

APPENDIX 7

**A31 Romsey Road, Cadnam & Copythorne  
A336 Southampton Road, Cadnam & Bartley Speed Limit**

<u>Objector</u>	<u>Objection</u>	<u>Officer Comments</u>
<p>Hampshire Constabulary</p>	<p><b>A31 Romsey Road, Cadnam &amp; Copythorne Proposed 30mph speed limit</b></p> <p>The location does meet the Department for Transport (DfT) guidelines in respect of frontal development and frequency of access.</p> <p>The plan supplied [ by HCC ] records 7 day 12 hour mean speeds of 40 miles per hour for northbound [traffic] and 38 miles per hour southbound.</p> <p><i>DfT Circular 01/2006: 'Setting Local speed Limits' when referring to rural areas 'The aim should be to align the local speed limit so that the original mean speed driven on the road is at or below the new posted speed limit for that road'</i></p> <p>The data, based on these guidelines, suggests the current 40mph speed limit is appropriate for this location as the mean speeds are too high for the proposed 30mph limit.</p> <p><i>DfT Circular 01/2006 : 'If a speed limit is set in isolation, or is unrealistically low, it is likely to be ineffective and lead to disrespect for the speed limit. As well as requiring significant and avoidable, enforcement costs, this may also result in substantial numbers of drivers continuing to travel at unacceptable speeds, thus increasing the risk of collisions and injuries'</i></p> <p>It is probable that the introduction of a lower speed limit in isolation will not achieve a significant reduction in the overall mean speed. It is our view that additional measures are required to reduce speeds thereby creating a safer environment for all road users and residents. Without those additional measures compliance with the 30mph speed limit will be dependant on enforcement of the speed limit at a level which the Constabulary could not sustain.</p>	<p>Confirmed</p> <p>Proposal meets the frontal development guidelines set for village 30 speed limits by the DfT.</p> <p>Proposal being progressed as part of the recommendations from the A &amp; B road speed limit proposals.</p> <p>Further measures should be considered, in discussion with the Police, that would help to influence traffic speeds for inclusion in a future programme.</p>

	<p>Consequently, Hampshire Constabulary is unable to support the 30mph speed limit proposal in its current form.</p> <p><b>A31 Copythorne – Proposed reduction of existing 50mph speed limit [to 40mph]</b></p> <p>The data supplied by Hampshire County Council (HCC) records northbound and southbound mean speeds of 45 mph. This does not meet the DfT guidelines on mean speeds and Hampshire Constabulary will not support this proposal.</p> <p><b>A336 Southampton Road, Cadnam Proposed 30mph speed limit</b></p> <p>HCC speed data records east and westbound mean speeds of 35 miles per hour. This data is lower than speed indicator device speed data supplied by New Forest District Council from May 2007 and August 2008. May 2007 data recorded a mean speed of 42 mph and August 2008 mean of 41mph.</p> <p>It is our view that additional measures are required to reduce traffic speeds thereby creating a safer environment for all road users and residents. Without those additional measures it is likely the introduction of a lower speed limit will not result in a significant reduction in overall mean speeds and there remains a potential increased risk of collisions and injuries.</p> <p>Hampshire Constabulary will not support this proposal.</p> <p><b>A336 Bartley Proposed 50 mph speed limit</b></p> <p>Hampshire Constabulary supports this proposal.</p>	<p>As paragraphs above</p> <p>Data provided by NFDC is based on median speeds and not mean speeds as stated by the Police. It is therefore not the correct data for assessing speed limits.</p> <p>Further measures should be considered, in discussion with the Police, that would help to influence traffic speeds for inclusion in a future programme.</p>
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