

Appendix

Summary of Comments and Objections **Haywards Heath: Balcombe Road/Borde Hill Lane & Hanlye Lane** **30 MPH Speed Limit Order**

Comments	Engineer's Response
<p>Resident of Borde Hill Lane: Traffic on local roads has grown in recent years. Borde Hill Lane is unlit and has many hazards including wildlife and slow farm vehicles. The road is also affected by events traffic from Borde Hill Gardens and Ardingly Showground. The road surface is poorly maintained with poor drainage. Other local traffic schemes have increased local traffic further and the recent road widening at the entrance to Borde Hill Gardens encourages overtaking. As a result there is a high level of accidents in the road. Respondent has had front railings destroyed by an overturned car, and a car hit a telegraph pole opposite their property bringing down local power lines. Neighbours have had cars crashing through the driveway. A scheme was proposed by WSCC in 2013 to reduce the speed limit on this length of road and residents were told this had been put on hold pending the outcome of planning for the Penland Farm development. Respondent agrees with the amended 30 mph speed limits, but due to the above factors, the 30 mph speed limit, or possibly a 40 mph speed limit should extend northwards to the junction with Copyhold Lane. This would reduce accidents and reduce noise and pollution.</p>	<p>The proposed scheme is being funded entirely by the developer at Penland Farm and the scope of the proposed scheme was formally agreed during the planning process. This agreement is legally binding and as such the developer cannot be obliged to extend the current scheme as requested.</p> <p>Any proposal to change a speed limit requires careful assessment against nationally agreed criteria which form the basis of the WSCC Speed Limit Policy. As well as other factors this policy requires that any new speed limit must be within a certain percentage of the current average traffic speed of the affected road. The introduction of the new roundabout on Borde Hill Lane will inevitably have an effect on traffic speeds, but the extent of this effect cannot be measured until after the roundabout has been installed. It is not therefore presently possible to assess whether the longer speed limits requested by residents comply with the WSCC speed limit policy.</p> <p>Bearing in mind these issues it is recommended that after the new roundabout is installed residents should make an application to the CLC for a separate scheme reviewing the speed limits on Borde Hill Lane. An application on this basis could be considered for prioritisation by the CLC as one of their community TROs for the relevant financial year.</p>
<p>Resident of Borde Hill Lane: Requests that speed restrictions of 30 or 40 mph are introduced on Borde Hill Lane from the new roundabout to Skew Bridge. This length of road has become increasingly dangerous making any pedestrian access impossible and accidents have occurred with a neighbour</p>	<p>Please see above</p>

<p>having more than one car arrive in their front garden.</p>	
<p>Resident of Borde Hill Lane: Had hoped new speeded limits would extend much further north. All other roads coming into Haywards Heath, Cuckfield and Lindfield have reduced speed limits but Borde Hill Lane is still national speed limit despite having 17 houses within 1 mile of the start of the 30 mph speed limit on Balcombe Road. There is a strong case for a 30mph or 40 mph speed limit extending north to Skew Bridge as there have been several accidents on this length of road, one bringing down electricity cables, fortunately without causing serious injuries.</p>	<p>Please see above</p>
<p>Resident of Borde Hill Lane: In 2013 the Highways department proposed a 40 mph speed limit from Hanlye Lane to the entrance to Borde Hill Gardens. This was put on hold due to the Penland Farm Development. This original plan should now be installed as a minimum.</p> <p>All other roads approaching Haywards Health, Lindfield and Cuckfield from the north have reduced speed limit zones as they approach residential areas. Borde Hill Lane has 17 houses on it within 1 mile of the current 30 mph speed limit on Balcombe Road. There is a strong case for a 30 or 40 mph speed limit extending to Skew Bridge.</p> <p>Traffic tends to accelerate hard as soon as it passes the current 'de-restriction' sign at the Hanlye Lane junction. This has been the cause of several accidents with cars leaving the road, four of which have ended up in respondents front garden in the last 10 years. New roundabout will improve safety at the Hanlye Lane junction but the speed limit should be extended further north to improve safety by these houses.</p> <p>Pedestrians are often seen using the road between Hanlye Lane and Borde Hill Gardens. With high traffic speeds and no pavement the situation is dangerous.</p> <p>Volume of traffic on the road is very high with respondents often having to wait for 20 or 30 cars to pass before being able to enter or leave their driveway.</p> <p>Vehicles often overtake near the entrance to Borde Hill Lane, suggests a double white line</p>	<p>Please see above</p> <p>WSCC did carry out an initial 'design stage' consultation on proposals to review the speed limits on Borde Hill Lane in 2013. Funding allocated to the scheme in 2013 is no longer available.</p>

<p>system there. Nuisance from loud motorcycles, heavily accelerating vehicles and high volume of traffic has lead respondent to consider moving away. Estate agents report that the situation on Borde Hill Lane affects the value of their property.</p>	
<p>Resident of Borde Hill Lane: Extent of proposed speed limit is pointless given the history of the road and correspondence from residents. It will not stop cars accelerating hard towards Borde Hill Estate and cars approaching the new roundabout will arrive too fast as they will not see the signs until they are on the roundabout. 30mph limit should extend to Borde Hill Estate, with a 40mph limit from there to Skew Bridge. The road has increasing amounts of traffic and this will increase further with the new development. Respondent has had to assist in several RTAs over the years and has been hit from by other cars twice when signalling to enter their driveway. Other roads approaching Haywards Heath have lower speed limits despite having no houses on them so does not understand why Borde Hill Lane, has houses and a higher speed limit. The road has no lighting or footway so is dangerous for pedestrians.</p>	<p>Please see above</p>
<p>Resident of Borde Hill Lane: Supports lower speed limits but proposal does not extend far enough north. Current situation is dangerous for pedestrians and residents along the road who try to walk anywhere. Road has high volumes of traffic which has increased over the years and the new houses will add to the number of vehicles using the road, making it even more dangerous for pedestrians. The council should be improving traffic and pedestrian safety along this section of road by extending the 30 mph speed limit northwards beyond the entrance to Borde Hill Gardens.</p>	<p>Please see above</p>
<p>Resident of The Spinney: Supports lower speed limits but proposed area should be much larger. On Hanlye Lane the 30 mph</p>	<p>Please see above</p>

speed limit should extend 100m west of the new junction. On Borde Hill Lane the speed limit should start at least 100m north of the new roundabout.