

Summary of Consultation Responses and Comments

SHORNE 20 MPH SCHEME CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Q1. Do you agree with Shorne Parish Council’s proposal to establish a 20 mph zone through the centre of Shorne Village, to include all the roads leading from The Street and Forge Lane?				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
38	3			2
Comments / Reason(s) for your response (optional):				
<p>Yes, I fully agree with all your proposals to carry out this Scheme for Shorne’s roads. I live in Forge Lane Shorne, so have daily experience of fast traffic exceeding the speed limits putting small school children, the elderly and horses at considerable risk. I will be 89 this month and have to be very careful in crossing all of the local roads. Groups of cyclists approach silently while speeding down Forge Lane. I have not heard a warning bell or horn yet. Will they keep to a speed limit?</p>				
<p>YES PLEASE! As a long-suffering resident of The Street, a number of us residents have been asking for traffic speed mitigation measures for some time. A lower speed limit would help, although I agree that the ‘speed-freaks’ will continue to ignore anything. Along with our neighbour, we’ve had our front garden wall demolished/damaged twice now and many parked cars in The Street have been damaged. Pedestrians are at significant risk of injury – or worse! With the adjacent primary school, Drs surgery, sheltered accommodation for the elderly, shops and Village Hall, this should have been instigated years ago.</p>				
<p>Traffic calming is required through the whole of the village centre.</p>				
<p>Firstly, thank you for pursuing this initiative. My comments are: the number of cars travelling through the village and those parked on the roads have increased over the years making it harder to navigate through. Slowing everyone down, I believe is a very good idea. It is not unusual for a village of our size having a 20 mph limit. I would be in favour of having this adopted. Good luck, I do hope that there is an agreement to make this happen.</p>				
<p>The road through the centre of Shorne is a high risk area with regards to traffic flow. It includes a Village Hall that has insufficient parking when there is an event taking place, a row of shops again with insufficient parking when they are open, The Rose and Crown with a car park immediately after a 90 degree bend, a primary school which becomes very congested at school pick-up and drop-off times and many accesses to the residences many of which have blind entrances due to walls and buildings. There is a lot of parking down this road because the residents do not all have any off-street parking. Many drivers do pass through the village at lower speeds, probably because they respect the risks posed; however, there are a reasonable proportion of drivers who, not only drive too fast for the prevailing conditions but also exceed the current 30mph speed limit by a very large margin. We live along this road and see the many near misses.</p>				
<p>The corner at the Tanyard Hill end and going past the Rose & Crown can be quite dangerous as one cannot see what might be approaching as the fact that the corner is at a 90° angle it is impossible to gauge how one negotiates that sharp turn especially when a bus is coming. Also there are no footpaths on the right side for pedestrians and further on the brow of the hill makes it hard to see what is coming up Forge Lane especially as lots of cars are travelling too fast and people park on the brow of the hill making it more dangerous. I believe this double yellow lines should be allowed there.</p>				

Evidence about reductions of road accidents seems to report a reduction to 20 mph, but reduction of pollution is less clear – this depends on driving style, with lots of acceleration / deceleration increasing harmful emissions. Why have you not included this sort of info? How many accidents have there been in last year for example? What are pollution levels in Shorne, eg particulate matter? The Parish Council have not actually said why they are recommending it. How can we give a valid opinion if they are not supplying us with the information to make an informed decision? While you're considering this, perhaps you can do something about the parents who sit in their stationary cars with the engines running whilst waiting to collect their children from the school, thereby increasing pollution in the village.

Should include increased double yellow lines against problem parking.

Present Limit is adequate.

Speed should be reduced and small mammal signs erected.

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There is no school warning sign coming up from the bottom of Forge Lane, traffic constantly driving too fast.

Safer for children, dog walkers, older people pushchairs, horses, etc, since minimal pavements on The Street.

The two corners (1) at the bottom of Tanyard Hill, (2) the turning at the bottom of Butchers Hill are taken too fast by some cars causing them to cut corners - endangering pedestrians and oncoming traffic.

Control of vehicles in centre of Shorne Village where movement can be restricted by parked vehicles particularly on bends and poor footpaths (e.g. by Rose & Crown/Old Vicarage bend).

Horizontal & vertical sight distances are short in many places. I would increase the proposed area. Most of The Ridgeway is OK but 20 mph from the A226 to the top of the hill plus a bit seems logical. North: where 30 mph is shown start 20 mph (vehicles parked around 'blind' bends. West: 20 mph to start at scout hut. South: Woodlands Lane 20 mph at bend and narrowing. Tanyard Hill "brow" to protect junction with Woodlands Lane 20 mph.

I would like this to be extended if at all possible to other parts of the village.

I have had my front wall demolished by a speeding motorist flying round the corner forcing a lorry taking evasive action to get out of the way! Being in a 'Conservation Area' my insurance will not cover me a second time.

Lack of footpaths in some places and traffic increases greatly at school term times. Through traffic has also increased.

I feel that the 20 mph zone should start at the beginning of Forge Lane from the A226 as this part of the road becomes very dangerous with speeding traffic.

Speeding cars are a real danger to residents especially at the bottom of Tanyard Hill.

Traffic comes through too fast on a regular basis. Yes and yellow lines or resident parking permits are needed to stop bad parking.

This will increase the safety of pedestrians & motorists alike.

My reason is that anything that slows traffic throughout the whole village has to be an advantage.

Please add my name to agreeing with the proposal for 20 mph speed area within boundaries of Shorne centre roads - as mentioned on your 'web link. This will be excellent in centre of village, hopefully reducing speed flow and make village a safer place to walk and live. I look forward to hearing this 20 mph restriction is successful.

Q2. Do you agree with Shorne Parish Council's proposed location of the southern limit of the 20 mph zone, south of Court Lodge, so that the 20 mph zone includes Court Lodge, Swillers Lane, and the adjoining roads?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
32	5	1	3	1

Comments / Reason(s) for your response (optional):

This should reduce the approaching speed of cars before The Rose and Crown and the 90 degree corner into The Street. The adjoining feeder roads can only benefit too, as this area is also frequented by school children, in addition to resident families and the elderly.

We strongly agree with this proposal as a minimum option. We believe that the proposed zone should be extended slightly to approximately the junction of Woodlands Lane to include cottages that open straight onto Tanyard Hill with no footpath. This was, in the past, the scene of a major road traffic accident involving a child.

This will capture all the higher risk point to the southern limit of the zone including the alternative Primary School entrance in Swillers Lane and The Rose and Crown.

That area is compacted by roads, roads leading down Swillers Lane and roads leading to Warren View and Hollands Close. It would be crazy not to have at least 20 mph speed limits there.

Insufficient information supplied.

We live in Hollands Close and I was nearly killed by a car/van speeding from Warren Farm last summer.

These limits are the minimum required to make the zone effective.

To slow traffic prior to bend with limited visibility. To give better road crossing at end of Swillers Lane to pedestrians.

Needs to protect Woodlands Lane junction, 20 mph to start at 'brow' of Tanyard Hill.

Would be illogical not to.

I believe the zone should commence further south on Tanyard Hill after or at the junction with Racefield Close. This would slow traffic travelling down the hill which is, at times restricted in width by parked cars and give protection to pedestrians having to walk on the road where there is no pavement. Similarly, the zone should include Woodlands Lane.

Extend 20 mph to at least Denmark House. Always cars parked at this section of road making visibility driving north difficult.

A lot of children walk along Swillers Lane to get to school.

I feel the 20 mph zone should be extended to top of Tanyard Hill and Woodlands Lane as many of us walk these roads with no footpaths.

School parking and speeding cars are an issue in Swillers Lane and Warren View.

Swillers Lane is by a school that should have safety as priority for children.

This will increase the safety of pedestrians & motorists alike.

I believe it would be even better if it could start at Chestnut Corner.

Would be nice to include Tanyard Hill whole length in this proposal.

Should go up Tanyard Hill.

20 mph area should START at TOP of Tanyard Hill down into centre of village. Tanyard Hill has no pavement on part of hill where woodland boundary is - is extremely dangerous to walk up and down - part of the hill does not even have driveways to jump into when speeding vehicles come along.

Q3. Do you agree with Shorne Parish Council's proposed location of the northern limit of the 20 mph zone, north of Malthouse Lane, so that the 20 mph zone includes Malthouse Lane, Cob Drive, and the adjoining roads?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
31	5	1	3	1

Comments / Reason(s) for your response (optional):

As this will include the bend just before/after Cob Drive – always a potential accident hot-spot. Horse riders from Smith's Farm stables will also benefit, as drivers will hopefully be slowing as they approach the speed restriction signs.

We strongly agree with this proposal as a minimum option. We believe that the proposed zone should be extended slightly to approximately the bend in Forge Lane just north of St Katherine's Cottages.

The northern limit should be extended to include both Malthouse Lane which is a blind junction and also the entrance to the horse riding school.

When one drives down Forge Lane one has to negotiate the bend in that area because Malthouse Lane which joins Forge Lane have at that point and even though there is a mirror across the road to help drivers to exit safely, drivers coming down Forge Lane often are driving too fast. When the school children are being dropped off or picked up it is difficult to get through that area if you want to drive down to the bottom of Forge Lane. Personally if I want to go into Gravesend I always wait until the school children have been safely delivered in the mornings and safely picked up in the afternoon.

Insufficient information supplied. How about addressing parking problems in the village? I think this is much more of a problem.

Difficult to get out of Malthouse Lane at times. The bend in the road there is virtually a blind spot. Cars coming up from Forge Lane too fast and the camber of the bend takes them over the white line.

Safer for school approach particularly.

These limits are the minimum required to make the zone effective.

Limited visibility particularly at school times and poor driving etiquette entering village from north by drivers.

Cars now park by Smiths Farm. Better 20 mph to start where the 30mph sign shown on map.

Would be illogical not to.

Extend 20 mph to A226, always vehicles parked outside Smiths Farm and blind corner leading to narrowing of Forge Lane before it opens up again.

Should possibly be extended to include the tight bend in Forge Lane.

Needs to be extended to A226 as there is a dangerous corner.

Cob Drive has children daily going to school trying to cross roads with school traffic is unsafe. Getting off driveways in Cob Drive is hard enough because of narrow road and people parking opposite drives this includes residents! Cob Drive and Forge Lane could do with fines for people parked on pavements even weekends!

Perhaps it should continue down to Gravesend Road to include the narrow bend just past entrance to horse field.

This will increase the safety of pedestrians & motorists alike.

I personally feel the 20 mph boundary should be BEFORE Smiths farm meadow and stables entrance.

Q4. Do you agree that Crown Lane leading to the Doctors' Surgery should be included in the 20 mph zone?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
36	4	1		1

Comments / Reason(s) for your response (optional):

Hopefully, this will stop drivers bearing left from The Street by the old Post Office, to pass Hayes Terrace sheltered accommodation at dangerous speeds – as they often do now! It should also slow traffic approaching the blind bend into Mill Hill.

This is a very dangerous section of road which includes Hayes Terrace, houses opening directly onto the road occupied by elderly people and with no footpath.

This road is a dead end at the Doctors Surgery and includes a junction into Mill Hill Lane. It is unlikely that anybody driving at more than 20 mph on this section of road is driving to the prevailing conditions.

Absolutely as the various roads converge in that area. I've often seen drivers having to back up to let another car through and sometimes drivers can be very frustrated especially when another car is behind their car.

Insufficient information supplied.

Blind junction on corner.

The larger the zone the more effective.

Busy access & high pedestrians footfall.

Again 20 mph down/up Mill Hill.

Would be illogical not to.

Busy junction and blind corner into Mill Hill Lane.

Small lane with elderly and vulnerable people accessing the doctors.

This will increase the safety of pedestrians & motorists alike.

I think it's hard to do more than 20 mph as there are often loads of cars parked there.

Q5. Do you agree with Shorne Parish Council's proposal that the speed limit in Mill Hill Lane should be reduced to 30 mph to provide a buffer between the national speed limit in Shorne Ifield Road and the 20 mph zone in Crown Lane?

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
32	7	2		1

Comments / Reason(s) for your response (optional):

This is most welcome, as cars consider this section of the narrow lane as a rat-run – accelerating in both directions towards the blind bends by the Mill House at the top and the doctors' surgery at the bottom. Mill Hill is regularly used by village families walking to the new children's play area at the top. Cars using this lane are often quite large, so pedestrians have to shelter in drive-ways, to avoid being hit.

We strongly agree with the proposal as a minimum option. We believe that the proposed zone should be extended slightly to include Mill Hill Lane up to its junction with Butchers Hill. The whole of this section has 'blind' driveways, and the children's play area opening onto it directly with no footpaths.

This road, which is narrow, includes entrances to the Scout Hut, the Recreation field and an entrance to the Scammels. It is, therefore, also a high risk area.

Mill Hill Lane is another danger zone as this road is steep and also narrow. Many drivers come down that road well above the 30mph limit, never mind a 20 mph limit and there is no pavement at all either side.

Insufficient information supplied. Why are you not making this 20 mph - have you ever tried being a pedestrian on Mill Hill Lane between Butchers Hill and Crown Lane?

Or even a 20 mph, lots of use by walkers and children.

Mill Hill might as well have a 30 mph limit as it is difficult to exceed that anyway.

Slowing traffic down before village approach seems sensible. Also play area and scout hut are here plus back entrance to country park so as per question 1 (lack of pavements).

Slows traffic before the proposed new zone - speed humps would be the answer! And maybe width restrictions to stop the lorries which are following their sat nav!

Narrow lane with no footpath & high pedestrians use.

Again 20 mph down/up Mill Hill. Realistically Shorne Ifield Road should be 20 mph!

National speed limit in Shorne Ifield Road is ridiculous on such a narrow road (compare with Pear Tree Lane).

Replace proposed 30 mph with 20 mph, very narrow/steep lane driving north often encountering pedestrians who have no footpath

Again no footpaths.

This is a dangerous narrow road that requires a lower speed limit.

Narrow road leading to a play area where children walk to and no footpaths.

This will increase the safety of pedestrians & motorists alike.

Mill Hill Lane- I feel 20 mph should start before Children's play area in Mill Hill Lane and Butchers Hill entrance leading down into village.

Q6. What is your postcode?	<i>(All respondents provided their postcodes, all were in Shorne.)</i>
Name (optional)	
Address (optional)	
Email address (optional)	

Thank you for completing the consultation questionnaire. Please send your completed form to:

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