

Proposed 20mph Limit, Fernlea, Jonquil Way, Camomile Way, Sorrel Close, Stonecrop, Bluebell Way, Anemone Court, Celandine Court, Gentian Court, Coltsfoot Court and Lavender Way, Braiswick, Colchester		
A formal consultation was carried out from the 1 to 23 August 2019. Following this 2 objections were received by residents.		
	Comment	Response
Objector 1	<p>I am writing to comment on the proposed 20mph speed limit for various roads in Braiswick Colchester. I believe this is unnecessary and a potential waste of money, your advisory letter already mentions that imposing this limit is outside your usual policy given the nature and length of many of the roads covered. Your letter also mention that speeds are already low and the new speed limit would be unlikely to be exceeded. There is also very good pavement provision for pedestrians on most of the roads mentioned. I am therefore at a loss to see why a speed limit would be of any benefit. Indeed the whole proposal seems to be a rather cynical attempt by local politicians to convince residents that something is being done about the traffic problems currently occurring in Fernlea. Since the school was built Fernlea is regularly blocked by traffic caused by a combination of parked cars and the volume of traffic on the school run the proposed speed limit will not address any of the existing problems, since they are related to traffic that can hardly move rather than excessive speed. I would therefore urge you to focus on the real traffic problems rather than engage in a political smoke screen.</p>	<p>Thank you for providing your correspondence in relation to this proposal.</p> <p>This proposal has been introduced following support from local residents and from the local County Member. Even though the speed limit is outside our usual policy when setting 20mph speed limits, the roads in this estate residential, cul-de-sac roads which are mostly used by residents and children going to and from school either by walking or by car. So it is therefore recommended that the 20mph limit is more suitable to this environment, given the proximity of the school.</p> <p>The Essex Speed Management Strategy for instance, states the usual characteristics for a road with a 20mph limit should be for residential areas and in the vicinity of schools where there is a high presence of vulnerable road users.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the lower speed limit may even help encourage more children and parents to walk or cycle to school.</p> <p>I will register your comments as an objection. In the event that objections are received a Cabinet Member Action report will be written and submitted to the Cabinet Member for Highways for a decision. The report will include all objections and alternatives to the proposed scheme. Following on from this decision, all residents and everyone who commented will then be notified of the final decision.</p>
Objector 2	<p>We think decreasing the already low speed limit to 20mph is overkill.</p> <p>Most of the time, because of cars parked on either side of the road, you can't even go at 30mph.</p> <p>So if there were additional measures to force vehicle to go even slower (like speed bumps), that would be honestly very frustrating for us.</p>	<p>In terms of enforcement, this 20mph limit like most others are expected to be self-enforcing, the physical changes to the area are currently only expected to be the addition of 20mph repeater signs. After implementation, we may carry out further speed surveys/reviews in the months after to see if there has been a suitable reduction in speed, if this is not the case we would then look</p>

Appendix 4 – Objection Report

	<p>Therefore we are against the 20mph speed limit.</p> <p>Suggestion: If proposal goes ahead, it would be wise to only enforce the 20mph limit during school pick up and drop off times.</p>	<p>into further measures to ensure the scheme meets its purpose.</p> <p>We mention that speeds are already low as this is based on average speeds conducted from a recent speed survey of the area, it is felt that this proposal will simply make driver compliance more appropriate for an area comprised of just local roads in such close proximity to a primary school.</p> <p>If you would like to log your objection, please confirm with us by the 23rd August.</p> <p>In the event that objections are received a Cabinet Member Action report will be written and submitted to the Cabinet Member for Highways. This report will include all objections and alternatives to the proposed scheme, to provide a review for a final decision. All residents will then be notified of the outcome.</p>
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