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We represent residents living on, or with access to, the top half of Widcombe Hill. We fully support the Council's policy of introducing 20mph speed limits in residential areas. We, therefore, strongly challenge the decision to exclude the top half of Widcombe Hill from the Consultation process on 20mph limits.

Our reasons are as follows:-

1. The proposed 20mph Zone 14 includes the lower part of Widcombe Hill but not the top half. Existing traffic calming measures in the lower part already restrict speed there. It is higher up the Hill, where there is no traffic calming, where speed is even more of a problem and a danger to residents.
2. Over many years there have been regular, serious accidents on this top part of the Hill, caused by speeding traffic. This has been particularly the case at the Macaulay Buildings bend on Widcombe Hill.
3. There are young children living in the Macaulay Buildings houses on the Hill and in Clarence Terrace, which is also on the Hill.
4. Drivers and passengers exiting cars in residents' parking bays outside Macaulay Buildings and Clarence Terrace are especially vulnerable to speeding passing traffic. Residents' cars parked in these bays regularly suffer minor damage from traffic passing at too high a speed.
5. Vehicular accesses from the Macaulay Buildings cul-de-sac, from Prospect Road and from all the houses on the Hill have difficult sight-lines and are dangerous when traffic is speeding up or down the Hill.
6. The top half of Widcombe Hill is steep and narrow and speeding traffic is a danger to the large number of Bath Skyline walkers and to walkers and cyclists going to and from the University of Bath.

We are, therefore petitioning you to include the top half of Widcombe Hill in the forthcoming Consultation process for the introduction of 20mph speed limits.

Our Petition has 71 signatures, representing 87.5% of the homes on, or with access to, the top half of Widcombe Hill.

I, or one of my two colleagues here, will welcome any questions you may have.