

A342 Devizes Road and A3102 Mile Elm Road TRO Consultation – CWPC Response

Response by 9th December 2024, via:

- by e-mail to trafficorderconsultations@wiltshire.gov.uk
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Quote Reference **HKB/TRO/BROM**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing on behalf of Calne Without Parish Council with reference to the following two proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (consultation reference HKB/TRO/BROM):

Order 1:

To introduce a 40mph speed limit on the following lengths of road:

A342 Devizes Road - from a point 86 metres south of its junction with A3102 (to Calne), Bromham to a point 60 metres south of its junction with Back Lane, Calne Without.
A3102, Bromham – from its junction with A342 Devizes Road for a distance of 20 metres in a north easterly direction.

Order 2:

To introduce a 50mph speed limit on the following lengths of road:

A342 Devizes Road – from a point 290 metres south east of its junction with Hawkstreet to a point 86 metres south of its junction with A3102 (to Calne).
A3102 – from a point 20 metres north east of its junction with A342 Devizes Road, Bromham to a point 28 metres north east of its junction with Stockley Road (Broads Green), Calne Without.

Calne Without Parish Council strongly supports the proposed 40mph Speed Limit on the A342 approaching Sandy Lane from the south.

Although Sandy Lane itself is covered by a 30mph speed limit, vehicle speeds are regularly in excess of this. A Speed Survey undertaken for the Parish Council in January 2022 recorded that 77.7% of the northbound traffic was exceeding the speed limit, with an 85thile speed of 38.5mph. Deployments of the Parish Council's speed indicator device have recorded similar speeds.

Although the A342 through Sandy Lane is narrow, it is nevertheless classed as a local lorry route on Wiltshire Council's HGV Route Network. For most of Sandy Lane, there is just enough road width for two large vehicles to pass, but the proximity of high hedges of the eastern side may cause southbound drivers to drive closer to the centre of the road, in turn causing northbound drivers to drive closer to the pedestrian footway. The proximity of speeding vehicles to the footway does increase the sense of threat and intimidation to pedestrians in the village.

We believe that the introduction of a 40mph speed limit on the northbound approach to Sandy Lane will act to reduce speeds through the village, to the benefit of our residents there. With the

proposed 50mph speed limit from St Ediths Marsh, it will also improve safety at the hazardous junctions between the A342 and A3102.

Calne Without Parish Council also strongly supports the proposed 50mph speed limit on the A3102 Mile Elm Road, from the A342 to just east of the turning to Broads Green and Stockley.

The section has many hazards, including sharp bends and the crossroads with Back Lane and the Heddington Road, at Wans Corner, where the visibility is poor. The road has a poor accident rate, with 3 serious and 6 slight accidents between 2013 and 2022, and a fatal accident in February of this year.

We believe that the introduction of a 50mph speed limit on this section of road, together with the physical improvements planned under the A3102 Safer Roads Projects, will make a positive contribution to road safety on the Mile Elm Road.