



Charfield
Charfield Primary School
Proposed part – time advisory 20mph speed limit
Feedback Report

Purpose of the report

This report is to feedback the results from the recent consultation to introduce a part-time advisory 20mph speed limit in the vicinity of Charfield Primary School, Charfield.

Background

South Gloucestershire Council made a resolution in September 2013 to ensure that, as far as practicable, all schools in South Gloucestershire are covered by a 20 mph speed limit. This approach is in line with guidance from the government, which is encouraging local authorities to introduce 20 mph speed limits or zones, in residential areas being used by people on foot or bicycle.

The purpose of the scheme is to reduce traffic speed on the road near Charfield Primary School, which will improve road safety for vulnerable road users as well as making walking and cycling to school more attractive.

The proposed scheme is to introduce a part time advisory 20mph speed limit along Wotton Road (B4058) and Manor Lane. The proposal is to install two advisory when lights show signs above the existing wig wag lighting units on Wotton Road and one new sign and wig wag lighting unit on Manor Lane.

Consultation

Details of the proposals including a plan and statement of reasons were posted on the South Gloucestershire website.

The Council sent letters advising of the consultation to properties affected by the new signage, as well as posting and maintaining notices along Wotton Road and Manor Lane, for the three week period of the consultation.

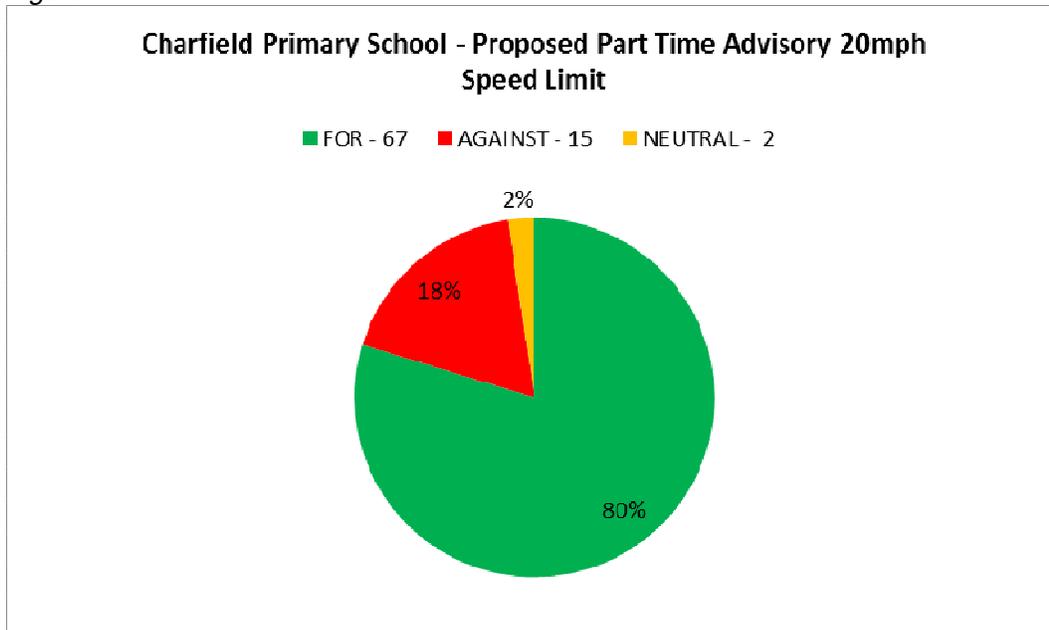
Local members, the Parish Council, emergency services and the School, amongst other statutory consultees were invited by email to view the consultation.

Feedback from the consultation

The online consultation drawing was viewed a total of 307 times. There were 84 individuals and organisations that responded to the consultation.

Figure 1 shows a summary of the responses.

Figure 1:



The comments received as part of the consultation have now been reviewed. The comments/concerns are summarised in appendix A. In light of the responses where 80% of 84 respondents are in favour of the scheme, the scheme will now proceed to implementation.

Future Programme

A detailed design will be prepared and passed to our contractor for implementation. Implementation should be completed during 2016.

Appendix A

Comments received at Consultation	Officer's response
Comments in Favour	
<p><u>Support No 1</u> I strongly agree with the proposal to reduce the speed to 20 mph past Charfield primary school. As a parent walking my young child to school from September 2016, I am very concerned about our safety and that of others. Lorries and many heavy vehicles drive at speed as well as other motorists down this narrow B road, it is extremely dangerous for any pedestrians to walk alongside the road, especially children. I would also welcome speed bumps to help calm the traffic and hopefully reduce the likelihood of an accident. I consider this matter in need of urgent attention.</p>	<p>Implementing traffic calming measures is beyond the remit of this scheme but concerns have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Support No 2</u> Agree with the Proposal, Why not Mandatory? Will the 'on-times' reflect extended hours of school to include Breakfast Club and Holiday Clubs? Strongly propose that the 'northern' sign and the 20 speed limit be positioned other side of The Plough to reflect the 'rush' of KLB students crossing the main road to catch/debus their official school bus. The current provision of orange asphalt strip across road is totally unsatisfactory as it joins the very narrow pavement outside Charfield Petrol Station at a point where vehicles still park to buy goods inside the shop. With vehicles still parking on the yellow lines and up to the 'coffee cup' thereby impairing view of vehicles turning right out of New Road, this is the proverbial accident waiting to happen. Additional comments received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like the road resurfaced, • Would like the 20mph speed limit to mandatory with speed cameras put in • When the two new housing estates are constructed would it be possible for the contractors to include repair of the highway around the ingress/egress points to sites • Even a cursory examination of Wotton Road through Charfield shows that many of the pot-holes are caused by repair/installation of services by external contractors. It seems they get away with just filling in the trench/hole with some tarmac and clearing off. Does the Council inspect these repairs well after the completion of the job when quality issues arise or is it just as the job finishes and that's that? No 'cost' to Council Tax payers for repairs therefore as job should be 	<p>An advisory speed limit is proposed because the mean speeds are above 24mph on Wotton Road; the guidance levels say that a road should have mean speeds below 24mph for a formal 20mph speed limit. For a formal 20mph speed limit to be introduced on this road it would mean implementing traffic calming measures which is beyond the remit of the scheme at present. The Council are not proposing to change the timings of the existing wigwags; The new wigwag that is proposed on Manor Lane will be the same as the existing ones. A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub. A zebra crossing point is being proposed for a location north of the bus stop. Widening the pavement is beyond the remit of the scheme but the comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration. The comments regarding the road being resurfaced have been passed to the Councils Streetcare Team. The Police currently carry out occasional mobile speed enforcement from a site which covers the school entrance. All active speed cameras in South Gloucestershire are owned and maintained by the Police, so the installation of a fixed camera would be a matter for them. Comments with regards to parking enforcement have been passed to the Councils Parking Services Team.</p>

<p>carried out to Highway specs anyway within the Contract price. Are Retentions in place for a period of time?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current standard of signage both on-road and posts particularly around the road-over bridge is highly dangerous and should be re-evaluated as a matter of urgency • Who checks the quality of paint used for road markings against Highway specs? Seems to be watered down emulsion as it is of such poor standard. 	
<p><u>Support No 3</u> Completely agree with the proposed 20mph speed limit around the school however, what would be really appreciated is some monitoring and tickets issued for inappropriate parking during school drop off and pick up times - some/most days the parking is downright dangerous - Highway Code doesn't seem to apply!!</p>	<p>Comments with regards to parking enforcement have been passed to the Councils Parking Services Team.</p>
<p><u>Support No 4</u> I drive through Charfield on my commute to work. I don't object to a 20 mph zone, provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is of a reasonable length. It does not need to cover Charfield; the 30 mph limit will be retained; the zone only needs to run from the old post office to just beyond the vicarage. - Is only a 20 mph zone when the school is starting & finishing, i.e. for 15 - 20 mins either side of the start & finish times? At other times it reverts to the 30 mph zone, as there is no need for Charfield pupil to leave the school site during the day. - The sign could be switchable, if in ad hoc circumstances pupil move out of the school grounds during the school days, i.e. to board a swimming bus 	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p><u>Support No 5</u> Although I support the scheme, traffic is often at a standstill during morning times because of school visitors using the pedestrian controlled traffic lights. Manor Lane is severely congested at school entering and leaving times. Will there be a benefit</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p><u>Support No 6</u> Consider parking restrictions at the junction of Wotton Road and Manor Lane, where folk who should know better park at school drop off and pick up times.</p>	<p>Comments requesting additional parking restrictions have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Support No 7</u> It is an increasingly busy road and will get more so, with the new developments in the village. Although there is a pedestrian crossing, with children getting in and out of cars in the vicinity, it makes sense to slow the traffic down further. However this must be restricted to school times only, and not enforced during the long holidays.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments</p>

<p><u>Support No 8</u> How will the speed limit be enforced? This should make conditions safer for children/parents using the school, however, thought should also be given to extending the range covered by this temporary speed limit. For parents and children walking on the footpath beside the Wotton Road passing traffic is a hazard over much greater lengths than that covered by this proposal. Can consideration also be given to preventing parents parking in front of the two properties 23 and 25 Wotton Road, next to the school. I regularly see mothers pull in to the hatched area and children getting out of vehicles on the live traffic side. This is a very bad accident waiting to happen.</p>	<p>The part time advisory 20mph won't be enforced as it is only advisory. A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub. A zebra crossing point is being proposed for a location north of the bus stop. Comments with regards to parking enforcement have been passed to the Councils Parking Services Team.</p>
<p><u>Support No 9</u> Makes sense, should also look at on road parking around the school, as side roads get very busy, which children walking out between cars</p>	<p>Comments requesting additional parking restrictions have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Support No 10</u> Having recently moved to Wotton Road, the speed of traffic along the road has become of an increasing concern. Any opportunity to reduce speed along the road would be warmly welcomed, especially outside the School and church.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p><u>Support No 11</u> Will the part time speed limit of 20mph be restricted to school days only? Will the restriction be enforced to school days only?</p>	<p>The Council is not proposing to change the times of the wigs wags currently in place. The new wig wag to be installed on Manor Lane will operate at the same times. The speed limit will not be enforced as it is advisory.</p>
<p><u>Support No 12</u> Speed bumps on manor lane would also help improve safety in this area.</p>	<p>Traffic Calming measures are beyond the remit of this scheme, but comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Support No 13</u> As a mum who regularly walks my daughter to Charfield school it has always been a worry about the safety of the children walking along this road, the paths are too narrow for children to walk alongside their parents when there are 2 lines of pedestrian traffic going in opposite directions. Ultimately someone ends up stepping off of the path to get by. I am very pleased to see South Gloucestershire is taking the safety of our children seriously.</p>	<p>Widening the pavement is beyond the remit of the scheme but comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>

<p><u>Support No 14</u> Whilst I support the scheme, the area covered by the advisory 20mph zone is insufficient. Children cross the road all through the village and the 20mph zone should commence with the wig-wag sign on the entrance to Charfield village as you approach from the Wotton-under-Edge side. The current proposal is flawed as it only addresses half of the current problem. I would favour a 24 hour 20mph restriction throughout the entire village as traffic speeds are dangerous for such a populated area and it is not uncommon for vehicles to pass through the village outside of peak times at speeds of 50mph and above, in spite of the 30mph limits.</p>	<p>A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub. A zebra crossing point is being proposed for a location north of the bus stop. An advisory speed limit is proposed because the mean speeds are above 24mph on Wotton Road. Guidance states that a road should have a mean speed below 24mph for a formal 20mph speed limit to be implemented without traffic calming measures. The implementation of traffic calming measures is beyond the remit of this scheme.</p>
<p><u>Support No 15</u> I think the best way to slow people down outside the school is have a permanent speed camera.</p>	<p>The Police currently carry out occasional mobile speed enforcement from a site which covers the school entrance. All active speed cameras in South Gloucestershire are owned and maintained by the Police, so the installation of a fixed camera would be a matter for them.</p>
<p><u>Support No 16</u> What times would it be in force?</p>	<p>The Council is not proposing to change the times of the wigs wags currently in place and the new wig wag to be installed on Manor Lane will be n at the same times. The speed limit will not be enforced as it is advisory.</p>
<p><u>Support No 17</u> Many Primary school children cross the B4058 Wotton road just before the railway bridge from the northern village housing estate, and also children using the KLB bus service cross at the end of New Street. I propose that it would be better to locate one of the "Wig-Wag" signs before the New Street turn to help protect the pupils on the entire journey to school at no extra cost.</p>	<p>A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub. A zebra crossing point is being proposed for a location north of the bus stop.</p>
<p><u>Support No 18</u> I have noticed a lot of cars doing increased speeds which is so dangerous, especially at school dropping off and picking up times. A reduction in speed would be great! Additional signs and maybe some rumble type strips would all help people realise there is a school here. We don't live in Charfield but my daughter currently attends this school, my son will also be attending in a couple of years.</p>	<p>Traffic Calming measures are beyond the remit of this scheme, but comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>

<p><u>Support No 19</u> I am in support of the proposed new 20mph advisory limit however the only time that traffic currently travels at 30mph is when a speed enforcement camera is in situation. All other times including during school hours the volume of traffic somewhat dictates the speed of the traffic. I would prefer to see additional steps put in place as well as the new 20mph advisory limit to encourage drivers to maintain the posted speed limit.</p>	<p>Any additional measures are beyond the remit of this scheme but the concerns have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Support No 20</u> I agree with the proposed 20mph speed limit as I walk my two children to school every morning and the speed of the vehicles using Wotton Road can exceed the 30mph speed limit at present.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p><u>Support No 21</u> I fully support this idea. This is a school situated on a deceptively busy road at the bottom of a steep incline. Frequently vehicles, including HGV vehicles pass the school site above the speed limit. There have been a number of accidents and close calls due to speed. The most recent RTC avoided a pupil sustaining severe injury or loss of life by seconds. It would be even more effective if a part-time COMPULSORY speed limit could be installed</p>	<p>An advisory speed limit is proposed because the mean speeds are above 24mph on Wotton Road. Guidance states that a road should have a mean speed below 24mph for a formal 20mph speed limit to be implemented without traffic calming measures. The implementation of traffic calming measures is beyond the remit of this scheme.</p>
<p><u>Support No 22</u> There are no clear warning signs of a school and so this is a major step forward although I would like to see permanent speed cameras calculating the average speed for the entire 30mph zone as cars travel this road much faster than the 30mph limit at all times of the day.</p>	<p>The Police currently carry out occasional mobile speed enforcement from a site which covers the school entrance. All active speed cameras in South Gloucestershire are owned and maintained by the Police, so the installation of a fixed camera would be a matter for them.</p>
<p><u>Support No 23</u> A sensible suggestion</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p><u>Support No 24</u> Brilliant, I would welcome any traffic calming method around the school. My only criticism/suggestion would be that the area covered by the limit was extended, or a speed camera installed, further along Wotton Road heading towards Wotton. Cars exceed the speed limit regularly along this stretch, and it is particularly hazardous for parents and children trying to cross the road from Longs View (pedestrianised area next to the Longs View Park/petrol station. The road is also very busy and you can find yourself waiting a long time for either a space to cross or in some cases when cars actually stop (these are usually parents who recognise you)</p>	<p>Traffic Calming measures are beyond the remit of this scheme, but comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration. A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub. A zebra crossing point is being proposed for a location north of the bus stop.</p>

<p><u>Support No 25</u> Very good idea. I walk to school daily along the road and speed is a big problem.</p>	Thank you for your comments.
<p><u>Support No 26</u> This is especially important because so many lorries and vans jump the lights at the Pelican crossing outside Charfield Primary School - I hope there will be speed cameras to catch offenders not complying with the speed restrictions at all times! It is amazing that we have not had a terrible accident here already.</p>	The Police currently carry out occasional mobile speed enforcement from a site which covers the school entrance. All active speed cameras in South Gloucestershire are owned and maintained by the Police, so the installation of a fixed camera would be a matter for them.
<p><u>Support No 27</u> Support the proposal but would appreciate (a) more clarification on days / times the part time speed limit would be in force and (b) Who ultimately has authority & responsibility to switch the part time signals on / off?</p>	The Council is not proposing to change the times of the wigs wags currently in place and the new wig wag to be installed on Manor Lane would operate at the same times.
<p><u>Support No 28</u> This proposed part time speed limit should be extended to start at The Plough and finish at The Pear Tree, there is danger for children (I don't have any so have no axe to grind) all along the road between those points. Will these works also include repairing the awful and dangerous road surface down the hill and all through the village???</p>	A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub. A zebra crossing point is being proposed for a location north of the bus stop. Repairing the road surface is beyond the remit of this scheme but the comments have been passed to the Councils Streetcare Team.
<p><u>Support No 29</u> About time too, many other local villages have this and I have always wondered why we don't have one as it is a very busy road and many drivers don't seem concerned that there's a school there.</p>	Thank you for your comments.
<p><u>Support No 30</u> A crossing by the garage would also be helpful and slow drivers</p>	A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub. A zebra crossing point is being proposed for a location north of the bus stop.
<p><u>Support No 31</u> I am a member of staff at the school and have, in the past, been involved with the development of a travel plan for pupils. The road passing the school is used by commuter traffic and heavy lorries, often travelling at speeds exceeding the current 30mph limit (especially coming downhill towards the school). Advisory 20mph signs may cause some drivers to take more care. There have already been accidents on this road. Children are at risk. Steps must be taken to slow traffic down.</p>	Thank you for your comments.

<p><u>Support No 32</u> A full time 20 mph limit is needed in Manor Lane. It is not safe to drive at 30 mph here. There are hazards throughout its length at all times.</p>	<p>An advisory speed limit is proposed because the mean speeds are above 24mph; the guidance levels say that a road should have mean speeds below 24mph for a formal 20mph speed limit. For a formal 20mph speed limit to be introduced on this road it would mean implementing traffic calming measures which is beyond the remit of the scheme at present.</p>
<p><u>Support No 33</u> Vehicles travel past the school at a fast speed and the road is heavily used. There have been a number of accidents along the road.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p><u>Support No 34</u> More work needs to be done to make sure parents dropping off children do not park on corners of roads on Manor Lane. Reducing the speed limit there will have little impact, but double yellow lines on the corners will allow more visibility to cars pulling out onto Manor Lane from Durham Road and Underhill Road.</p>	<p>Comments requesting additional parking restrictions have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Support No 35</u> I tend not to walk my son to school as part of the route on the Wotton road the pathways are too narrow and big heavy vehicles speeding along makes me feel uncomfortable. Too many extra cars from the new build at Renishaw who seem to think they can race to work.</p>	<p>Widening the pavement is beyond the remit of the scheme but the comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Support No 36</u> This is a long awaited necessity for Charfield. Wotton Road is a busy road with many road users not sticking to the 30mph limit, there have been several near misses with large vehicle and farm vehicles near the school crossing. I am surprised there have not been more accidents involving children during school drop off and pick up times.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p><u>Support No 37</u> Anything to slow down the traffic while walking the kids to school can only be a good thing. It would be good if the proposal went further down towards the railway tavern as traffic comes over the railway bridge very quickly making crossing the road into long view quite dangerous.</p>	<p>A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub because this is the site of a proposed zebra crossing funded by the new development.</p>

<p><u>Support No 38</u> The part time speed limit proposed is only as good as the commitment of the police and other agencies to enforce. If the plan is to enforce the speed limit as currently undertaken on roads for example Charfield to Iron Action - forget it, leave well alone. If the commitment is to monitor the speed of vehicles every school day you have my support. We have the technology to enforce changes but we fail to use them, come into the 21st century and use what is at your disposal or leave alone. As a separate note to the Road agencies - when are you going to finish what you started at junction 14 of the M5? At present the only time the lights are turned off are the very time you identified the need for your professional intervention!! As A road user I am fed up with your half measures.</p>	<p>The part time advisory 20mph won't be enforced as it is only advisory. Any comments regarding junction 14 of the M5 would need to be directed to Highways England.</p>
<p><u>Support No 39</u> Excellent idea, the main road through Charfield is extremely dangerous for children walking to school, this would make it much safer for the children.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p><u>Support No 40</u> The scheme could be extended back towards Wotton further to include the crossing from Farm Lees, the garage and bus stop as many children have to walk along Wotton road from those areas as there is no other way to cross the railway line from the houses in that area.</p>	<p>A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub because this is the site of a proposed zebra crossing funded by the new development.</p>
<p><u>Support No 41</u> I think that the scheme should be extended to the whole of Wotton Road, rather than just in the vicinity of the School. It is a very busy road with lots of articulated Lorry's that are very close to the children who walk the whole length of Wotton road to get to school. Drivers already tend to be more careful in the vicinity you propose but speed up through the rest of the village where children still walk to get to school.</p>	<p>A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub because this is a proposed zebra crossing point for the new development.</p>
<p><u>Support No 42</u> There are too many people who travel over the current speed limit through Charfield, and having seen over the years, people who haven't stopped at the crossing in time when the lights changed, I think it is essential to do something.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>

<p><u>Support No 43</u></p> <p>I support the proposal, but consider that the 20 mph zone be extended further down the B4058 towards Wotton so that it includes the place where children cross over the B4058 (Wotton road) from the Longs View / Farm Lees estate and also the area by the petrol station where children (both primary and secondary) cross Wotton Road from New Street.</p> <p>I also think that the 20 mph zone should be all the time not just part time. This will make it safer for children to cross the road to use village facilities out of school hours such as the park and memorial hall. A proper crossing should be put in place at the point where the footpath from Longs View meets Wotton Road.</p>	<p>A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub because this is the site of a proposed zebra crossing funded by the new development.</p> <p>An advisory speed limit is proposed because the mean speeds are above 24mph on Wotton Road. Guidance states that a road should have a mean speed below 24mph for a formal 20mph speed limit to be implemented without traffic calming measures.</p> <p>The implementation of traffic calming measures is beyond the remit of this scheme.</p> <p>Implementing a new crossing is beyond the remit of this scheme but comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Support No 44</u></p> <p>I think it is a very good idea. I have concerns about the proposed growth of the village, and the consequent need to create pathways or cycle ways linking Charfield with Wotton, Wickwar, Kingswood and Yate.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p><u>Support No 45</u></p> <p>The temporary sign at the Wotton end of the scheme should be moved to adjacent to the New street junction to encompass the dangerous crossing from the Farm Lees estate before the railway bridge.</p>	<p>A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub. A zebra crossing point is being proposed for a location north of the bus stop.</p>
<p><u>Support No 46</u></p> <p>I would like to see the speed limit reduced to 20 mph on Wotton road within Charfield full time. With traffic calming measures and enforcement.</p> <p>We live near Wotton road in Charfield and see people regularly exceeding the 30mph speed limit, including motor bike travelling at 40-60mph.</p> <p>I would also point out that the pavements are narrow and only on one side.</p> <p>At school leaving time children are very close to the road and often pushed onto the road by congestion on the pavement.</p> <p>Fully supportive of this plan, just don't think it goes far enough, it should at the very least be more than advisory.</p>	<p>An advisory speed limit is proposed because the mean speeds are above 24mph on Wotton Road. Guidance states that a road should have a mean speed below 24mph for a formal 20mph speed limit to be implemented without traffic calming measures.</p> <p>The implementation of traffic calming measures is beyond the remit of this scheme.</p> <p>The Police currently carry out occasional mobile speed enforcement from a site which covers the school entrance.</p> <p>Widening the pavement is beyond the remit of the scheme but the comments have been passes to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>

<p><u>Support No 47</u> As a resident of Manor Lane, I have experience of the situation. Whilst I have no objection to the proposed limit I believe it will have no effect for the following reasons. The traffic speed in Manor lane is below 20 mph at school times due to the amount of parked cars. The light controlled crossing is well used and in itself slows traffic Further the main dangers are not addressed, these are; Getting in/out of cars at the main road end of Manor Lane is dangerous as it is reduced to a single lane by the parking, and yes people do unload children and push chairs into the road instead of onto the pavement! The parking itself causes problems as traffic turning off the main road can be faced by a road blocked by cars parked very close to the corner together with oncoming traffic and then blocks the junction. I consider double yellow lines should be considered to stop the parking close to the junction. It should also be noted that the junction itself has a major risk in that oncoming south bound traffic that is outside the vicarage and adjacent houses is hidden by the curvature of the road from anybody waiting to turn out of Manor Lane</p>	<p>Comments requesting additional parking restrictions have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Support No 48</u> A very good idea, cars and lorry's drive far too fast past the school at present.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p><u>Support No49</u> I would support 20mph within estate also.</p>	<p>Extending the speed limit to the entire estate is beyond the remit of the scheme at present but comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Support No 50</u> It is unlikely to slow traffic to 20 mph, but if it makes them stick to 30 mph it will be helpful. In particular, the one at the western end of Wotton Road will be useful as traffic tends to exceed the speed limit coming down the hill. Some plan to enforce the speed limit would also be useful!</p>	<p>The Police currently carry out occasional mobile speed enforcement from a site which covers the school entrance.</p>
<p><u>Support No 51</u> I support this because during the school pick up and drop off times the road is very busy and dangerous cars are often exceeding the 30mph limit, with only a narrow path for the children to walk down it is a potential for an accident. This situation is only going to worsen with the new housing developments being completed and this 20mph limit will keep the children and families walking to school safer.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. Widening the pavement is beyond the remit of the scheme but the comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>

<p><u>Support No 52</u> I feel the 20 speed limit should start from Charfield garage due to the speed of cars over the railway bridge when children are trying to cross the main road. In addition the pavement by the memorial hall is very narrow making it uncomfortable to walk with smaller children</p>	<p>A new wig wag and sign cannot be placed further up Wotton Road near the garage/pub. A zebra crossing point is being proposed for a location north of the bus stop. Widening the pavement is beyond the remit of the scheme but the comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Support No 53</u> The sign on Manor Lane needs to be sited about 50 metres south of the spot proposed, i.e. well before the junction with Underhill Rd. At school times cars are parked on the east side of Manor Lane in a continuous line from Wotton Rd up to the junction with Underhill Rd (many of them illegally) and this limits progress of traffic to well below 20 mph anyway. The sign therefore needs to be sited BEFORE the hazard presented by the parked cars.</p>	<p>In order to relocate the proposed sign to a new location the Council would have to re-consult. We won't re-consult due to 1 response out of 84 responses received. The signs are to inform drivers that they are approaching a school and advise them to drive at 20mph; they are not used to warn that there may be a parking hazard ahead.</p>
<p><u>Support No 54</u> The 20mph limit should be joined with no parking on the Manor Lane/Wotton road junction during these times. Poor and illegal parking on this and Durham road junctions (and pavements) only exacerbates the situation, and creates problems for cars joining/exiting the Wotton Road by the school, and pedestrians struggling to cross. Adequate parking is allocated at the Memorial Hall, and should be reinforced by temporary markings at the danger spot.</p>	<p>Implementing additional parking restrictions is beyond the remit of the scheme. Comments requesting additional parking restrictions have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Support No 55</u> no parking within 1000 meters of the school</p>	<p>Implementing additional parking restrictions is beyond the remit of the scheme. Comments requesting additional parking restrictions have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>

<u>Comments Against</u>	
<p><u>Against No 1</u> While I welcome any measures to improve safety in the village, given the abject failure to enforce the current 30 mph limit and the fact that certain classes of motorists (Bus/Coach drivers, Freight Drivers; Farm Workers) clearly drive with a level of impunity that is not shared by all, I can see this as no more than a token political gesture which will yield little return.</p>	Thank you for your comments.
<p><u>Against No 2</u> I don't think the 20mph limit is the correct course of action as the traffic slows down for the traffic lights anyway, if you are looking at the safety of pupils and parents you should erect more railings on the pavement opposite the school. You should also stop drivers parking near the bend next to Durham Road as this atrocious parking could cause even more accidents.</p>	Implementing parking restrictions and/or new railings are beyond the remit of the scheme but the comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.
<p><u>Against No 3</u> Total waste of money. There are only 2 types of vehicles that break the speed limit at this time of day. Parents in cars rushing to park illegally before taken their kids to school And the buses the drive though the village at break neck speeds. The money that would be wasted on this scheme could be used better in other council areas.</p>	Thank you for your comments.
<p><u>Against No 4</u> There is already a light controlled pedestrian crossing - do not need both. Additional cost - already too many speed limits on the adjacent roads. If we are to have a part time limit why not make the whole of the village 20 mph.</p>	An advisory speed limit is proposed because the mean speeds are above 24mph on Wotton Road; the guidance levels say that a road should have mean speeds below 24mph for a formal 20mph speed limit. For a formal 20mph speed limit to be introduced on this road it would mean implementing traffic calming measures which is beyond the remit of the scheme at present.
<p><u>Against No 5</u> I do support the scheme but not as the plans are laid out. I think the lights on the main road are a good idea. I don't believe it is necessary to put them in Manor Lane, not only from a cost point of view but it is overkill in the village, an intrusion into the village and there are so many cars parked along that road at school pick up and drop off times you would be lucky if you managed to go 10mph. For your information I do have a child at Charfield Primary School. It is the main road that is the problem as it is so long and straight and vehicles frequently go over 30mph through the village.</p>	Thank you for your comments.

<p><u>Against No 6</u> This will reduce traffic flow and speed on an already busy and unavailable main road. The limit should go up to 40 mph and 50 for the rest of the village. There is already a pelican crossing. It is a further of the excess work in the vicinity that have made driving less safe, e.g. road narrowing. The signs would be left on all day as in neighbouring villages generating more road rage. It is unnecessary. These are generally stupid ideas, which lead to an increased chance of accidents as the flashing signs lead to unnecessary emergency braking.</p>	<p>The World Health Organisation's Pedestrian Safety: a road safety manual for decision makers and practitioners summarises published research on the science of road safety for those on foot. It uses case studies from around the globe. A distinguished peer review group has carefully studied the evidence. The report says "One of the most effective ways to improve pedestrian safety is to reduce the speed of vehicles" and in particular, reducing speed limits. Specifically listed as a proven intervention is to "Implement area-wide lower speed limit programmes, for example, 30 km/h" (20mph) The introduction of 20 mph speed limits is an effective way of reducing the number and severity of collisions on the road. They can also encourage walking and cycling for short trips within a local area. It is a Council ambition to introduce a 20 mph provision outside all appropriate schools in South Gloucestershire. Speeding is a factor in many accidents, so reducing speeds on our roads has been the major aim of our projects. Reducing speeds means that residents, pedestrians and cyclists can live and travel more safely. Over half of all accidents in which people are injured happen on urban roads with a maximum speed limit of 30mph. It should be considered that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hit at 40mph, one pedestrian in five is killed • hit at 30mph, one pedestrian in every 10 is killed • hit at 20mph, only one pedestrian in 40 is killed.
<p><u>Against No 7</u> It's a bottle neck already, getting out of manor lane would be near impossible afterwards. It's already a slow busy road and this would worsen matters.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p><u>Against No 8</u> Installation of the signs would be a waste of money, better spent on provision of no parking signage in this area where parents drop off their children, that is what makes it dangerous. Traffic is already moving slowly in this area at school times because of the pelican crossing installing more signs would be a waste of money. Bearing in mind the nanny state we live in I fully expect to see the public money being wasted and the signage installed.</p>	<p>Implementing parking restrictions is beyond the remit of the scheme but the comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>

<p><u>Against No 9</u> Traffic light crossing and barriers already in place. This is a main through road to Wotton and will cause traffic congestion and would create road traffic accidents. Install extra barriers adjacent to school. Warning signs indicating school but leave 30 mph. I understand the national reason for reducing speed limits around schools but with the type of traffic using this road I believe that barrier protection adjacent to the school on the Wotton road will give better protection to pupils and parents. The road surface on the main Wotton road is very poor due to the many lorries that use this route which can cause car drivers extra effort in controlling their vehicles. Resurfacing, warning signs, additional barriers will provide a safe option.</p>	<p>Implementing new barriers are beyond the remit of the scheme but the comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration. The speed limit will still remain 30mph but with an advisory 20mph speed limit during school opening and closing times. Resurfacing is beyond the remit of this scheme but comments have been passed to the Councils Streetcare Team.</p>
<p><u>Against No 10</u> As there is no parking outside the school most pedestrians cross the road activating the crossing. This slows the traffic to 0mph at that point! Unnecessary cost for an area which doesn't have fast traffic as it is the middle of 30MPH zone. If traffic is at 30MPH already then making it 20MPH won't make any difference. A speed camera would be more effective!</p>	<p>The Police currently carry out occasional mobile speed enforcement from a site which covers the school entrance. All active speed cameras in South Gloucestershire are owned and maintained by the Police, so the installation of a fixed camera would be a matter for them.</p>
<p><u>Against No 11</u> Because due to dangerous parking of parents on manor lane, on the corner, on the zig zags line markings and the corner of Durham road traffic is actually unable to travel at higher speeds. Due to this parking, you actually cannot see any cars turning in until it is too late or pedestrians stepping foot in between vehicles to cross the roads. You would be better to put double yellows in the surrounding parts of the school. In my experience they are never adhered to unless enforced by the police. I feel that implementing double yellows on from the enters nice of manor lane (where current zig zags are) around the corners of Durham road and around the corner of Underhill road will deter parking dangerously and will make these roads at school times safer for pedestrians, children and drivers alike</p>	<p>Comments requesting additional parking restrictions have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Against No 12</u> I believe 30mph is low enough as we have got a pedestrian crossing opposite the school. I think it would be a waste of money. How much will this cost? Once again I believe this would be a waste of money that could be spent more wisely.</p>	<p>The estimated cost of the scheme is £5600.</p>

<p><u>Against No 13</u> Please don't waste our money on more signs that will be a waste. It would be better to put pedestrian guard rail around the junction to stop people and children crossing the road and made to use the lights. We also need parking restrictions around the junction into Manor Lane and Durham Road. I have lived here for thirty odd years and sent six children to the school over the years but it has got worse over the last few years. Most of the problem is not speed but the parking of cars by parents dropping off their children for playschool and primary school a lot of the parents both morning and afternoon get there well before time stand around smoke, and talk. This makes it difficult to get out of three junctions because of reduced visibility at some stage there is going to be a serious accident.</p>	<p>Implementing additional parking restrictions and a new railing is beyond the remit of the scheme but the comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>
<p><u>Against No 14</u> B4058 Wotton Road has adequate pavement width and a pelican crossing adjacent, in my experience traffic respect the school area during heavy pedestrian movements as traffic backs up. An "advisory sign" will be largely ignored, it is another distraction for motorists. Moreover, it's is a complete waste of money by South Gloucestershire Council. As business and personal South Gloucestershire rate payer, it offends me that you waste time & money on signs, that can't be / won't be, enforced.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p><u>Against No 15</u> 30 mph is adequate. The pedestrian crossing creates a safe haven and a 20 mph would create a bottle neck and hard braking from people descending Charfield hill. Children would be better served if the dangerous parking at the Durham Road/Manor Lane junction during start/finish times was controlled. If you are so concerned about safety perhaps you could install Street lights that actually light up more than 10 feet around them.</p>	<p>Implementing additional parking restrictions and new street lighting is beyond the remit of the scheme but the comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>

<u>Other comments</u>	
<p><u>Comment No 1</u> The impact on traffic, and wider road safety in Charfield, will depend on the timing of the signs and their influence on the (substantial) morning and afternoon traffic. These timings are not given in the consultation. There is a risk that drivers' frustration with the speed limit is transferred to the junction at the Railway Tavern, which is already much more dangerous (and needs Council action). It is unnecessary and a distraction money and official time from considering the far more dangerous junctions of New Street and Station Road with Wotton Road (at the Railway Tavern). The impact on traffic can probably be managed by the (excellent) pedestrian crossing at the school and achieves the desired result with less impact on traffic. Please don't waste effort on it when there are real issues to address!</p>	<p>The Council are not proposing to change the timings of the existing wigwags; The new wigwag that is proposed on Manor Lane will be the same as the existing ones.</p>
<p><u>Comment No 2</u> The traffic is slowed down by the crossing lights, a reduced speed limit for this area will make little to no difference. If it is to be enforced it needs to extend further towards the garage, as a mum walking to school with children the worst part is the pinch point just past the village hall towards the school. I have very nearly been knocked by lorry wing mirrors, they approach too fast (and what appears to be more than 30mph). It is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt along here. I agree that Charfield needs something along this road to calm the traffic especially at school time. However I think that a couple of mini roundabouts would be more helpful e.g. At Little Bristol Road and Station Road, not only will they help the traffic to flow but they will force people to slow down, having another one just past the school will work at that end too. I have seen this done in other villages with a main road and it works really well.</p>	<p>Installing a mini roundabout is beyond the remit of the scheme but the comments have been passed to the Councils Assess and Decide Team for their consideration.</p>