

Date	Summary of Objections
31 May 2023	<p>I am writing to raise an objection to the above proposal relating to the speed limit on the A264 between Hammerwood and Holtye, and specifically the proposal to retain the 50mph speed limit on the section just east of Cansiron Lane to a point just east of The White House (formerly the White Horse pub). I feel the council should consider reducing the speed limit for the whole of the identified section, or alternatively introduce some other means of speed control for the reasons set out below. I also feel that residents have not been properly informed of these changes. Locally there is only one notice posted on Holtye Golf course. Nothing has been received in the post or by email.</p> <p>As a resident turning out onto the road from the south side of the A264 is very dangerous as the bend in the road and slight incline to the east of the White House does not allow enough visibility to see vehicles coming until they are level with the White House itself, a distance of around 100-metres round the bend and less from Holtye Golf Club. As a rule, vehicles do not slow down when coming around the bend endangering anyone turning off the road or turning out onto it. Therefore, when vehicles are coming at speeds of 50mph (or more), we are either turning out right in front of a vehicles coming at speed or crossing its path.</p> <p>Golfers and walkers accessing the footpaths across Holtye Golf Course are constantly crossing the road from the golf club house and car park, also putting themselves in danger from the speed of oncoming traffic, due to the lack of visibility to the east from the south side of the road. There have been incidents of pedestrians being hit at this point in the past.</p> <p>We have lived here for 28-years. One of the things we have had to put up with in that time, even though we live half a mile from the A264, is the noise of groups of motorcyclists who take great pleasure at driving at speeds above the 50mph speed limit along this straight section of road. The A264 is advertised on special websites. Given the lack of visibility to the east, as mentioned above, this is yet another danger. Moreover, coming off the bend to the west of Cansiron Lane at 40mph with a straight section ahead, coupled with an increase in speed limit to 50mph will only encourage drivers to accelerate suddenly and unnecessarily.</p> <p>Already drivers coming from the direction of East Grinstead often accelerate and overtake dangerously at this point, particularly if they have been following a slow vehicle through the bends. Indeed, this is very much a worry for residents such as myself who are slowing down to turn right into our properties on the south side of the road. Drivers in a queue cannot always see the right indicator of the car in front. In addition, for those turning right toward East Grinstead from Rogerstown, or the road from Cowden on the north side of the A264 (opposite the end of Cansiron Lane), there would be barely any time for westbound traffic to have slowed down.</p> <p>In view of the above, I would like to see the speed limit reduced to 40mph for the whole section of road identified, together with more warning signs. Alternatively, perhaps a speed camera would be more effective.</p> <p>However, none of the proposal will be worthwhile unless the road is properly and regularly policed, which it is not now.</p>

2 June 2023	<p>We would strongly support a reduction of the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph on this section of the A264.</p> <p>We live directly on the road and regularly witness near misses of collisions of both pedestrians and vehicles. There are regularly the screech of emergency stops as vehicles travelling from Tunbridge Wells at the junction of the road to Cowden, as drivers face a rise in the road and a bend in the road before the junction, leaving little safe stopping time at 50mph if a vehicle is stationary waiting to turn right ahead.</p> <p>Crossing the lane of foot with vehicles coming from Tunbridge Wells is very dangerous. When I take my grand-children out for a walk and need to cross the road we take the precaution of a lookout on the bend towards Tunbridge Wells to ensure a safe crossing. There is no safe crossing where there is better visibility as there is no paving on either side at this point and a steep step up onto the grass.</p> <p>We sadly witnessed a fatal collision of a van and pedestrian golfer. The van was not exceeding the speed limit as it was travelling at 50mph. It is a constant thought of ours that if the speed limit was 40mph this man may have survived.</p> <p>Speeding vehicles is a major problem for this stretch of the A264, but that is a Police matter I know.</p>
5 June 2023	<p>We believe it is inadequate to end the restriction at the Holtye Memorial when the fatality and frequent rear end collisions and near misses have occurred at the other end of the common at the Cowden junction where the road visibility is so poor travelling from Tunbridge Wells.</p>