

## Appendix C:- Summary of Formal Objections and Officer Responses

Ref	Objection	Number of Objectors	Officer response
1	Understands the purpose of 20mph speed limits, but surprised that Bloomfield Rd is still included within proposals, as the gradient of the road makes it unrealistic to maintain a speed of 20mph. Road should be retained at 30mph.	2	The ruling Liberal Democratic Party made it their policy to introduce 20mph speed limits on roads in residential areas of Bath and North East Somerset. The Council have already undertaken traffic speed surveys in advance of implementation and will be undertaking further surveys following a year's period of bedding-in. Results will be analysed to understand whether an acceptable reduction has been achieved, which may determine whether further engineering measures are required.
	Travelling at 20mph will mean additional fuel usage/ pollution and noise.	2	It is expected that in time drivers will understand the reason for the 20mph speed limit and adapt their behaviour to be more considerate to other road users and residents. Traffic travelling at a slower speed will tend to move/flow more smoothly, than when at a higher speed which results in stopping and starting. It is unlikely that more people will be fined or penalised as other methods such as education, publicity, soft traffic management measures, Council and community support will be considered in the first instance.
2	New signage will add to the street clutter.	1	The signing installed will be the minimum number needed to meet the legal requirements. Terminal signs will be placed at speed limit boundaries and smaller repeater signs will be placed along the 20mph route to serve as a reminder to drivers of the maximum speed.
	20mph zones/ limits should be contrained to use outside particular risk areas, such as schools/ hospitals and nursing homes.	1	It is expected that in time drivers will understand the reason for the 20mph speed limit and adapt their behaviour to be more considerate to other road users and residents.
	20mph speed limits will be ignored, as Police will be unable to enforce due to spending cuts.	1	The Police have welcomed the concept of a 20 mph speed limit in built-up areas. They are working alongside the Council to raise awareness of the new limits and encouraging drivers to adhere to them. The 20mph speed limit will be treated in the same way any other speed limit in the Avon & Somerset Police area in that enforcement will not be routine but will be intelligence led and where is a case of clear and excessive offending, accompanied by an aggravating factor.
	Too much money to spend on providing signs and road markings in order to implement the scheme.	1	Money has been specifically allocated to this scheme. It would not be available for other works. A large number of the BaNES population would benefit from this money, Whereas, if it was targeted at specific sites fewer people would benefit.
3	Englishcombe Lane should be retained at 30mph as it has straight wide sections.	1	The ruling Liberal Democratic Party made it their policy to introduce 20mph speed limits on roads in residential areas of Bath and North East Somerset. The Council have already undertaken traffic speed surveys in advance of implementation and will be undertaking further surveys following a year's period of bedding-in. Results will be analysed to understand whether an acceptable reduction has been achieved, which may determine whether further engineering measures are required.