

Annex B – Objections to Charlton Lane speed limit change

The following objections were received in response to the advertisement of the legal order for an increase in speed limit in part of Charlton Lane from 30mph to 40mph.

<p><i>From a resident of Broadlands Avenue, Shepperton:</i></p> <p>The proposal to increase the speed limit along Charlton Lane from 30mph to 40mph is ill-advised and will increase risks to road users and pedestrians. I urge you to not to proceed on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is a busy route, providing the only access to the Charlton Lane CRC for around 400,000 cars every year as well as and commercial vehicles, vans, and HGVs. Turning right to enter the site would be much more hazardous if on-coming traffic is allowed to travel at 40mph. There are often queues of stationary traffic waiting to enter the site, which is another potential hazard to road users. This part of the road is even more treacherous at the moment with the heavy traffic from the ongoing Eco Park build. - Access to the garden centre and kennels in Nutty Lane – this is a tricky turn in both directions, which would be made even more hazardous if traffic on Charlton Lane is travelling at 40mph. - Access to Public Footpath No. 70 Sunbury and Public Footpath No 86 Sunbury. I approach these Footpaths from Shepperton, through Nutty Lane, which requires me (and my children) to cross Charlton Lane. Visibility of oncoming traffic is obscured by the humps of the railway bridge/motorway bridge, making this a treacherous crossing now – if traffic is approaching at 40mph in both directions, we will be taking our lives in our hands. According to Surrey Councillors, the landscaping of the Eco Park area is designed to attract more people to use this open area of our Green Belt: indeed the dedication of Footpath No 86 as part of the Eco Park planning permission is a clear indication that the council hopes more pedestrians will use these valued footpaths in the future. Increasing the speed limit to 40mph will increase the risks for pedestrians attempting to approach the Footpaths from the Shepperton side of the road – and back again! <p>For these reasons, I urge you to keep the speed limit to 30mph along Charlton Lane.</p>	<p><i>Officer comment:</i></p> <p><i>The entrance has a right turn lane and the visibility has been checked and is appropriate for the proposed new 40 mph speed limit.</i></p> <p><i>Existing traffic is has already been recorded at an average of around 37 mph. Providing a 40 mph speed limit will mean that 40 mph repeater signs will be installed reminding drivers of the speed limit throughout the route. This may help to reduce some of the most excessive speeding by having regular reminders of the speed limit for drivers and a greater respect for the speed limit and neighbouring speed limits in general.</i></p>
<p><i>From the Chairman of the Laleham Residents' Association:</i></p> <p>I learned with dismay the proposal to increase the speed limit on Charlton Lane from 30 to 40 mph. I fail to understand the benefit to anyone of doing so. The road itself is a little over 1km long, has housing at one end, a small estate with a garden centre at the other and a golf course and the ECO Park in between. Traffic volumes are high particularly with construction and waste lorries going to and from the eco park though my understanding is that they are supposed only to use the lower part of the road.</p> <p>At a time when local residents are campaigning for reduced speed limits on many local roads on the grounds of road safety and for environmental reasons this proposal goes very much against their wishes. It will make access and exit from those premises adjacent to Charlton Lane more difficult.</p> <p>Whilst not directly neighbouring Charlton Lane I frequently use the Waste Facilities and the Garden Centre in Nutty Lane and know the area well. I fully endorse the detail objections already made by the Charlton Village Residents Association</p>	<p><i>Officer comment:</i></p> <p><i>Providing a 40 mph speed limit will mean that 40 mph repeater signs will be installed reminding drivers of the speed limit throughout the route. This may help to reduce some of the most excessive speeding by having regular reminders of the speed limit for drivers and a greater respect for this speed limit and neighbouring speed limits in general.</i></p> <p><i>The entrance to the waste depot has a right turn lane and the visibility has been checked and is appropriate for the proposed new 40 mph speed limit.</i></p>

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<p><i>From a resident of Charlton Road, Shepperton:</i></p> <p>I would like to lodge the strongest objection to the proposal to increase the speed limit on Charlton Lane, Shepperton, from 30 m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h. I list the following reasons:</p> <p>There are residential homes that are direct onto Charlton Lane at the Halliford end – This will make it impossible for them to access their homes.</p> <p>This is a road has access roads leading off it into: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Halliford Estate St Andrews Close The Golf Course Garden Centre The Industrial Estate - Nutty Lane and Community Recycling Centre(CRC) <p>The CRC purports to have 400,00 residential cars use the facility a year hence this will cause access and entry problems, to these users as well.</p> <p>The stables at the junction of Charlton Lane and New Road has had vehicles land in their field 12 times in the past few years, through speeding and yet the speed limit is supposed to be 30MPH.</p> <p>A rider on horse was thrown off by a speeding lorry</p> <p>The low morning sun is still a seasonal problem in the Spring and Autumn, with traffic going over the motorway and rail bridge.</p> <p>This road is used by Bulk Freight Haulage for illegal parking of a morning which causes a highway obstacle that is especially dangerous in the winter, despite the fact that Surrey has put double yellow lines for them to park on.</p> <p>There is the ongoing 3-year build of the Eco Park which causes the residents to suffer from multiple lorry movements through the village despite the fact that in theory there is a voluntary ban from the village, by the developer that is not observed, by its contractors.</p> <p>There are numerous gravel extraction lorry's in the area that speed continuously during the day and all that an increase in speed will do is exasperate this situation.</p> <p>I live [in] Charlton Road, which is at the opposite end of Charlton Lane, and I experience the excessive speeding along Charlton Lane every day in my daily routine. Charlton Lane is a 'country' lane with a 100 year old bridge, in addition to the motorway bridge, and is not suitable at all for any increase in the current speed limit of 30 m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h. <u>JUST DON'T DO IT!</u></p>	<p><i>Officer comment:</i></p> <p><i>It is proposed that this stretch of road remains at 30 mph. The new 30 mph terminal signs provided on the eastbound approach to this section will encourage even greater compliance with the speed limit on this stretch.</i></p> <p><i>It is proposed that the stretch adjacent to the Halliford Estate remains at 30 mph. The new 30 mph terminal signs provided on the eastbound approach to this section will encourage even greater compliance with the speed limit on this stretch. Existing traffic is has already been recorded at an average of around 37 mph on the rest of the road. Providing a 40 mph speed limit will mean that 40 mph repeater signs will be installed reminding drivers of the speed limit throughout the route. This may help to reduce some of the most excessive speeding by having regular reminders of the speed limit for drivers and a greater respect for this speed limit and neighbouring speed limits in general.</i></p> <p><i>The CRC entrance has a right turn lane and the visibility has been checked and is appropriate for the proposed new 40 mph speed limit.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed scheme would include 30 mph speed limit terminal signs being installed on the approach to the junction with New Road. This will encourage great compliance and respect for the 30 mph speed limit past the stables.</i></p>
<p><i>From a resident of Darryby Gardens, Lower Sunbury:</i></p> <p>I understand Surrey Police wish to propose at increase in the speed limit past the Charlton Lane Waste Transfer Station from 30mp to 40mph. I wish to object to such an increase for the following reasons.</p> <p>What possible benefit is there to the community?</p> <p>The road over the railway line is a narrow blind summit. The thought of traffic passing over the hump at a relative velocity of 80 mph seems wreckless and an accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>While writing I would like to complain about the mud on Charlton Lane from the Waste Transfer Centre. Is this the responsibility of Surrey, Spelthorne, SITA or the Police? Who should I contact?</p>	<p><i>Officer comment:</i></p> <p><i>Providing a 40 mph speed limit will mean that 40 mph repeater signs will be installed reminding drivers of the speed limit throughout the route. This may help to reduce some of the most excessive speeding by having regular reminders of the speed limit for drivers and a greater respect for this speed limit and neighbouring speed limits in general.</i></p>

<p><i>From a resident of Walnut Tree Road, Charlton Village:</i></p> <p>I wish to raise very strong objections to the daft proposal to raise the speed limit in Charlton Lane, Shepperton from 30mph to 40mph. Locals do not want this speed limit rise, or think it is needed...an absolute waste of time and money!</p> <p>At present we have a major problem with speeding vehicles through Charlton Village, which Surrey CC and lame local county councillor seem unable to do anything about. We want safety measures and a speed reduction through the village. It is dangerous crossing the road in our village, and with a stables and blind corner, an accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>One of the major causes of speed in the village, is the road approaching the village (New Road) has a 40mph limit on it, and despite the 30mph zone before Charlton village being extended last year, it has not made the slightest bit of difference. Drivers fly along new road at 40mph, and continue into the village at that speed. We need the whole of New road reduced to a 30 mph if anything, and Charlton Lane to remain 30mph as it will simply encourage drivers to speed!</p> <p>There are two bridges, with dangerous blind spots, and of course the busy entrance to the community recycling centre/dump.... The increase in speed will make turning in and out of the dump far more dangerous!</p> <p>Also on Charlton Lane, are turnings for the Golf Course, and Nutty Lane which houses a nature reserve, kennels and busy Longacres garden centre. All put at risk with a higher road speed.</p> <p>At the Charlton Village end we have a popular stables, and horses and riders use Charlton Lane to ride... This will endanger them more too.</p> <p>Surrey police have got this very wrong, and it sounds like a purely monetary driven exercise, so they don't have to police speeders.</p> <p>So please lodge my strongest objections to this ill thought out speed increase, that really will benefit no one!</p> <p>I do hope you refuse the increase.</p>	<p><i>Officer comment:</i></p> <p><i>This proposal is for a speed limit change on Charlton Lane, not Charlton Road. Providing a 40 mph speed limit will mean that 40 mph repeater signs will be installed reminding drivers of the speed limit throughout the route. This may help to reduce some of the most excessive speeding by having regular reminders of the speed limit for drivers and a greater respect for this speed limit and neighbouring speed limits in general. The proposed scheme would include 30 mph speed limit terminal signs being installed on the approach to the junction with Charlton Road. This will encourage great compliance and respect for the 30 mph speed limit on Charlton Road through Charlton Village.</i></p> <p><i>This previous scheme to extend the 30mph limit on the approach to Charlton Village included the installation of wider central islands as well as an adjustment to the location of the change in speed limit to help manage vehicle speeds. A vehicle activated sign has also been installed to remind eastbound drivers of the 30 mph speed limit should they continue to travel too fast after passing the 30 mph speed limit terminal signs.</i></p>
<p><i>From a resident – address unknown:</i></p> <p>I'm lead to understand that there is a proposal in place to increase the speed limit from 30MPH to 40MPH ref Reference:- (D6263) Charlton Lane Shepperton . Well this a thoroughly ridiculous idea, for several reasons, common sense being the main one, i.e it's far too bloody dangerous. If you're not sure in what way, do please properly investigate and then ask yourself, really is this: the right thing to do, in the right place or at the right time?</p> <p>If you are not too sure what I'm getting at here's a few clues.....</p> <p>The huge dump lorries traversing along this stretch of road to and from the Dump (sorry, the soon to be, laughably named 'Eco Park')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The large residential estate housing many young families The fields of horses nearby The increased level of pollution and noise of traffic <p>And if nothing else we have enough crap to deal with here, ie M3 right underneath it, the M25, M4 and Heathrow airports are all very close as well.</p> <p>Now I'm thinking off the top of my head here, I'm sure you too can think of other dammed good reasons not to pass this. So please, just for once give us (the residents of Surrey in the cheap seats) a break and say NO!</p> <p>I await your response.</p>	<p><i>Officer comment:</i></p> <p><i>Providing a 40 mph speed limit will mean that 40 mph repeater signs will be installed reminding drivers of the speed limit throughout the route. This may help to reduce some of the most excessive speeding by having regular reminders of the speed limit for drivers and a greater respect for this speed limit and neighbouring speed limits in general. The entrance to the waste depot has a right turn lane and the visibility has been checked and is appropriate for the proposed new 40 mph speed limit.</i></p> <p><i>It is proposed that the stretch adjacent to the Halliford Estate remains at 30 mph. The new 30 mph terminal signs provided on the eastbound approach to this section will encourage even greater compliance with the speed limit on this stretch.</i></p>

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<p><i>From a resident of Walnut Tree Road, Charlton Village:</i></p> <p>I wish to object to the proposal from Surrey Police to increase the Speed limit along by the Community Recycling Centre to 40mph.</p> <p>I am extremely worried about this as we live in Charlton Village and my children both attend Bishop Wand Church of England School. My son cycles that route to school and my daughter walks. They are already worried about the speed some of the traffic does, especially the heavy lorries, and there are still lorries going through the village, even though they should not be. To increase the speed there from 30 to 40mph would be an appalling decision.</p> <p>I contacted Spelthorne Borough Council a while ago with regard to my children being able to catch a school bus as I thought it might be safer as the traffic has got worse but I was told that because the distance as the crow flies between our house and their school is not far we are not entitled to – though I did offer to pay. However, as the crow flies you have to go over the M3 and over the railway line which is not possible in terms of walking or cycling! I was advised that I should drop my children to school myself and when I explained I worked they said I could do it on the way to work, which again I think is ridiculous and for me to get to work on time would mean us all leaving the house at 7am to drop them at school for 7.15am, for an 8.25am start, when they can leave later when they walk and cycle. Surely we are supposed to be encouraging independence in our children of secondary school age, not “molly-coddling” them by constantly dropping them everywhere in cars. However, due to the speed of the traffic it is a worry about their safety.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration in this matter.</p>	<p><i>Officer comment:</i></p> <p><i>Providing a 40 mph speed limit will mean that 40 mph repeater signs will be installed reminding drivers of the speed limit throughout the route. This may help to reduce some of the most excessive speeding by having regular reminders of the speed limit for drivers and a greater respect for this speed limit and neighbouring speed limits in general.</i></p>
<p><i>From Cllr Sandra Dunn, Ward Member for Halliford & Sunbury West:</i></p> <p>I would like to object to the increase in the speed limit on Charlton Lane, Shepperton. We are currently facing grid lock around the Halliford area due to the construction of the Eco Park and all roads around this area have major problems at peak times in the day resulting in grid lock. Cars travelling down Charlton Lane from Charlton Village to Halliford tend to speed as fast as they can go and frustration and road rage is rife so if anyone is trying to come out of the turnings from either the recycling centre or any of the roads off the Charlton Lane they have real problems joining the traffic. The idea of changing the speed limit on a permanent basis will only exacerbate the problem and road accidents will result.</p> <p>I fully support our local Resident Associations in this campaign and hope Surrey County Council will listen to the objections and drop this scheme.</p>	<p><i>Officer comment:</i></p> <p><i>The entrance to the waste depot has a right turn lane and the visibility has been checked and is appropriate for the proposed new 40 mph speed limit.</i></p> <p><i>Providing a 40 mph speed limit will mean that 40 mph repeater signs will be installed reminding drivers of the speed limit throughout the route. This may help to reduce some of the most excessive speeding by having regular reminders of the speed limit for drivers and a greater respect for this speed limit and neighbouring speed limits in general.</i></p>

From a resident of Wood Road, Shepperton:

Please treat this email as an objection to the proposed increase in the speed limit along Charlton Lane, Shepperton. My objection is based on the following grounds:

* There has been no valid Consultation, as the proposal is not advertised on the County Council website.

* The application does not accord with Surrey's policy - set out in "Setting Local Speed Limits" (the Policy) - which is to **reduce** Speed Limits. The County has **No Provision** to increase them.

* Contrary to the Policy, the Local Committee was not supplied with a report concerning the collisions causing injuries which have taken place on Charlton Lane. As you will by now be aware, there have been collisions on that stretch of road, where people have been injured. One major collision involved the Chair of Charlton Village Residents Association, who has I believe already communicated this to you. Another was recently reported in the local Press, but there have been others as well, of which I am sure your officers are also aware.

* As the Report to the Local Committee states "the length of 30mph would be less than the 600m recommended minimum length of speed limit" in the Policy. It goes on to state it would be 270m, **which is not by any stretch of the imagination just slightly shorter - it is 45% of the Minimum**. It is unreasonably short, and as such it should not even have been considered by the Committee.

* Even if the proposal were to go ahead, the proposed 30 MPH signs at the railway bridge end are situated in the wrong place. They should have included the Waste Transfer site entrance junction within the 30 MPH zone, as that is where there are significant traffic delays, the occasional collision, and in the early morning bulk waste carriers park in the right hand turn lane outside, awaiting the opening of the site.

Officer comment:

It is not a requirement to provide advertising on the county council website. However a report was submitted to the Spelthorne local committee and is available on the county council's website.

*The fourth paragraph on page 6 of the county council's speed limit policy includes the following: "Nearly all requests received in relation to speed limits are for a reduction in a speed limit. **However though it is likely to be rare, it is also possible to consider a request for an increase in a speed limit.**"*

Details on the numbers of collisions were taken into account by officers but not reported to the local committee. There will be presented alongside these objections for the local committee to take this into account when making a final decision.

It was acknowledged that the length is below the usual recommended minimum length of 600m. The county council's policy states that: "...in some cases a slightly shorter length may be suitable where existing highway or roadside features provide a natural threshold which may complement a change in speed limit."

Police and council officers believe this is an exceptional case to allow a 30 m ph speed limit to be provided outside the houses at the eastern end of the stretch of road. The county councils cabinet have the power to call the local committee decision in if they disagree with a decision being taken by a local committee outside of the county council's policy.

The entrance to the waste depot has a right turn lane and the visibility has been checked and is appropriate for the proposed new 40 mph speed limit.

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<p><i>From the Chairman of the Charlton Village Residents' Association:</i></p> <p>I am writing on behalf of Charlton Village Resident Association to object in the strongest way possible to the proposed increase in the speed along Charlton Lane Shepperton to 40MPH.</p> <p>This road is totally unsuitable to warrant an increase in speed to this level.</p> <p>The residents of Charlton Village have been in fighting tirelessly with Surrey County Council for Speed reduction measures and traffic calming within our Village and yet the main feeder road into our Village, Surrey Police wish to increase the speed limit.</p> <p>Our reason for objection are as follows – (in no particular order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are residential homes that are direct onto Charlton Lane at the Halliford end – This will make it impossible for them to access their homes. • This is a road has access roads leading off it into: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Halliford Estate St Andrews Close The Golf Course Garden Centre The Industrial Estate - Nutty Lane and Community Recycling Centre(CRC) • The CRC purports to have 400,00 residential cars use the facility a year hence this will cause access and entry problems, to these users as well. • The stables at the junction of Charlton Lane and New Road has had vehicles land in their field 12 times in the past few years, through speeding and yet the speed limit is supposed to be 30MPH. • A rider on horse was thrown off by a speeding lorry • I was involved in a serious car crash which lead to me having to be cut out of my car by the fire brigade as a result of low morning sun. • The low morning sun is still a seasonal problem in the Spring and Autumn, with traffic going over the motorway and rail bridge. • This road is used by Bulk Freight Haulage for illegal parking of a morning which causes a highway obstacle that is especially dangerous in the winter, despite the fact that Surrey has put double yellow lines for them to park on. • There is the ongoing 3year build of the Eco Park which causes the residents to suffer from multiple lorry movements through the village despite the fact that in theory there is a voluntary ban from the village, by the developer that is not observed, by its contractors. • There is numerous gravel extraction lorry's in the area that speed continuously during the day and all that an increase in speed will do is exasperate this situation. <p>We hope that in view of the above that this ridiculous idea will be cancelled and that the views and wishes of the residents will be listened to, and that traffic calming can be implemented in this are as opposed to the direct opposite.</p> <p>I look forward to receiving your reply and would appreciate a meeting to discuss traffic calming measures within our Village as we are achieving very very little by going through our Ward Councillor, and maybe a meeting with the residents may make you aware and appreciate what we have to contend with.</p>	<p><i>Officer comment:</i></p> <p><i>Providing a 40 mph speed limit will mean that 40 mph repeater signs will be installed reminding drivers of the speed limit throughout the route. This may help to reduce some of the most excessive speeding by having regular reminders of the speed limit for drivers and a greater respect for this speed limit and neighbouring speed limits in general. The proposed scheme would include 30 mph speed limit terminal signs being installed on the approach to the junction with Charlton Road. This will encourage great compliance and respect for the 30 mph speed limit on Charlton Road through Charlton Village.</i></p> <p><i>It is proposed that stretch of road next to the Halliford estate remains at 30 mph. The new 30 mph terminal signs provided on the eastbound approach to this section will encourage even greater compliance with the speed limit on this stretch.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed scheme would include 30 mph speed limit terminal signs being installed on the approach to the junction with New Road. This will encourage great compliance and respect for the 30 mph speed limit past the stables.</i></p>
<p><i>From a resident of Crosswell Close, Charlton Village:</i></p> <p>I would like to object to the proposal to increase the speed limit from thirty to forty miles an hour for the road which passes the refuse site in Charlton Road.</p> <p>There is a camera when entering Charlton Village from the Spelthorne, but it would be useful to have a camera further on in the village as the traffic seems to speed up once past the present camera. When heavy lorries pass through the village it is frightening for pedestrians.</p>	<p><i>Officer comment:</i></p> <p><i>The scope of this scheme is Charlton Lane. Charlton Village is due to be the subject of a feasibility study in the new Financial Year 2016-17 to investigate speed management options.</i></p>

From a resident of Broadlands Avenue, Shepperton:

I would like to object to the proposal to increase the speed limit along this road from 30mph to 40mph.

I was very surprised to learn of this proposal which I found out about from the notice on a lamp post in the Lane itself on a day I was having difficulty crossing that particular road. I use the footpath that goes round the back of the Community Recycling Centre which I access from Nutty Lane as it takes me to Upper Halliford Road. It is a busy road and not easy to cross due to it rising up over the motorway.

I can think of no benefits from this proposal nor can I imagine why anyone would want to inflict this potentially dangerous idea onto the people who live in and around Charlton Lane. The inhabitants of Charlton Village and Hawthorn Way in particular are already coping with the disruption caused by the building of the large industrial complex that is the Eco Park incinerator and AD plant.

-There are at least 6 roads that connect with Charlton Lane both for residential and commercial traffic; St Andrew's Close, The Sunbury Golf Centre, The Industrial Estate in Nutty Lane, Longacres Garden Centre, The Halliford Estate and the extremely busy Community Recycling Centre (CRC).

Plus and most importantly the residential homes at the eastern end of Charlton Lane which are actually on the Lane will find it much more difficult to access and exit their homes safely.

-Because of the CRC there are many large lorries that use Charlton Lane (as well as parking illegally on it often in the early morning to gain access to the site causing an obstruction). -I cannot believe that these lorries will be allowed to hurtle down this busy road at 40mph.

- In the last few months a rider on a horse was thrown off by a speeding lorry. I know of a bad car crash which lead to the driver having to be cut out of the car by the fire brigade as a result of low morning sun

- The stables at the junction of Charlton Lane and New Road has had vehicles land in their field 12 times in the past few years, through speeding and yet the speed limit is supposed to be 30MPH.

-The low morning sun can be a seasonal problem in the Spring and Autumn, with traffic going over the motorway and rail bridge.

- There is the ongoing 3year build of the Eco Park which causes the residents to suffer from multiple lorry movements through the village despite the fact that in theory there is a voluntary ban from the village, by the developer that is not observed, by its contractors.

-There are numerous gravel extraction lorries in the area that speed continuously during the day and all that an increase in speed will do is exacerbate this situation.

For all these reasons I urge you to reconsider this proposal

Officer comment:

The entrance to the waste depot has a right turn lane and the visibility has been checked and is appropriate for the proposed new 40 mph speed limit.

Providing a 40 mph speed limit will mean that 40 mph repeater signs will be installed reminding drivers of the speed limit throughout the route. This may help to reduce some of the most excessive speeding by having regular reminders of the speed limit for drivers and a greater respect for this speed limit and neighbouring speed limits in general.

The proposed scheme would include 30 mph speed limit terminal signs being installed on the approach to the junction with New Road. This will encourage great compliance and respect for the 30 mph speed limit past the stables.

It is proposed that the stretch adjacent to the Halliford Estate remains at 30 mph. The new 30 mph terminal signs provided on the eastbound approach to this section will encourage even greater compliance with the speed limit on this stretch.

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From a resident – address unknown:

I am writing to you today although I am unsure if this will be classed as an acceptable format to raise an objection to the proposed order 201. There are several pieces of correspondence that I have read relating to this order and they conflict as to how to raise questions or objections to the proposal, when you have to do this by or whether you can object at all. The published notices on various lamp posts in Charlton Lane say objections should be sent to yourself in writing by 5th February 2016. The letter I received on Friday 29th January 2016 said that order 201 was going to happen in the near future and if we have any comments or feedback to contact highways@surreycc.gov.uk with no closing date to submit these comments. If we can object to the proposed increase of the speed limit and if this has to be submitted by the 5th February 2016, I do not think this time period to register comments or objections is sufficient. After reading the details of the proposed order 201 it is not clearly defined as to where the 40 MPH speed limit will start and finish. The notice put on the lamp posts in Charlton Lane indicate that the new speed limit will take affect 830 meters South East of New Road junction. The more detailed order 201, which I managed to view at Shepperton Library, has a very simple line drawing with minute and illegible writing again there is no useful information as to where the revised speed limit will begin and end. My interpretation of the displayed information is that the speed limit change will commence on the East side of the railway bridge but I was unable to take any information away with me to enable me to study the proposal at length. The letter I received had the same line drawing and says between the railway bridge and New Road. It does not clearly indicate whether it will end on the golf course side of the bridge or on the residential side of the bridge. Today I rang the number published on the lamp posts in Charlton Lane notice to seek clarification on the aforementioned order. The reference number for my enquiry is 187686. It was suggested to me by the lady I spoke to, Rebecca, that I write this email to register my objection to the proposed order 201.

The explanation as to why the speed limit should be increased is based on comments from Surrey Police force who believe the 30 MPH speed limit is inappropriate for the entire length of Charlton Lane. I was surprised to read this as usually it is suggested to bring speed limits down, not raise them. I cannot see how it is worth the cost to change this small stretch of road because people are already exceeding the designated speed limit. If the speed limit is increased to 40 MPH, drivers will then exceed this posted speed limit. There are wider and quieter rural roads in Surrey that have a designated speed limit of 30 MPH. My primary objection to the proposed Order 201 is that drivers are unlikely to slow down at the

30 MPH posted signage, especially after accelerating on the downward slope of the railway bridge. I also believe that It would be irresponsible and dangerous to have drivers traveling at 40 MPH over a blind hump back bridge. My objection to the proposed 40 MPH speed limit is heightened due to the utilisation of Charlton Lane by large articulate vehicles from the recycling centre. Charlton Lane is also used to access the lorry and coach parking area located in Nutty Lane. Charlton Lane is also utilised by motorway maintenance trucks traveling to and from the local gravel pits. Pedestrians currently put their life in their hands using the pedestrian path on the railway bridge in my opinion raising the speed limit from 30 MPH to 40 MPH will potentially put pedestrians in increased danger from fast moving traffic.

Officer comment:

The published proposal is for an increase in speed limit from 30mph to 40mph between the railway bridge and New Road.

There is no general policy of speed limit reduction, rather that speed limits should be appropriate.

The entrance to the waste depot has a right turn lane and the visibility has been checked and is appropriate for the proposed new 40 mph speed limit.

Providing a 40 mph speed limit will mean that 40 mph repeater signs will be installed reminding drivers of the speed limit throughout the route. This may help to reduce some of the most excessive speeding by having regular reminders of the speed limit for drivers and a greater respect for this speed limit and neighbouring speed limits in general.

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From a resident – address unknown:

I cannot believe any consideration is being given to raising the speed limit to 40mph. It is almost impossible to turn right out of Hetherington Road now in the mornings let alone raising speed limits. Think very carefully before this action, as many children cycle to school on this road they will be at risk with all this traffic which includes the extra lorries from the eco park works. Please do not ignore the residents thoughts on this like the council has re the eco park.

Officer comment:

This proposal is for a speed limit change on Charlton Lane, not Charlton Road. Providing a 40 mph speed limit will mean that 40 mph repeater signs will be installed reminding drivers of the speed limit throughout the route. This may help to reduce some of the most excessive speeding by having regular reminders of the speed limit for drivers and a greater respect for this speed limit and neighbouring speed limits in general. The proposed scheme would include 30 mph speed limit terminal signs being installed on the approach to the junction with Charlton Road. This will encourage great compliance and respect for the 30 mph speed limit on Charlton Road through Charlton Village.

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