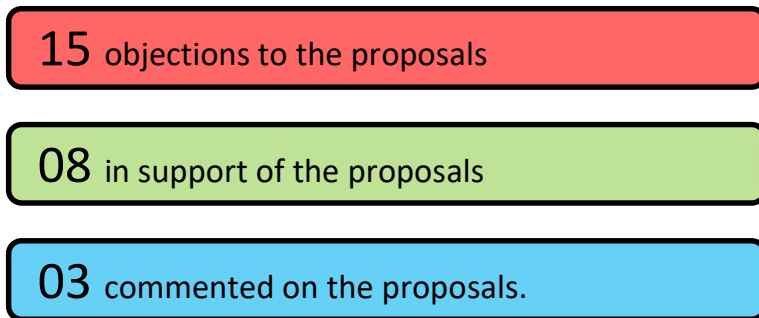
End: 22 March 2024

Period: 42 days



Representations (Response received)

The Council received **26** representations during statutory consultation (as shown in Annex A to this report).



*Thames Valley Police have no objections to the proposed 20mph zone.

Objections (In summary)

Below is a summary of the reasons why 16 representatives objected to the proposed 20mph zones:

1	<i>I do not believe that the whole of Aspreys should be included in these 20mph proposals. The majority of this road has no houses fronting on to it, the main pedestrian walkway is set far back from the road and there are few requirements for pedestrians to cross along much of the road.</i>
2	<i>The 20mph speed limit is absolutely a ridiculous idea, this should not go ahead.</i>
3	<i>I've just been examining, with some despair, these 20mph proposals. I have to say upfront that I'm against changing from 30 to 20 as I can't say any real environmental or safety benefit. However, leaving that aside, this particular proposal seems somewhat bizarre. Why should this part of the town be subject to 20mph when the rest isn't ?</i>
4	<i>I'm concerned if so many slow roads it will increase traffic (and pollution for residents) on the other roads? Speeding is one thing but the effect on the health of those that live on main roads need to be seriously considered as an impact.</i>
5	<i>I am writing to object to the proposed blanket 20mph limit along Aspreys . This road should be excluded from the proposed 20mph designation in Olney for the following reason The 20 mph speed limit is not justified on the estate spine road where there is no general intermixing of traffic and pedestrians. There are no houses with driveways directly accessing the road, no children play on the road and I have not heard of any accidents such as to justify imposing the low limit – the school area already benefits from two traffic calming raised humps and although not shown on the plans there is a crossing at the Yardley Road end and a pedestrian refuge island near Foxhill.</i>

6	<i>Reduction of speed limit along Aspreys from 30mph to 20mph. This is a through road with almost no houses being "on" this road. The speed limit should not change and no further speed reduction measures added, which over time cause damage to the road structure either side unless maintained frequently.</i>
7	<i>I am writing to oppose the proposed 20mph zones in Olney. 20 mph is unnaturally low and does not stop people driving at 40 mph. These falsely low zones are usually accompanied by traffic calming schemes. Chicanes and speed bumps are a complete nuisance; traffic slowing down and speeding up does not help the environment.</i>
8	<i>Olney is already congested with barely moving traffic around peak times. This will make it even worse. Unless there's a bypass road to avoid Olney Town, speed limit better remain at 30 mph.</i>
9	<i>It now has three raised areas, two mini roundabouts, two crossings, an offset island, 20mph outside the school along with pedestrian controlled lights. How do the emergency services and bus operatives feel about further impediments ?As a family we are against any further restrictions.</i>
10	<i>As a resident of a proposed affected areas in Olney and having lived in the town for the last 15 years I fail to understand why 20mph is being proposed for the areas where I have not witnessed any speeding of note nor heard it (we live near Aspreys).</i>
11	<i>I do strongly object to traffic calming measures, which increase pollution from all vehicles, including electric vehicles (brake linings, tyre particles), as well as putting additional unnecessary wear and tear on brake and suspension components. Pot holes are bad enough, traffic calming can be equally damaging. If there is a speed limit, it should be enforced by average speed cameras, not "speed bumps".</i>
12	<i>I don't believe that spending a vast amount of money erecting 20mph signs and traffic calming will be effective.</i>
13	<i>Please don't do this, particularly Aspreys and Driftway</i>
14	<i>I would like to formally object to the proposal for 20mph zones and road humps in Aspreys, Yardley Road and the surrounding streets in Olney</i>
15	<i>I am totally against the 20mph speed limit for the main roads in Olney like Aspreys and Yardley Road as this is totally unnecessary.</i>

Officer response (to the objections)

Below is a summary of the Officers response to the objections:

1	<i>Due to the high number of objections, Aspreys has been removed from the 20mph zone proposal.</i>
2	<i>The 20mph speed limit will provide a safer environment for all road users and reduce the potential for road traffic collisions.</i>

3	<i>Unsure of the section the objector is referring to, if it is Aspreys this has now been removed from the proposed 20mph zone.</i>
4	<i>The choice of gear and driving style, not the actual speed limit most affect fuel use (pollution). Driving more slowly generally saves fuel and carbon dioxide emissions.</i>
5	<i>Due to the high number of objections, Aspreys has been removed from the 20mph zone proposal.</i>
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7	<i>The 20mph speed limit will provide a safer environment for all road users and reduce the potential for road traffic collisions, a number have already been implemented in Milton Keynes already and are having the desired effect.</i>
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12	<i>The traffic calming features within the zones will help ensure speeds are low.</i>
13	<i>Due to the high number of objections, Aspreys has been removed from the 20mph zone proposal. Driftway was never included within the proposed 20mph zone.</i>
14	<i>Due to the high number of objections, Aspreys has been removed from the 20mph zone proposal. We will be continuing with the proposed 20mph zone for Yardley Road and the surrounding street in Olney.</i>
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Officer Recommendations

It is the Officers recommendation that the objections the Council received for the 20mph zone for Aspreys should be upheld, and Aspreys will be removed from the proposed 20mph zone. The remaining roads listed below will be included within the zone and the extent of the 20mph restriction on Yardley Road will be extended north-west to its junction with Swallow Close and further south to its junction with West Street – refer to amended plan shown in Annex B.

Therefore, the Officers be authorised to proceed to statutory consultation on the proposed 20mph zone.

List of annexes

Annex A – Representations

Annex B – Amended 20mph zone proposal

ANNEX A

Representations

	Representative	Received	Comments/Objection
1	Cllr McLean	06-02-2024	<p>Comments</p> <p>Please could you review the proposed areas by considering extending the zones:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Extend the zone further north-west up Yardley Road to near Swallow Close, MK46 5FT, so it goes past Stilebrook Road and the new Yardley Manor housing development. 2) Extend the zone further south on Yardley Road to its junction with West Street. A resident of the immediate area did raise last year concerns about the junction.
2	Member of the Public	15-02-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>I do not believe that the whole of Aspreys should be included in these 20mph proposals. The majority of this road has no houses fronting on to it, the main pedestrian walkway is set far back from the road and there are few requirements for pedestrians to cross along much of the road. The main risk area, the school, already has traffic calming measures and a traffic light controlled crossing. The risk to pedestrians posed along this road by the existing 30mph limit is low.</p> <p>Reducing the speed limit to 20mph along the entirety of Aspreys and adding additional road humps risks shifting more car journeys from Aspreys and on to the High Street which has a much higher incidence of interaction between pedestrians and vehicle traffic including a zebra crossing which has a number of recorded near-misses and actual incidents.</p> <p>If anything, the opposite to this proposal should be being planned with traffic being encouraged to use Aspreys and discouraged from using the High Street.</p> <p>So, as it stands I do not support these proposals for the reasons outlined.</p>
3	Member of the Public	09-02-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>The 20mph speed limit is absolutely a ridiculous idea, this should not go ahead.</p>
4	Member of the Public	09-02-2024	<p>Objection (2 comments)</p> <p>I've just been examining, with some despair, these 20mph proposals. I have to say upfront that I'm against changing from 30 to 20 as I can't say any real environmental or safety benefit. However, leaving that aside, this particular proposal seems somewhat bizarre. Why should this part of the town be subject to 20mph when the rest isn't ? In many of the roads proposed, it's unlikely that anyone would be able to drive with excess speed anyway, given the nature of the environment and double parked cars etc.</p> <p>I'd much rather that my council tax was spent on far more serious and important endeavours and not wasted on such ridiculous schemes such as this.</p> <p>Hello again,</p> <p>Thank for you for your reply.</p> <p>I have just read the latest comments from our esteemed local councillor. She informs us that the 20mph limit and endless speed ramps are required along Aspreys due to 'safety concerns'. Which is odd, because, looking at the crash database map for Olney, (See attached link and screen shot), there are only 2 collisions noted on Aspreys and they occur at the mini roundabouts at the junctions with the estate roads. As locals, we all know these are fraught with risk of collision as people genuinely get confused as to who has right of way. These mini roundabouts are unnecessary and standard T-junctions would be much safer.</p> <p>There are however, many collisions shown for the High street - which is to remain as 30mph !?!</p>

			<p>On top of this nonsense speed limit, I will have to negotiate multiple speed ramps every time I want to drive anywhere. I don't accept the standard trope wheeled out every time that states 'No increased wear and tear is caused to vehicles that don't speed over the speed ramps'. Every time my cars suspension is activated, wear and tear is inevitable. The amount might be very small but the effect is cumulative over time.</p> <p>This whole proposal defies logic, pure and simple.</p>
5	Member of the Public	12-02-2024	<p>Comments</p> <p>I hope you don't mind me writing to you , but I believe some parts of Olney is being considered for tube 20 mile limit, I personally think this is a good idea, as some people drive so fast around Olney. But my question to you is, can Austen Avenue please be considered for the same,</p> <p>We live in Carey Way, right on the bend from Austen Avenue, and cars just fly down the road , with no regard for people crossing the road, or even cars approaching in the other direction.</p> <p>It would a great help if this was implemented on Austen Avenue/ Carey way,</p>
6	Member of the Public	13-02-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>I'm concerned if so many slow roads it will increase traffic (and pollution for residents) on the other roads? Speeding is one thing but the effect on the health of those that live on main roads need to be seriously considered as an impact. Most of these houses have single glazed windows and doors due to restrictions. These houses are also extremely close to the traffic. The one bed terraces on Weston rd with no hall and extremely narrow pavement mean residents are literally sitting just 4 or 5 feet from lorries buses and cars. The slower the traffic the more pollution breathed in.</p> <p>The high street and Weston will take on FAR more traffic as only main route not restricted. Won't it be a nightmare? Or am I missing something. I thought it was just the bend in Weston Road that was being considered. When asked to sign petition I was not told was for many roads in Olney or whole road. Wonder if others were under the same impression.</p> <p>If the high street and Weston rd are also to receive speed restrictions they need to be equal in amount to spread the load of traffic.</p> <p>This proposal could destroy the high street so should not be put into effect.</p> <p>Please do not take the signatures into consideration as unaware was for such a large area and therefore will have a huge impact.</p> <p>Please ensure residents are aware of link to any form/page via Olney notice board Facebook page</p>
7	Member of the Public	15-02-2024	<p>Comments</p> <p>My neighbours and I have serious concerns about the speed at which people drive on our road, Osier Way, Olney.</p> <p>Therefore I was wondering if we would be able to be added to the list of streets being considered for a 20mph speed limit in Olney? Or do we have to go through the process separately?</p>
8	Member of the Public	05-03-2024	<p>In support (4 responses to consultation)</p> <p>For years we have been contacting our local and Milton Keynes councillors regarding speeding on Asprey's. The last monitoring did not occur between the two Foxhill turns on Asprey's despite people driving fast once they pass the raised platforms after the school. The one prior to this we met David Hoskins and Keith McClean and asked them not to put the monitoring bars down as the SIDS were going up they ignored this so the figures were meaningless. The highest recorded speed prior to this was 80 mph. We're are now told that those figures are not relevant. The road surface is awful and has led to increased noise and road pollution. There is also a dip in the road. A man supposedly laid down in the road in December 2021 and was hit by a car. I find it hard to believe</p>

especially due to the speed people drive and the fact it was dark. It must have been serious because a helicopter landed to treat him. Nothing has been done to stop the speeding. If people do not observe the 30mph speed limit now, do you really think they will obey a 20 mph speed limit? We need traffic calming along Asprey's especially from the school down to Yardley Road. Speeding and parking by the Middle School on Yardley Road also needs addressing.

As regards to all the other roads mentioned Foxhill does have speeding taking place as does Yardley Road. Why isn't Long Massey included in the 20mph?

I would welcome the opportunity to meet someone from the Highways Department to discuss this matter.

I cannot adequately express how the changes that the speed, volume, weight of vehicles combined with poor work surface are having on our ability to enjoy our garden during the spring and summer months.

We used to be able to hold a conversation at a normal volume now at peak times this is impossible because we cannot hear each other without raising our voices. We used to be able to speak to our neighbour over the fence we now cannot hear him. He installed better insulated windows in his bedrooms to eliminate road noise and he said that at first it achieved his aim, unfortunately his is no longer the case. We also now experience fumes from vehicles when sitting in our garden. I now have asthma so I have to go inside to avoid this. Last year we had a bus running his engine for ten minutes before I went and asked him politely how long he might be. I explained that I was experiencing breathlessness and asked if he could turn his engine off. I returned to my house and he continued to run the engine and before setting off he revved his engine and the fumes increased, this resulted in an asthma attack. I know you will think this situation is trivial but it will not improve until a new road quiet road surface is installed.

I have asked the local council if one of the section 106 money could be used to install planting, trees or a banked area next to the road to try and mitigate some of these issues. We have installed a double boarded, sound insulated fence although most of our garden is walled, we have planted a hornbeam hedge in front of the fence in the Hope when it grow it can absorb some of the sound and improve air quality. We are also looking to plant additional planting to improve things. We now don't know what else we can do.

We don't expect complete peace and quiet as this is not realistic however, it is not unreasonable to expect that people take these issues seriously and to do as much as you can.

I would like to point out that although you claim that Long Massey is included in the 20 mph consultation this does not appear on the details on the Olney Town Council website.

I can assure you that speeding by delivery vans and others entering and driving down the road. Speeding on Asprey's behind Long Massey is getting worse and the road surface is eroded. Noise and air pollution has 8n erased over the last few years. Sometimes, despite sit next to each other in our garden we cannot at times hear each other speak. There is a dip in the road surface. It is hard to exit Foxhill from the Long Massey end at peak times with workers and parents taking children to school driving above the speed limit.

When the new estate on Yardley Road was built traffic calming to exit the site were installed. We have also been impacted by additional traffic. Why hasn't a raised platform been installed so we can exit onto Asprey's safely? Can this be done now? Speeding is an issue on Asprey's and traffic calming should be a priority before a serious accident occurs. Two years ago a helicopter landed after a man was hit by a car. It was claimed he had laid down in the road. I find this hard to believe.

No additional housing or business premises should be built until all these issues are resolved. If 30 mph isn't being observed, can we be assured that 20 mph speed limit will work? Will a 20mph speed limit result in additional air and noise pollution? Will you stop Asprey's being used as a rat run for heavy lorries and works vehicles who travel up to Wellingborough and do not use the A509 as they should?

I have now looked at the plan for traffic calming measures on Asprey's between Yardley Road and the senior school. I would make the following comments:

			<p>*. The first two proposed platforms should help but please note that the major acceleration takes place after the first Foxhill turn from Yardley Road.</p> <p>*. There is currently a slight road narrowing and a little crossing refuge in the middle of the road on Asprey's approximately located behind 26 Long Massey. We have seen a few drivers nearly hit this due to lack of attention and speed, once when we were using it to cross the road with our grandson, this is not something we would do now. We always stand away from the road on the grass behind the houses if we see cars approaching at speed. It would be beneficial if this was replaced with a platform and would also help people who want to turn right into Asprey's and who want to exit Foxhill.</p> <p>*. A platform behind number 22 or 24 Long Massey would slow traffic down when buses have stopped at the bus stops. Sometimes drivers have been late to see that traffic has stopped behind the parked buses and there have been a few near misses. It would also help some of the elderly who find it difficult to cross the road after getting off the bus. One lady told me she sometimes stands for quite sometime to cross because of the cars travelling too fast.</p> <p>Are there plans to resurface this stretch of Asprey's? The road surface has eroded and the noise pollution has deteriorated significantly over the last few years. We also experience fumes from vehicles at times. I have asked if planting could be put in place to mitigate this by using Section 106 monies and have not received a response for our local council.</p> <p>I hope my comments are taken seriously and measures are put in place.</p>
9	Member of the Public	22-02-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>I am writing to object to the proposed blanket 20mph limit along Aspreys . This road should be excluded from the proposed 20mph designation in Olney for the following reason</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 20 mph speed limit is not justified on the estate spine road where there is no general intermixing of traffic and pedestrians. There are no houses with driveways directly accessing the road, no children play on the road and I have not heard of any accidents such as to justify imposing the low limit – the school area already benefits from two traffic calming raised humps and although not shown on the plans there is a crossing at the Yardley Road end and a pedestrian refuge island near Foxhill. • Use of Aspreys as a bus route should be encouraged not discouraged. Have the bus operators been consulted as I am sure they will not welcome an additional 9 humps in addition to the 3 existing on Aspreys to slow them down and challenge the suspension systems on buses? . And I understand Aspreys is the route for the potential rapid transit proposal in MK Strategy for 2050, has this been taken into account. • MK Council is on record on their web site as saying they will introduce signs and “We will not introduce traffic calming measures too such as speed humps or cameras”. If these are needed it is obviously the wrong road for the speed limit. • Producing a scheme showing 9 additional sets of speed humps is very unimaginative – speed humps create noise from traffic bumping over them and damage car suspensions. If it is decided to proceed with the 20 mph along Aspreys please, please can you look at alternatives. A raised platform at the southern end, perhaps another one at Hollowood or Sillswood and 20 mph repeater signs would avoid vehicles noisily bumping over all the humps and be far less damaging to our cars suspension. Or alternatively horizontal traffic calming via build outs, pinch points and traffic islands should be looked at. • a new surface needs to be laid along Aspreys first if humps are to be installed - otherwise cyclists will be forced into the gutters where the worst of the surface irregularities are. The road is already a danger to cyclists such as myself as the surface is poor with potholes (some combined with iron works such as those at the eastern entrance to Aspreys and outside Ousedale) , disintegrating surfacing and, along one stretch, fissures in the tarmac.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government Policy Paper “The Plan for drivers” October 23 makes it clear that 20mph zones should “ considered on a road-by-road basis to ensure local consent, not as blanket measures” so there is no reason why the roads off Aspreys could not be 20mph with Aspreys remaining outside the 20mph zone. <p>On Yardley Road I understand the desire to improve safety outside the school due to congestion from the parents dropping off their children but I object to the proposed humps proposed and ask that consideration is given to more gentle raised tables, raised crossings or horizontal traffic calming measures instead of humps.</p>
10	Member of the Public	29-02-2024	<p>In support</p> <p>I am in full support of the proposed 20mph speed restriction zones in Olney.</p> <p>My daughter was knocked down by a car on Yardley Road whilst out jogging in June 2023. She was badly injured (broken ribs, pneumothorax, cuts and lacerations all over her body). It happened at the end of the school day, a time when parent/carers drivers are rushing to get to school to collect and are then in a massive hurry to get home.</p> <p>We have always known people do not routinely adhere to the 30mph speed limit along Yardley Road but have since become acutely aware how fast people are actually driving. Very few heed the limit, with most exceeding 30mph by some margin. This is particularly shocking given there is a school in the area.</p> <p>It doesn't help that Yardley Road towards Olney Middle School is slightly uphill. Drivers feel the need to accelerate. Likewise going down the road toward the High Street.</p> <p>Action to implement speed restrictions really must be taken before there is another incident.</p>
11	Member of the Public	01-03-2024	<p>In support</p> <p>Thank you for the chance to comment on the proposed 20mph zones in Olney. I feel very strongly that they should be implemented as soon as possible and to the greatest extent. Olney is a busy town and a significant through route for traffic. The High Street and wider A509 are often congested and drivers opt to use Aspreys and Yardley Road as alternative routes. Both Yardley Road and Aspreys have schools and at drop off and pick up times traffic is heavy. When this is coupled with bad and sometimes reckless parking, particularly outside Olney Middle School on Yardley Road, the risk to pedestrians is high.</p> <p>I frequently walk around the Olney and it is particularly noticeable that traffic often exceeds the current 30mph speed limit on Yardley Road and Aspreys. I have direct personal experience of the ineffectiveness and impact of the current limits. Our daughter was unfortunate enough to be knocked down by a car on Yardley Road travelling at an estimated 30mph. If a 20mph limit had been in place the injuries she sustained would have been substantially less. It is only a matter of time before there is another accident given the combination of pedestrians and traffic on Yardley Road and Aspreys in particular.</p> <p>I have also noticed that surrounding areas e.g. Weston Underwood and Stoke Goldington have highly visible digital traffic calming signs but Olney does not have any. It does seem incongruous that Olney, with a much higher population, lacks these measures.</p> <p>I believe that Milton Keynes Council has a duty of care towards pedestrians and residents. The impact of 20mph zones on drivers would be minimal and the safety and environmental benefits would be substantial.</p>
12	Member of the Public	01-03-2024	<p>In support</p>

			<p>I am writing in support of the introduction of a 20 mile per hour limit on Yardley Road in Olney. I should declare an interest first as I am a resident on Yardley Road.</p> <p>There are two reasons for my support;</p> <p>The B538 is used as a short-cut for traffic going North towards Northampton on the A509 - and for traffic from Northampton going South on the A428 towards Milton Keynes. Yardley Road is the most southerly part of this route before it joins the A509 at the top of the town. This is the reason for the amount of HGV traffic on the road. Anything that discourages heavy lorries using this route in a residential area is a good thing in my view.</p> <p>The second reason is the presence of the primary school at the top of the hill on Yardley Road. Car speed should be limited outside the school since these are young primary age children. The hill forms a 'blind summit' and the situation when the school closes around 3:00 p.m. is potentially dangerous. Parents park on both sides of the hill to pick up children. There are coaches to take children out to the villages and then added to this there are heavy lorries attempting to weave between the various obstacles.</p> <p>The current speed limit is 30 mph and there are no road humps so, during the rest of the day, vehicles can and do approach the summit of the hill at 30 mph and more. It seems odd that the older children in the Olney Campus have both road humps and an advisory limit of 20 mph to protect them when the younger children currently have nothing.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the proposals - and I look forward to seeing how the situation develops</p>
13	Member of the Public	03-03-2024	<p>In support</p> <p>I would like to register my support for the proposed 20mph zone in Olney</p> <p>I live in White Hill Olney, which is within the proposed zone and have for some time been concerned about the speed of some vehicles at various times of the day, I have observed that speeding does appear to be more prevalent during the quieter times of the day. I have on occasion had to resort to contacting courier companies about the speed their vehicles travel down White Hill, a cul-de-sac (which through their vehicle tracking system they were able to confirm speeds as totally inappropriate).</p> <p>In addition to the implementation of the zone I would support the implementation of traffic calming measures along Aspreys, as well as zone reinforcement signage and active policing of speed limits either with fixed cameras or more frequent visits from the mobile speed camera.</p>
14	Member of the Public	03-03-2024	<p>In support (in general)</p> <p>As a resident of Court Corner which will be in the proposed 20mph zone in Olney, I have a few points to raise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I agree with 20mph on Aspreys but the condition of the surface of the road is absolutely horrendous and I would sincerely hope that the whole road is re-surfaced prior to the installation of speed bumps. The roundabouts are a danger as many road users do not give way to turning traffic. My suggestion would be to remove the roundabouts and replace them with standard give way junctions. I myself have nearly had countless accidents when other vehicles do not give way at the roundabout at the top of Silswood. 2. The roads of Foxhill, Silswood and all of the cul-de-sacs off them are already difficult to get above 20mph so not really relevant for a 20mph zone. 3. East Street and West Street are far more in need of for 20mph zones as traffic always speeds along them and have a higher pedestrian footfall.

			4. Weston Road in its entire length should be 20mph as the illegally parked cars (on faded double yellow lines) cause a significant danger and traffic needs to be slowed down. The yellow lines also need replacing and enforcing.
15	Member of the Public	03-03-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>Olney is already congested with barely moving traffic around peak times. This will make it even worse. Unless there's a bypass road to avoid Olney Town, speed limit better remain at 30 mph. I disagree with this proposal of reducing speed limits in Olney and please take this email as my formal response to this consultation.</p>
16	Member of the Public	03-03-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>As a family we have lived on Aspreys for nearly 40 years and in that time there has only been a few slight incidents and none serious. With it's clear views and wide verges it is probably one of the safest roads ,</p> <p>and indeed when we first moved here it was 40mph.</p> <p>It now has three raised areas, two mini roundabouts, two crossings, an offset island, 20mph outside the school along with pedestrian controlled lights. How do the emergency services and bus operatives feel about further impediments ?As a family we are against any further restrictions.</p> <p>As the suggested 20mph also covers all the adjacent roads to Aspreys and beyond, this also means new signage at considerable expense. Given the absolutely dreadful state of Aspreys, this money would be far better spent addressing that.</p> <p>Finally, if drivers exceed the 30mph they will certainly take no notice of 20mph.</p>
17	Member of the Public	03-03-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>As a resident of a proposed affaected areas in Olney and having lived in the town for the last 15 years I fail to understand why 20mph is being proposed for the areas where I have not witnessed any speeding of note nor heard it (we live near Aspreys). Where I see a serious issue is on the main A509 in town where cars speeds through constantly. Address the main problem where people are getting injured and where there are often road collisions rather than the already quieter residential areas.</p> <p>20mph zones could work for peak times, but out of hours having 20mph zones is not required.</p> <p>Please sort out the elephant in the room being the A509, stop heavy goods vehicles coming through Olney and place a 20mph zone there. But let me guess, you can't as it's an A road...</p>
18	Member of the Public	04-03-2024	<p>In support</p> <p>I'm writing in full support for the proposed 20mph speed limit in Olney. I was hit by a car that was exceeding the 30mph speed limit. 20mph would be a lot safer for everyone</p>
19	Olney Town Council	06-03-2024	<p>In support</p> <p>I write on behalf of Olney Town Council's elected councillors.</p> <p>At the most recent meeting of the Full Council of Olney Town Council, held on Monday 4th March 2024, councillors in attendance voted all in favour of the proposed Olney 20mph zone and the streets named in this consultation.</p>
20	Member of the Public	11-03-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>I am writing to provide my thoughts regarding the proposed 20mph speed limits for Olney. I am sure the Council members are aware that in some cases, this will lead to an increase in pollution from some vehicles. I do strongly object to traffic calming measures, which increase pollution from</p>

			<p>all vehicles, including electric vehicles (brake linings, tyre particles), as well as putting additional unnecessary wear and tear on brake and suspension components. Pot holes are bad enough, traffic calming can be equally damaging. If there is a speed limit, it should be enforced by average speed cameras, not “speed bumps”.</p> <p>I am at a loss to understand why Aspreys needs a 20mph limit. There is an existing limit to cover the school, along with a traffic light controlled crossing point and existing speed humps. If this isn't deemed effective, how can the proposal offer anything different?</p> <p>I would prefer my Council Tax be used for more effective measures to control speeding, assuming the Council has evidence that speeding is a serious problem in Olney.</p>
21	Member of the Public	11-03-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>I understand that a 20mph consultation is currently underway on a selection of roads in Olney (although strangely not in the high street). I don't believe that spending a vast amount of money erecting 20mph signs and traffic calming will be effective. If the speed needs to be decreased, putting in average speed cameras would be more effective, as I don't believe the 20mph signs will be enough of an incentive on their own.</p> <p>I appreciate and agree that speed should be reduced around schools (and we already have a 20mph zone and traffic calming at the secondary school) but as most of the parents outside the middle school block up the road on both sides when dropping off and collecting their children, traffic is unlikely to get anywhere near 20mph when you have to weave in and out of the parked cars (even though the sign clearly states no loading/unloading in certain areas on this road, this is ignored and never policed).</p> <p>I also can't see what use it will be having 20mph along the top end of Olney near Weston Road when pedestrians do not cross the road to walk along the field where there is no pavement. There are already two pedestrian crossings which are used already so am not sure what purpose the 20mph restriction will solve when there isn't a problem in the first place.</p> <p>The consultation on the Milton Keynes council website does not supply any evidence of why the 20mph zone is required, how much money will be spent implementing this when budgets are at a premium or whether or how it will be policed. If it is believed there is speeding in the current 30mph I can't see what putting 20mph signs will do differently unless there are cameras or it is policed.</p>
23	Member of the Public	19-03-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>I would like to formally object to the proposal for 20mph zones and road humps in Aspreys, Yardley Road and the surrounding streets in Olney (consultation period 09 February 2024 - 22 March 2024).</p> <p>As a resident of Foxhill I have not noticed a particular problem with speeding in the area and the raised mini roundabouts along Aspreys and the raised zebra and pedestrian crossings outside Ousedale School, together with the existing part-time 20mph limit coinciding with school start/end times already provide adequate traffic calming measures. As for the residential roads off Aspreys and Yardley Road, I think the layout of the roads and the multitude of vehicles parked on the highway prevent speeds much above 20mph anyway.</p> <p>There are plenty of things in Olney that need addressing but this is not one of them and in my opinion the money would be better spent on other projects (eg. potholes, new surgery).</p>
24	Member of the Public	21-03-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>I am totally against the 20mph speed limit for the main roads in Olney like Aspreys and Yardley Road as this is totally unnecessary.</p> <p>By having a 20mph speed limit this overlooks the main objective of the road which is for vehicles to travel at a suitable speed and 20 mph is certainly not a suitable speed. I live in Long Massey and travel along Aspreys all the time at various times of the day and 30 mph is fine. The drivers who</p>

			<p>travel well over the current speed will speed whatever the limit is. Most of the time along Aspreys 20mph would not be required I know Ousedale campus is along the road but if pupils cannot cross the road safely at that age something more than the speed limit wrong.</p> <p>The local councils seem to be talking this consultation is just a formality as they pander to vocal minority.</p>
25	Member of the Public	21-03-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>Reduction of speed limit along Aspreys from 30mph to 20mph. This is a through road with almost no houses being "on" this road. The speed limit should not change and no further speed reduction measures added, which over time cause damage to the road structure either side unless maintained frequently.</p>
26	Member of the Public	01-03-2024	<p>Objection</p> <p>I am writing to oppose the proposed 20mph zones in Olney. 20 mph is unnaturally low and does not stop people driving at 40 mph. These falsely low zones are usually accompanied by traffic calming schemes. Chicanes and speed bumps are a complete nuisance; traffic slowing down and speeding up does not help the environment. They also cause frustration for drivers and create more noise as cars are changing gear more and accelerating away from the obstruction.</p> <p>I hope that these proposals are not implemented.</p>