



Frequently Asked Questions/Statements Made

Answers to frequently made comments/questions that are posed during the public engagement exercise are given below.

Frequently asked Question/Statement/Comment	HCC Answer
It could be seen as an Inappropriate use/waste of public money	There are separate funding streams available for other highway related matters that can be used to tackle these issues, these can be reported on line e.g. pot holes, trip hazards, etc. The Highway Locality Budget is a separate funding stream that the local member can use at their discretion to address other issues not covered by these funding streams.
Traffic speeds are already around 20mph/it is not possible to drive above 20mph anyway	Though this could be considered true in some of the more densely populated roads with on-street parking and traffic calming, it is not considered applicable to all roads in the Zone e.g. Leggatts Way where little or no on-street parking is present but vehicle speeds are higher, though within the HCC Speed Management Strategy criteria.
30mph perfectly acceptable	'Introducing a lower speed limit thereby decreases the likely potential of injury accidents. Research has shown that on urban roads with low average traffic speeds any 1mph reduction in average speed can reduce collision frequency by around 6%.' This was taken from the following link. http://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/road-safety/drivers/inappropriate-speed.pdf The link is from the RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents).
How will this be enforced?	The average speeds within the proposed 20mph zone/limit are below the 25mph threshold laid down in the HCC Speed Management Strategy, therefore no enforcement is required ; the area is effectively deemed self-enforcing.