

# APPENDIX B

**Keith Sampson**

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**From:** Keith Sampson  
**Sent:** 07 December 2016 11:00  
**To:** Keith Sampson  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed 50mph on B1062 (Old Bungay to Beccles road)

Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to comment on the above proposed change to the 60mph speed limit which is presently in place. I went to Bungay library but there was no map to view there, but I assume the proposed road affected is the entirety of the road from the outskirts of Beccles to the outskirts of Bungay.

I disagree with these proposals because

- the road is at present 60mph. This is perfectly comfortable throughout the length of the road as a maximum speed, obviously one would slow down as and when required for side roads, corners etc. This speed limit therefore allows one to travel comfortably at around say 55mph. Introducing a lower limit means that the MOST anyone should be travelling at would be 50mph so if you like to travel a little under the speed limit, to make sure you are not speeding, then you will thus be travelling at around say 47mph so there will be more drivers driving at only 47mph. The road does indeed suffer (as most roads do) from impatient drivers- but lowering the speed limit would to my mind mean that there will thus be MORE frustrated drivers on that road rather than less if a lot of drivers are then travelling at 47mph which I think would result in more overtaking along the road, which would thus make it MORE dangerous not less. At present if someone is travelling at say 55 mph, then an impatient driver behind them knows at least they are travelling at 55 mph and also that there is little point in trying to overtake, as the opportunities to overtake when the person in front is driving at 55mph are less along that road.

- to a degree, it doesnt matter what limit you put on this or any road, if it is never policed, then people can drive as fast as they like. I have never seen anyone doing speed checks on this road.

- my argument with low speed limits is also that if I am overly concerned in ensuring that I am driving below 50mph then in fact I might be paying less attention to the road. At present i drive that road at about 55mph, which I would have thought was a common and comfortable speed for most people in this area on Suffolk roads, and am not having to look at the speedometer all the time to ensure that I am below 50mph. I would argue that I am actually safer travelling at 55mph along that road, which is an acceptable (i.e. I'm getting to my destination at a reasonable speed) and comfortable (safe for the road) speed. Driving at 50mph I would be getting frustrated at having to drive at say 47mph and would be constantly looking at the speedometer, because I would want to drive as close to 50mph as possible without going over, because otherwise I am taking too long to get to my destination, which would all in effect make me a less observant driver.

- whilst it is was very sad that the man was killed on the road last year, and whilst I do not know the cause of the accident (it always seems to be reported in the press when there is an accident, but rarely what caused it- perhaps causes should be reported more in the interests of safety?), from the pictures I have seen it was on a stretch of road which is completely safe to overtake on, as long as the driver makes a good judgement of the distance and speed of any other vehicles- I have often overtaken other vehicles there perfectly safely. Drivers have to make these judgements every day, and accidents sometimes occur. The only way to stop this is to ban overtaking! On that particular day, I believe i am correct in saying, there was black ice on the road(it was early on a January morning) which must have surely contributed to the tragedy. My point is, why should a 50mph be slapped on a road, just because on one occasion someone made an error of judgement on an icy day? Again, though i may be speaking without all the facts, I would think that even if both of these vehicles had been travelling at 50mph, that the accident would probably have still happened.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Bungay ( I have been driving along this road as a driver for 32 years and as a passenger for about 20 years before that and still drive the road at least 3 times a week)

