Proposed 20mph Speed Zone – Waterhouse Moor, Harlow

An informal consultation was carried out between the 28 January 2021 and 19 February 2021.

19 comments of support were received from the general public in addition to the 2 objections which are shown below

Comment Type	Comment	Response
Residents 1	My comments on this proposal are as follows. I am against any piecemeal approach as this only leads to confusion and non-compliance. I live just off an adjoining road, which has an issue with speeding traffic even though there is a school on the same road. I therefore recommend that funds are not wasted on a piecemeal approach and that a blanket 20MPH replaces all 30MPH roads within Harlow.	 Implementation of the 20mph speed limit was agreed after requests from local residents. The majority of residents are in support. Signage of the speed limit will remind motorists of the maximum speed, and whilst it may be ignored by some motorists, it will obviously be adhered to by others and will create a safer environment for road users and pedestrians. The enforcement of speeding is under the jurisdiction of Essex Police and not Essex County Council. Not all existing 30mph roads in Harlow will be suitable for a 20mph speed limit, and inappropriate speed limits can lead to higher levels of non-compliance. Therefore, if the objectors have other roads they believe should be subject to a 20mph speed limit, they should contact their local county councillor, so that a proposal to reduce the speed limit on other roads in Harlow can be considered.

Resident 2

I live in Church Leys, and whilst I sympathise with residents in Waterhouse Moor concerning the use of that road as a cut through between Tripton Road and Tendring Road, I really cannot see the purpose of seeking to reduce the speed limit because the traffic speed has been measured, each way, below the 30 mph limit currently in force.

Reducing the speed limit to 20 mph would have minimal, if any effect and would be practically unenforceable

There are no schools on this road.

St Andrews Meadow, Westfield and Stony Wood, are all cul-de-sacs with no through route capacity. What would be the point of restricting the speed on these roads?

Church Leys is a narrow, heavily parked road which runs round in a 'U' from Tendering Road at both ends, and there is only a Nursery school in one corner.

Speeds in excess of 20 mph on this road are difficult to reach because of the way cars are parked, I have no problem with through traffic speed on Church Leys being restricted in the manner it is currently, by common sense.

I write about this proposal because There would naturally be a cost involved with signage and the like, and enforcement would be next to impossible.

If Waterhouse Moor residents want traffic reduced, they would be better served by a full barrier across the road at the Harlow Study

- Implementation of the 20mph speed limit was agreed after requests from local residents.
 Following the consultation exercise, it would appear that a majority of residents are in favour.
- The cost implication is being directed at a local issue, and there will be a benefit to local residents as police enforcement could be carried out if necessary as there are sure to be some that will drive in excess of this speed.
- Signing of the speed limit will remind motorists of the maximum speed, and whilst it may be ignored by some motorists, it will obviously be adhered to by others and will create a safer environment for road users and pedestrians.
- A barrier cannot be installed across
 Waterhouse Road, it is a public highway to
 which the public have right of access. Roads
 can be closed but this is not what is being
 requested here, as it is rather a speed concern
 rather than one of volume.

Centre. That would have the effect of stopping all through traffic without confusing speed limits.	