

Appendix C:- Summary of Formal Objections and Officer Responses

Ref	Objection	Number of Objectors	Officer response
1	First Avenue/ Second Avenue/ Third Avenue and Fourth Avenue (comprising Westfield Industrial Estate) are not considered residential roads. They are not used by pedestrian children or for access to homes or schools.	1	Having considered the roads in question, it would seem appropriate that they are omitted from the schedule, as they are industrial estate roads and therefore do not fit the criteria set out for imposing a 20mph speed limit.
	30mph speed limit should be retained.	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. 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.
2	No consultation advertisement in local papers and informally consulted plan was rejected by residents.	1	Adverts were placed in the Western Daily Press, as part of the Statutory Consultation process.
	Not permitted to provide 20mph speed limits on A-roads.	1	In general, only appropriate residential streets have been chosen to have a 20mph limit. Main roads are generally excluded, but where an A-roads passes through a built-up area with slower speeds it may also be included.
	Lower speed limit will increase pollution in the area.	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.
3	Agree with 20mph speed limit through Radstock and Westfield, but believe that main roads that criss-cross the area will cause serious congestion and frustration.	1	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.
	Residents feel that Charlton Park should have been included within the list of roads on the schedule.	1	Having considered the roads in question (including Boundary Close and Grange End), it would seem appropriate that they are included within the final schedule and sealed as part of the 20mph speed limit order.
4	When the proposal was first put for public consultation, the majority vote was that it was not a suitable proposition for Norton-Radstock. If there was insufficient support then, where is the mandate to continue now?	1	Although analysis figures were very similar to that of Midsomer Norton, the level of objection has been less and the scheme welcomed by others.
	How will funds be found to implement the scheme?	2	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.
	Drivers will speed whether the speed limit is 20 or 30mph and if the lower limit is not enforced what is the benefit?	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.
	What plans are there for enforcement?	2	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.
	Reduction in the speed limit will result in a slower journey.	1	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.
5	20mph speeds are an opportunity to generate income for the Council.	1	The speed limits will be enforced by Avon and Somerset Police. 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.
	Travelling at lower speed is likely to cause driver frustration due to the hilly nature of the area.	1	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.
6	Existing 30mph speed limit is considered sufficiently safe for roads in the area.	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.
	Sections where there specific risk e.g. schools should be 20mph, rather than a blanket limit. A blanket limit will cause more bad driving and stressful conditions for the motorist.	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.