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Dear Mr Salter

WARWICK ROAD KINETON 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ORDER WARWICK ROAD KINETON PROPOSED SPEED CUSHIONS

Kineton Parish Council discussed both of these proposals at the meeting on 27th November 2019 and makes the following responses.

1. The reduction in the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph is welcomed and supported. We would encourage the County Council to take the north west extent to just beyond the top of the hill, thereby encompassing the two access/egress points and improving the safety of all road users including those entering and leaving the premises on either side of the road. The visibility of traffic turning in or out of these points is poor to anyone driving up Pittern Hill.
2. The proposal to install speed cushions requires further consideration and justification. It is not supported by the Parish Council.
 - a. We are aware of a previously voiced opinion to the Parish Council by Highways engineers that vertical and horizontal traffic calming measures are ineffective
 - b. We note that there has been concern expressed about noise issues resulting from speed cushions. This is particularly relevant along Warwick Road, the busiest of Kineton's roads which carries a significant number of commercial vehicles to and from the M40, buses both scheduled and for High School purposes and large agricultural vehicles.
 - c. Speeds recorded at that part of Warwick Road have indicated:
 - i. Average outbound speed of 27.1mph recorded between 27th January and 11th February 2019
 - ii. Average inbound speed of 29.0mph recorded between 7th May 2018 and 21st May 2018
 - d. If these average speeds (which indicate broad compliance with the current speed limit) are considered to be too high then reducing the speed limit to 20mph and extending it back as far as King Johns Road, where children crossing the road to the primary school are continually at risk, would be more cost effective.
 - e. This is Kineton's busiest road with a mid-week average vehicles per day of over 2,100 in each direction. The County Council has acknowledged the speed reduction effect of on street parking and, combined with the speed limit adherence of the majority of vehicles, the Parish Council are not convinced speed cushions are a necessary addition.

Could WCC please explain the rationale for this consultation proposal and the data used to support the proposal for speed cushions.

Yours sincerely



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Chairman, Kineton Parish Council