

Consultation Response Summary

Objection/Comments	Comments from Head of Highways
<p><u>Resident of Haglands Lane</u></p> <p>40mph limit is slow enough. Stop slowing down country traffic for political purposes for goodness sake.</p>	<p>The scheme originated as a Community Highway Scheme (CHS) application from a local resident, acting with the full support of the local Parish Council and of the local member. In this sense this scheme is not being implemented for political purposes, but is rather an attempt to act on local concerns regarding traffic speeds and the safety of network users. The proposal has received four expressions of support, with all other consultations suggesting that it is broadly supported amongst the local community.</p>
<p><u>Resident of Common Hill</u></p> <p>As a frequent user of this road, they find the proposal to reduce the current 40mph limit in this area to 30mph totally unnecessary. Aside from "anecdotal near misses" it seems there has been only one single accident of any severity, and two minor incidents in this area over the last five years - no more frequency nor severity than to be expected at any other location. Currently by far the greatest threat to road safety, both here and at other areas in the county, is emphatically not the speed limits, but the appalling condition of the road surface,</p>	<p>This is a Capital-funded proposal and therefore has no financial bearing on West Sussex County Council's statutory obligation to maintain road surfaces across the county.</p> <p>Whilst the number of road traffic collisions in the area does not suggest a severe safety issue, there is a clear perception in the local community that traffic speeds are currently high and as such they represent a safety concern for network users. A reduction in the speed limit will allow for increased user confidence in relation to this section of the network.</p>