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John Richardson, Golf Lane

16 January 2017

I have lived off the B1122 for the past 26 years (since 1990), mainly in the North Warren Estate and for the past 7 years in Golf Lane. I was raised in Leiston and have been using this road for at least 50 years before that and am well familiar with the dangers and problems presented by this undulating road.

There have been remarkably few accidents over the years and those of a serious nature usually generated by OVERTAKING (admittedly at speed) rather than by SPEED itself. Overtaking problems have been exacerbated by the introduction of double white lines, especially in the one straight piece of road in front of the access to North Warren - particularly for those exiting to proceed northwards, when we experienced a number of 'near misses'.

In respect of the proposals:

It is logical to extend the 30 mph limit from Linden Road to Golf Lane. That will remove one of the five speed changes existing between the Aldeburgh roundabout and Post Office Square in Leiston - in just four miles!.

The cost of introducing a 40 mph limit northwards from Golf Lane will undoubtedly be significant. Can this cost be justified when there is absolutely no way in which it can be enforced? I suggest it cannot.

Restricting the whole distance between Aldeburgh and Leiston the FRUSTRATION FACTOR when following vehicles travelling at 30 mph or less, will be greatly increased - it is already a major factor of speedy/inconsiderate driving. It is extremely difficult to overtake a vehicle travelling at 30 mph without exceeding 40 mph on the two or three possible safe areas to do so on this road. FRUSTRATION, and the dangers emanating therefrom, will inevitably increase.

Dan Millis, Mariners Way

2 February 2017

I am writing to you in reference to the B1122 Leiston Road, Aldeburgh 40 MPH speed limit and revocation order 201.

I would like to express my objection to this Order 201.

I object to this because as far as I am aware there hasn't been excessive accidents or incidents on the stretch of mentioned road due to excessive speed.

Therefore why change the speed limit?

Sheila Fleming, Leiston Road

2 February 2017

I object to the proposed changes to speed limits on Leiston Road, Aldeburgh.

I have lived on this road (IP15 5QD) for the past thirty two years and in all of this time I know of no accidents that have been speed related. I consider this to be a very safe stretch of road as opposed to the Saxmundham road between the golf course and Blackheath corner where there have been numerous speed related accidents. I therefore propose this should be the road that has speed restrictions put in place. I also feel restrictions on the Leiston road would increase traffic on the already unsafe Thorpeness Road.

Richard Wood, Leiston Rd

2 February 2017

I want to register my strongest possible objection to this ludicrous suggestion. I am 49 and have lived in Aldeburgh all my life. Where is the evidence backing this up ? There is NOT a problem on this road. It is just an excuse to make money by fines or worse pandering to busy body interfering do gooders who just complain about everything. COMMON SENSE MUST PREVAIL AND END THIS NONSICAL IDEA !!!

Patrick Denny, High Street

2 February 2017

This notice for the above changes to the two speed limits has just come to my attention.

As always , it is the primary care of Transport authorities to ensure the road signs for any particular area, ensure safety for the road users and pedestrians/residents alike. So it is important that if there are any significant injuries or Road Traffic Accidents (RTA's), the necessary Transport authority think about changing the road signage or road conditions to ensure safety is respected, this has to be evidence based and no other criteria applied.

Firstly, I am unaware that there has been excessive speeding on the section of road where you wish to reduce the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph, secondly I am unaware there being any RTA's due to speeding or otherwise, therefore I am bound to draw the conclusion that any changes are unnecessary and changes would be a waste of money.

The proposal to extend the 40 mph speed limit from Aldeburgh to Aldringham is also unnecessary. The road has speed limiting undulations, that the sensible driver would amend their speed to suit the conditions. I am unaware there have been any accidents along that road that the causation has been speeding, therefore again, I feel any changes would be a waste of money and these valuable resources be spent on more deserving road issues.

The spending of public money has to be sanctioned by good evidence received, and in these two issues, I don't believe that to be the case.

Richard Smith, Aldeburgh

2 February 2017

I have just read with great interest proposals to extend the 30 and 40 mph speed limits on the B1122 Leiston Road. I have been an Aldeburgh resident for many years and cannot remember either a major incident on this road or indeed a number of small accidents. Therefore I find it hard to understand why these changes are being proposed as it seems they will course inconvenience with no safely gains to be made. So please register my opposition to these proposals.

Jason Burns, Aldeburgh

2 February 2017

I have to say I wholeheartedly object to this speed limit being put in place , there is absolutely know need for it ! There is already double white lines in place to protect other road uses . To me it's topical way of trying to please the non local residents who should of never moved here in the first place if they have know road sense ,and also a way of you trying to make money again . So take this email as an objection to the reduced speed limits and start using common sense what you all seem to lack quite some what !

Simon & Sally Watts, Aldeburgh

2 February 2017

Please take this email as an objection against the proposed change in speed limit from the national speed limit to 40 mph.

As a resident of Aldeburgh I use this road several times daily to get to work and also for social purposes. I am not aware of any road traffic accidents as a result of excessive speed on this road having lived in the area since 1995.

I feel that the speed limit should remain the same and a change is completely unnecessary.

Please have a meeting with the locals to discuss this further and obtain a measure of public feeling prior to implementation.

Roy Cousins, The Brambles

2 February 2017

Subject: **B1122 – 40 mph Speed Limit proposal – Order 201.**

I refer to the above proposal and wish to register my objection to this based on the grounds stated below.

I have used this particular road for over 50 years and daily as a motor user for 37 years without incident.

The proposal, which is being promoted by Councillor Richard Smith, is based on a report which confirms that, in the five year period it was based on, there were only two collisions within the area the new speed limits are being proposed, the severity of which were categorised as 'slight'. One of these collisions was as a result of a cyclist wearing dark clothing and having no lights. Neither of these incidents can be confirmed as being as a result of vehicles exceeding the speed limit (at most one could have been caused by travelling too fast for the conditions). The report actually states that this is not a particularly high collision rate for this type of road.

There were no collisions reported in the 30 mph area during this period.

Therefore, the reduction in the speed limit cannot be justified on the grounds of safety, especially taking into account the effect this would also have on the emergency services which have to observe these limits. Have these services been consulted? There is nothing I can find in the public domain to suggest they have. A change, such as proposed, has the potential to cause more accidents due to the frustration of travelling at such speed on a straight road.

The original request for a reduction came from residents of the area concerned (the 'vociferous minority' as recorded in the Aldeburgh Town Council Minutes) all whom would have moved to their properties knowing this was a derestricted road. Since their arrival cars have become much safer with reduced braking distances. It does not appear that road users based in Aldeburgh (and indeed Leiston) who use this road on a daily basis for work purposes have been adequately consulted prior to the proposal being put forward.

The cost of these proposals will be significant (although the costs involved have not been released to assist a proper consultation) especially after Councillor Richard Smith has

warned that 'The pips are really starting to squeak' – presumably this is now not the case. Even if this money has already been allocated for this project it should be redirected to address more pressing public service requirements.

Please do not try to fix something which is not broken and, therefore, I urge you to dismiss this proposal.

Karl Barber & James Cable, Leiston Road

3 February 2017

RE: B1122 SPEED REDUCTION PROPOSALS

I note with interest Suffolk County Council's proposals to reduce the current speed limits along the B1122 Leiston Road and feel I must object to this for the following reasons:

I understand that this matter has been being discussed for a number of years and that the decision taken by the County Council on two previous occasions has been not to support the request made by some residents along this stretch of road.

Given that there is little evidence of accidents along this road; (two minor collisions in the five-year period where collision data has been taken) it is interesting to understand what has changed to necessitate this proposal? There is no additional building development, no record of speed related accidents and the speed survey data (recorded in February 2016) doesn't record excessive mileage and as a consequence, reckless driving.

As a lifelong resident of Aldeburgh, a business owner and a committed volunteer of one of the vital Emergency Services, I believe this reduction will lead to greater incidents caused by the frustration of other road users compounded by the introduction some years ago, of double white lines along a straight, albeit undulating road. It will also extend the response time of volunteers attending potentially critical situations.

This proposal, if supported, is also unenforceable. Police restructuring means that there are rarely any personnel in the town and there is no suitable location along this road where police can use a vehicle or hand-held speed gun to capture motorists exceeding the limit.

In these times of austerity, where public services are being pared to the bone, how can this unnecessary expenditure be justified? It has been difficult to obtain any actual costs in relation to this matter, but it appears that the County Council is about to be wasteful with public funds to satisfy the minority (who have bought their properties well aware of the fact that they are adjacent to a de-restricted road.) I am disappointed that Councillor Smith has chosen to promote this scheme, particularly as he is the cabinet member for Finance at SCC.

In summary, vehicles are safer than ever before, there is no evidence of speeding or that of a significant safety risk along this road, no ability to take enforcement action and precious little funds to fritter away on this proposal, I recommend that this speed reduction from a de-restricted road to a 40mph zone is once again refused by Suffolk County Council. Resources may be better utilised exploring the safety risks associated with the A1094, particularly Blackheath Corner, where accidents and indeed fatalities have occurred, sadly all too frequently.

Guy Fleming, Aldeburgh

6 February 2016

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed 40 MPH limit proposed for the B1122 from Aldeburgh to Aldringham as per the proposed order above.

I am a full time Aldeburgh resident & my family uses the road frequently.

I have extensive experience of using this road as I used to live at Danelagh, with my parents, on the edge of the North Warren bird reserve for approximately 10 years.

In all the years living there and since we have not witnessed any speed related traffic accidents.

My company is based in Saxmundham Road, Aldeburgh & a great deal of the companies work is at the Sizewell power station's.

This causes me to use the road multiple times daily.

Although the speed reduction will in theory only add a short time to the journey time cars already barely travel at 40mph anyway.

A speed limit reduced to 40 mph would probably slow the flow of traffic down to 30mph & really delay the journey time to & from Leiston.

Some of my journeys are at non-peak times when traffic is really light. (6.30am & pm)

A permanent 40mph limit would increase my travel time even at quiet travel flow times.

I do not feel that the reduction in speed limit is needed or indeed would add any safety to the use of the road.

I can certainly be sure that speed camera van use on the route would be increased following the rSpeed camera use should only be used on known accident blackspot, which there are none on this stretch of road.

Please note my objection & raise this with the final decision committee, should this still be possible.

Paul Stanley, Aldeburgh

6 February 2016

I am writing to express my objection to the reduction of the legal speed limit from 60 mph to 40 mph along the road from Aldeburgh to Aldringham. I am a daily user of the road both by car and occasionally bicycle and have never had any safety concerns with this road. The double white lines clearly show that overtaking is not allowed and therefore is the only restriction required. I find the safety concerns raised by residents must be through perception rather than fact, yes there has been accidents but there have been worse accidents on the Aldeburgh to Snape road and you are not reducing that speed limit.

Thomas Koszykowski, Saxmundham Road

6 February 2016

As an Aldeburgh resident (saxmundham road) and a daily commuter to leiston I strongly disagree with the proposed speed limit change to 40mph.

Having never heard of a accident relating to speed nor it being a built up area I cannot see why this would even be an idea. From my experiences the most dangerous drivers on that road are the ones going too slowly not too fast!

Decreasing the speed limit will only cause more over taking, increasing mine and everyone else's chances of an accident.

James Wood, Aldeburgh

6 February 2016

I do not agree with measures to reduce the speed limit between Aldeburgh and Aldringham due tot the fact it is a straight road, yes I understand it isn't the flattest but I think you should look at reducing the speed limit on others roads before you start reducing the speed on our one. Start by reducing the roads into Saxmundham that is a accident waiting to happen.

Victoria Cozens

7 February 2017

I write to express my dismay at the recent public notice proposing a reduction to the speed limit on the B1122 between Aldeburgh and Aldringham.

I took part in the last Aldeburgh Town Plan Survey, which was sent to all householders. Only 41.2% of the vote supported a lowering of the speed limit on the Leiston Road from 60mph to 40 mph. That means 58.8% did not. How is it now democratic to propose to implement this reduction?

May I ask if there has been another survey? I recently found out there is a sort of pressure group active, of which the community in general may perhaps be unaware. With this in mind and considering the other traffic problems that present in Aldeburgh, one questions why SCDC is pushing forward this particular proposal.

The passage of the local buses along the Leiston Road close the the roundabout, the parking at the lower end of Church Farm Road, the parking in and around the High Street, the road to Thorpeness from Aldeburgh, to bring to mind a few, are surely more deserving of the councils' attention and the allocation of money for traffic concerns.

I suggest that in these times of austerity, it is the duty of the council and its individual councillors, to highlight and financially address the subjects that have more impact on more people within a particular area of concern, which in this case is 'traffic'

As far as I am aware there have been no fatal or serious accidents connected with undue speed along this stretch of road for many years, indeed the junction, within a 30mph speed limit, at The Parrot and Punchbowl at Aldringham seems more hazardous.

As a driver with over 40 years experience, I do not consider this piece of road to present any particular hazards that are not common on any other road in Britain.

I would appreciate an explanation to justify why this proposal has become the main pressing traffic concern in the Aldeburgh area.

Please register my objection from the National Speed limit of 60mph to 40mph.

Thanking you for your attention.

Caron Hill, Aldeburgh

7 February 2017

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed reduction of speed limit on the B1122 Leiston Road.

I would appreciate a list of the particular safety points on which this application rests. I question speed being an issue, as I believe speed between 40 and 60mph has not contributed to any of the small amounts of accidents along this stretch of road. If SCDC wish to consider this area, I suggest it would spend money more wisely by approaching the surface water, flooding issues and road surface first.

I am appalled that considering we are supposed to be a democratic society, this appears to be not democratic. Why bother to go to the expense of a Town Plan survey if the majority vote is ignored, with further expense incurred in the process of implementing an undemocratic procedure.

Considering the long standing traffic issues in Aldeburgh, which have been discussed ad nauseum in the local council and to SCDC, one wonders where priorities lie?

I would appreciate feedback on my comments and reiterate my opposition to this proposed speed reduction.

Tanya Stedman, Aldeburgh

7 February 2017

There have been no accidents or incidents that require the speed limit to be reduced to 30mph!

I was a town councillor for six years in Aldeburgh until last year. I am aware that residents wanted police to check for speeding cars but after several speed checks there were no speeding vehicles to stop!

It is not a built up area and it is not a very busy road.

Further reductions are unnecessary and therefore costs to put the new signage in place cannot be supported.

Please look at the statistics which do not support this action.

Charles Walker, Springfield Road

7 February 2017

I would like to register my objection to the planned speed limit restriction to 40 mph on Leiston Road Aldeburgh.

1. The current speed restrictions that are in force are regularly flouted by many people , including the residents of Leiston Road, Aldeburgh. The Police neither have the manpower or the inclination to enforce traffic regulations and to put more regulation will only serve to bring the law into disrepute. There are those drivers who drive within the regulations and those who have a total disregard for any regulations. This measure will do nothing for road safety in this area.
2. There have been several incidents on this road in the past of which none were fatal. I believe if these were analysed it would show that most were due to drivers proceeding without due care and attention.
3. In these times of fiscal prudence, it is folly to waste my taxes on a measure that serves little use and acts to quieten a vociferous minority. Many of the residents could improve the visibility of their access/egress by removing overgrown hedges and other visual obstacles. The fund earmarked for this project would be better spent on installing a roundabout on the A12 at Friday Street, where there have been fatalities, and other road improvements. I feel that somewhere the priorities for road safety have become muddled.

Linda Hall, Aldeburgh

7 February 2017

As a frequent user of this road, I cannot imagine why a 40mph speed limit is required on this stretch.

As the roads are not policed in this or any other area it will not be adhered to anyway. I think it will make it more dangerous because it will make drivers impatient.

I safely travel this route each day along with hundreds of other road users, using our own intelligence to read the road and its conditions.

A 40 mph is a waste of time and tax payers money to implement.

Thank you in advance for putting this on file

Rosalind Cable, Aldeburgh

7 February 2017

Re the proposed reduction of the speed limit on the B1122 Aldeburgh to Leiston Road.

In my opinion it would be fruitless to reduce the speed limit along the said road, surely it would encourage drivers to overtake more often and as this road undulates for most of the way it would most certainly be the cause of more accidents. Would it not be more worthwhile to consider restrictions on roads that have caused multiple accidents/fatalities.

Stephen Osborne, Aldeburgh

8 February 2017

I feel I must object to the speed reduction proposal on the B1122 Aldeburgh to Leiston road, I understand this has been an on going concern with I'm guessing the residents along said highway.

This does not appear on paper to be a dangerous road, having already had the double white lines applied so that overtaking is forbidden on most of the road I don't understand what has changed to necessitate the speed reduction, I given that that has been only a couple of minor collisions in as many years as I can remember, the road although undulates considerably is practically dead straight with good visibility.

I am a committed volunteer of one of the emergency services and feel that to reduce the speed limit unnecessarily could hinder and extend any reaction times in an emergency and potentially critical situation.

I work as a mechanic and feel that the safety of the cars on the road today are vastly improved on years gone by and that there are definitely worse roads out there that could and should be addressed first.

Simon Hall, Linden Close

6 February 2017

I wish to object to the proposed reduction in speed limit to 40mph on the Aldeburgh to Aldringham road. I can't imagine a valid reason for doing this.

Thank you in advance for putting this on file.

Gareth Baskett, Aldeburgh

6 February 2017

I have just heard about the proposed speed reduction on the above road and would like to oppose this reduction.

I believe there is sufficient visibility in both directions for vehicles joining from side roads and driveways to do so safely.

David Cook, Linden Close

8 February 2017

I have recently learned that there is a proposal to introduce a speed limit along the B1122. I would like to strongly object to this proposal on the following grounds:

1. Speed limits should be introduced in accident black spots. There have been very few accidents along this road. There are other roads in the area that have suffered more accidents.
2. This proposal is being pushed through for personal benefit of a few people living along this road.
3. The speed limit will not be enforced and so a lot of money will be spent for no reason.

If the council would like to spend some money to improve road safety in the Aldeburgh area, please enforce the yellow lines in the High Street. As you are aware these are totally ignored with cars parking wherever they want leading to very dangerous driving conditions.