

Informal Consultation Report

Tattenhoe - Proposed 20mph zone

On 21 March 2025, the Council uploaded a proposal onto the Council's website for a proposed 20mph Zone in Tattenhoe.

Start: 21 March 2025
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Representations (Response received)

The Council received **9** representations during statutory consultation (as shown in Annex A to this report).

03 objections to the proposals

04 in support of the proposals

02 commented on the proposals.

Objections (In summary)

Below is a summary of the reasons why 3 representatives objected to the proposed 20mph zones:

1	A Tattenhoe resident objects to the proposed 20mph limit, stating it's unnecessary, lacks evidence of speed-related accidents, and would disrupt residents. They suggest a limited 20mph zone near Giles Brook School may be more appropriate.
2	A resident objected to the 20mph proposal, arguing it's a waste of council tax without proper enforcement. They cite Emerson Valley as an example where existing 20mph zones are ignored due to lack of policing and urge the council to reconsider unless compliance can be ensured.
3	A resident objected to the 20mph proposal, stating that the current 30mph limit is sufficient due to existing speed calming measures like humps. They argue the change would waste council resources, especially when road and street furniture repairs are needed more urgently. They also raise concerns about the lack of proper consultation and believe accident rates are already low, so the benefits would be minimal.

Officer Recommendations

To not uphold the objections to the proposed 20mph zone for Tattenhoe on the grounds that the 20mph zone will help to avoid danger to people and any other traffic using the affected roads. The proposed zone will also prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising specifically to reduce vehicular speeds within the estate and to prevent the potential for any speed related accidents.

To continue to the next stage of the process, which will be statutory consultation on the proposed 20mph zone for Tattenhoe. This will take place in May 2025.

List of annexes

Annex A – Representations

Annex B – Tattenhoe 20mph Speed Limit

ANNEX A

Representations

	Representative	Received	Comments/Objection
1	Member of the Public	10-04-2025	<p>In support</p> <p>Personally, I would be quite happy with a 20mph speed limit and fully support the idea.</p> <p>With the proliferation of parked cars, blocked sightlines and school kids not paying attention to traffic, I think a lower limit would be entirely appropriate.</p> <p>Very much in favour!</p>
2	Member of the Public	10-04-2025	<p>Objection</p> <p>Regarding the proposal to introduce a 20-mph speed limit in Tattenhoe, I would like to raise my objection to the proposal.</p> <p>I'm a resident of Tattenhoe for many years and believe the proposal is unnecessary and a waste of resources. Is there any evidence of accidents where speed has played a factor? I would say perhaps a limited 20mph limit around Giles Brook School may be appropriate.</p> <p>I believe the current 30 mph limit is safe and any reduction would cause unnecessary disruption to the residents.</p>
3	Member of the Public	10-04-2025	<p>In support</p> <p>YES PLEASE</p> <p>The traffic hurtling around the bend on Hengistbury Lane, next to the cricket pitch and where Howe Park House care home entrance is, after they have come through the single-track part is ridiculous. Quite often delivery vans don't even pause to check if there is oncoming traffic before speeding into Howe Park House when coming from the single-track part.</p> <p>On a regular basis there are a lot of cars parked around the cricket pitch for football on Saturdays which reduces the road to single line traffic which adds to the problem with visitors for the pavilion driving too fast and then performing ridiculous manoeuvres as they want to find somewhere to park next to the cricket pitch rather than use the car park provided at the Pavilion</p> <p>ALL residential areas in Milton Keynes should be reduced to 20 MPH. Prioritise pedestrians and cycles.</p>
4	Member of the Public	10-04-2025	<p>Comments</p> <p>I have been resident of Tattenhoe for the past three years and during this time I have not witnessed any incidents that have given me concern about the speed of traffic in the area. As both a pedestrian and road user, I find the existing speed control measures in Tattenhoe (i.e. road humps) are already effective in preventing unsafe speeds.</p> <p>There is a cost to implementing new speed limits in the area, which I believe could be better spent elsewhere to improve safety.</p> <p>One area for improvement (and I understand this is out of scope of this consultation but included here as insight into real traffic issues in Tattenhoe) is on street parking where Hartland Avenue and Holborn Crescent meet - the line of vehicles parked on the bend creates a blind corner. I have personally encountered several near misses even at low speeds.</p> <p>Another is traffic near Giles Brook School during school pick-up and drop-off times. The area becomes incredibly congested, and parking on roundabouts and on pathways makes it unsafe for pedestrians and road users.</p> <p>Whilst I do not have a solution to either of these issues, I am raising them here to highlight that there are other matters that would make a difference to safety than implementing a 20mph speed zone within Tattenhoe.</p> <p>I hope this has been helpful.</p>
5	Member of the Public	10-04-2025	<p>In support</p> <p>I think it is a great idea & should have happened years ago.</p>

			<p>We have Gilesbrook school on the estate that requires speed reduction out of principle and also in line with what we see in other estates around MK that have schools eg. Emerson Valley</p> <p>With regards to the pavilion at football start & finish time there is a consent stream of cars, driving at more than 30 mph rushing to & from the main road.</p> <p>We also need to be mindful that there are lots of children out on the road both on foot & on bikes.</p> <p>With the number of curves in the road & speed bumps through the estate in reality most cars don't travel much more than 20 mph in the first instance, so the actual impact of peoples travel time to the main road is limited.</p> <p>My personal point of annoyance is the road from the Pavilion back to grid road has no speed bumps & it is this bit of road where drivers suddenly speed up.</p> <p>Finally, if all the other estates in MK have 20mph zones, why would Tattenhoe be any different from a MK council policy prospective, we have the same risk around road users & pedestrians, schools</p> <p>In other words - yes please</p>
6	Member of the Public	10-04-2025	<p>Objection</p> <p>I believe it is pointless to spend our council tax money on introducing a 20 MPH speed limit in Tattenhoe, or any other estate, unless it is going to be properly enforced. Without policing, drivers will continue to speed just as they currently do in 30 MPH zones.</p> <p>A clear example of this can be seen in Emerson Valley, where the speed limit is 20 MPH in certain areas. Despite this, many drivers regularly travel at 30 to 40 MPH, simply because there is no enforcement in place.</p> <p>Without adequate policing or enforcement measures, lowering the speed limit is just a waste of resources. I urge the council to consider whether this money could be better spent elsewhere unless there are plans in place to ensure compliance.</p>
7	Member of the Public	11-04-2025	<p>Comments</p> <p>I agree that a 20mph speed limit is ideal. But my concerns are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) most sensible drivers already keep to below 20mph anyway 2) the speed humps already encourage slow driving but have a detrimental effect on suspension and tyres 3) those that already drive too fast won't slow down because of a speed limit alone 4) without speed cameras, there is no method of policing as we rarely see a policeman in Tattenhoe.
8	Member of the Public	15-04-2025	<p>Objection</p> <p>In response to your consultation to introduce a 20mph speed limit across all roads in Tattenhoe I would like to submit my views.</p> <p>I have only been made aware of this consultation by chance as it has not been widely published and as a result you will not receive a true reflection from the community.</p> <p>I believe that the current 30mph speed limit across Tattenhoe estate is sufficient and a further reduction of speed limits at this time are not required.</p> <p>Throughout Tattenhoe estate there are sufficient speed measures in place on all through roads which have speed humps and other speed calming measures and as a result in general because of these measures in place the vast majority of drivers drive within the current speed limits and any reduction to the current speed limit would be a complete waste of money and Council resources especially at a time when Council budgets are squeezed and repairs to roads and other street furniture are being neglected which is a bigger safety issue to all road users.</p> <p>New street furniture and other assets would need to be installed and I believe that road traffic accident rates across Tattenhoe estate in where this zone would be in place are already at a low</p>

			<p>level and any further reductions to the speed limit would bring little or no benefit to the community except more associated costs when this money and time could be spent on repairing our damaged roads and street furniture.</p> <p>I hope that you take my comments onboard, and I appreciate your time and understanding.</p>
9	Member of the Public	17-04-2025	<p>In support</p> <p>As a Tattenhoe resident I would welcome this. There are lots of children and pets in Tattenhoe so lowering the speed limit would be a great idea.</p>

