

Dear Debbie,

Ref 2 - Halloughton Grange Lane) Birmingham Road
Objection (1)

Thank you for your email of 21 August. Can you please confirm that you have received and considered representations from Lea Marston Parish Council that the 50mph proposed speed limit along the Birmingham Road be lower to 40mph. Our clerk as resigned and we are in the process of recruiting a replacement so I can not confirm that our representations were submitted and considered.

When we discussed this at a previous parish meeting our rational for our request to reduce the 50mph limit to 40 mph was:

1. This length of road is part of the North Warwickshire Cycle Route and is used by a considerable number of cyclist of all ages throughout the week and particularly at weekends. Many vehicles using this road do not afford a safe distance when passing and approaching cyclists and it is our view that a speed - limit of 50 mph presents a significant danger to these cyclists.

2. The length of road is used by horse riders who commonly ride two abreast while travelling two and from local bridal paths and two stable yards that are locate at both ends of the Birmingham Road. Horse drawn vehicles are also driven along this stretch of road.

3. There are blind vehicle entrances and exits onto a the Ladywalk Nature Reserve car park and three field gates along this stretch of road all of which are in regular use by slow moving vehicles and farm machinery. Again we consider that a speed limit of 50 mph is too fast to approach these slow moving vehicles as the pull onto the Birmingham Road.

4. There is a left and right hand bend sequence in the road as it approaches the railway line bridge in Lea Marston when approaching from Whitacre that is too tight to safely drive through at 50 mph. It has been the scene of numerous single vehicle accidents over the years as vehicles are driven into the hedgerow. Vehicle debris are there to see and this risk is exasperated in wet weather as the road surface is often muddy and wet. I have just driven this length of road and there is no signage waring of the bend sequence in either direction.

If you have not previously received these representations please confirm that is email will suffice as a record of objection from Lea Marston Parish Council.

Kind regards,