

Summary of Objections

The East Sussex (Various Roads, Jarvis Brook) (30mph and 40mph Speed Limit) Order

Objection	Officers Response	Recommendation
<p><u>Objector 1:</u> The proposed change to the speed limit on the B2100 was discussed at the Environment Committee meeting last night. Members were concerned that the proposal is for a 40mph speed limit, and considered that the limit should be a continuation of the existing 30mph speed restriction.</p> <p>If a phased limit is required due to the speed of the traffic travelling down the hill from Rotherfield then it is requested that the existing 30mph speed limit is extended to incorporate the entrance to Sybron Way.</p>	<p><u>Response:</u> The predominant factors that we have to consider when we are determining a speed limit is the level of frontage development and the average speed of drivers using the road. National guidance on setting local speed limits recommends that we align the speed limit so that the average speed driven is at, or just below the posted speed limit.</p> <p>The speed survey results recorded the average speed of traffic to be 38mph eastbound and 40mph westbound. The results of the speed survey clearly show that a 40mph speed limit is the most appropriate for the character and appearance of the road.</p> <p>The guidance on setting local speed limits clearly indicates that speed limits should not be extended to solve an isolated hazard like a road junction.</p> <p>The existing 30mph speed limit starts just before the railway bridge and the more built up part of the road. This approach helps drivers understand the reason for the 30mph speed limit. If we extend the 30mph speed limit along the part of the road where the buildings are set well back from the road we will dilute the 30mph speed limit on the more built up part of Crowborough Hill. The existing 30mph terminal signs at the start of the more developed part of the road would also have to be removed diluting the 30mph on Crowborough Hill further.</p> <p>As there is system of street lights along this part of the B2100 we would not be allowed to provide 30mph repeater signs at regular intervals along the road to help remind drivers of the speed limit leading to a very poorly communicated and therefore unlikely to be complied with 30mph speed limit.</p>	<p>To implement the speed limit Order as advertised.</p>