

Annex A:

In Favour:

I just want to let you know I'm all for the 20 mph. Just not so keen about the morons who drive a few feet behind me trying to make me go faster. Or overtake at a ridiculous speed.

I would like the 20 mph restriction to remain. I wrote to John Galvin several times about the speed of traffic on Sim Balk Lane - the 20 mph limit going out of the village wasn't obvious to motorists when in fact it was supposed to continue from Main Street although there were not any signs reminding drivers. This made the Lang Road/Church Lane crossroads even more hazardous.

And after parents had dropped children off at the Junior school they accelerated down Temple Road and Lang Road, which should have been 20 mph limit. Much less confusing for everyone to have a blanket speed limit.

My only doubt is the stretch between the crematorium and the church but the road is narrow with little room for cyclists. And pedestrians tend to walk on the road as the footpath is so narrow.

Ref the above , I have no problem with the limit , I just think that the signs are in the wrong place . The limit sign on Simbalk lane should start at the Church lane junction. Similarly, with the Bishopthorpe Road sign , this should start at the Church Lane junction.

I'm sorry I can't make it to your meeting at The Marcia on 11th November, but I just want to register my support for the current village-wide 20mph speed limit. In my opinion it's the best thing that's happened in the village for quite a while. I do hope we keep it as it does seem to work.

I'm afraid I will not be able to attend your Ward Meeting on Nov.11th. I would like to express my full support for continuing the 20mph speed limit throughout Bishopthorpe. Also, I echo the concern of residents about dangerous street parking in many parts of Bishopthorpe. I would highlight parking throughout the no 11 bus route and in particular parking very close to road junctions. My partner Angela Cottingham is of a similar mind to these issues.

- 20mph limit in village. Thanks for this, I'm not sure what the original plan was but I think all streets being 20mph is a much better solution, and far easier to follow that a "some are/some arent" plan. I'm a big believer in the village being safer so I'm a big supporter of the 20mph limit.

For context, as a resident of Bishopthorpe, I walk, cycle and drive in Bishopthorpe, and frequently visit the pubs, facilities and businesses of the village. I'm a supporter of the 20mph limit, because:

- safer for pedestrians and cyclists

- less noise
- less attractive as a rat run
- healthier and less intimidating for children and elderly residents to walk, wheel and cross roads
- less road wear
- less pollution
- better for businesses
- better for property values
- etc. Having driven along all the 20mph routes, it's impossible for more than one minute to be added to any journey within or through the village, and because of road layout, speed bumps, parking, cyclists, pedestrians etc. plateaus of 20-30mph are rare at most times, so the 20mph has minimal impact on journey times.

From personal experience, the 20mph limit is followed by the vast majority the vast majority of the time, in principle; generally up to 25mph (except at entry points on Bish Rd, Sim Balk Lane etc.) It's most often ignored on all roads in/out of the village and particularly at peak times, where I've noticed cars and vans doing 40mph+. Even the bus is guilty of this from time to time. It's now much more noticeable whose still ignoring the limit and those most likely responsible for the speeding recorded prior to the trial. Sitting outside the Marcia or walking along Bishopthorpe Rd, Acaster Lane, Sim Balk Lane, or Appleton Road, it's noticeable that most of the speeding is at morning or evening rush hour. There are speed bumps, parked cars and other impediments to speeding, but there are still the following speeding 'through' our village:

1. Couriers (also responsible for obstructive parking, inconsiderate driving etc.)
2. Taxis (especially during events at the racecourse)
3. Commercial vehicles (time is money). These are responsible for most of the noise and air pollution also.
4. Motorcycles (the loudest individual vehicles)
5. MPV's or alike; unimpeded by the speed bumps. It seems that the drop to 20mph is more noticeable and intolerable in these kind of vehicles.

We don't have much of a problem with speeding youths. This may well be more of a problem in other areas where trials have been run. When I've observed drivers speeding, they tend to be middle aged.

During the day and at weekends, it is noticeably quieter and calmer, and elderly residents seem more confident and happy to get about. There's not yet any noticeable difference at school pick up / drop off. It would have been useful for the Council to have increased the frequency and range of buses during the trial and perhaps also trialled walk/cycle to school days. We definitely need a half hourly bus service, which can be achieved easily by diverting one park and ride bus per hour to Bishopthorpe instead of along Tadcaster Road. Call it 11A.

The Appleton Rd bridge temporary weight limit has diverted hundreds of HGV's elsewhere. This has had a significantly greater positive impact than the 20mph in pretty much every way; noise, vibration, road condition, dust, air pollution, congestion, risk as they passed by 2 schools and 2 nursery every 5 minutes. Whilst the 20mph limit is a welcome change, separating pedestrians, cyclists, small businesses, homeowners from commercial traffic is the ultimate goal to improve health, safety and welfare of all residents. I'm a fairly confident cyclist, but it can be terrifying when overtaken by an HGV on the roads in/out and through the village. The HGV's also cause anxiety for the elderly residents, children and dogs; even when travelling at 20mph, which is why, I think, Bishopthorpe can sometimes feels like a

ghost village. If Main St was pedestrian priority, with weekly markets, it would be far more vibrant.

I understand you are seeking feedback on the recently introduced 20mph zone through large parts of the village. We have been resident in the village for 45 years and feel the change is entirely appropriate and has no appreciable downside. I hope the speed restrictions remain in place.

I am emailing in response to the request for feedback on the 20mph trial in Bishopthorpe. My response is that it feels positive. I don't think it inconveniences me in any way and when people do observe it the village feels safer. There are a significant number who don't observe it and can drive quite aggressively behind people that are, but I expect that will change over time. I hope it continues.

I understand that you're seeking the views of residents regarding the lowering of the speed limit in Bishopthorpe to 20mph. I'm in favour of keeping it. Most of the streets in Bish are well suited to a max speed limit of 20mph. I have found that sticking to the 20 limit has normalised this speed for me which has made sticking to a 20 limit in other areas much easier. I take that as a positive. I am part of a group of residents who help our local hedgehog population. We usually see roadkill several times a year but (and this is anecdotal rather than scientific) have noticed less roadkill over this last summer. I put this down to reducing the speed limit. We get a lot of cyclists through and around Bish. As a cyclist myself I'm grateful for the lower speed limit as I think it makes most drivers more patient. Also the potential of serious harm from a collision is reduced at 20 compared with 30. In terms of non-compliance, a minority of people continue to speed up Acaster Lane (including buses and Uber drivers!!!). There is discussion locally about whether Acaster Lane should be a 30 but I think it should stay as a 20. We get a lot of kids cycling on that stretch, or crossing between the shops and the football/cricket field/ paths. There are a lot of pedestrians and dog walkers crossing the road to access the riverside walks. We also get the more serious cyclists using this stretch of road. The 20mph makes it safer for all of those users. If anything, traffic calming measures on Acaster Lane might help people to be compliant. One issue is with a small minority of drivers who overtake or drive aggressively behind people who are sticking to the limit. I have seen examples of this that were quite dangerous. Is there anything we can do to minimise that kind of antisocial behaviour?

As a parent of children who attend both schools in Bishopthorpe I wanted to add my support for the recent introduction of the 20mph limit to the area and hope that this continues. I believe this is currently under consultation so wanted to ensure my support for this change was noted.

I live in Bishopthorpe and I would like the 20mph speed limit to continue. I have two young children and we walk to and from both schools in the village. The slower

speeds mean that they are safer crossing the road. As they grow and walk to school alone, I would like that to continue. For the most part people are slowing down and adhering to the limit however some drivers do not slow down coming into the village from Sim Balk Lane or Bishopthorpe Road. Many, including buses, also drive very fast down Acaster Lane. Some enforcement of the limit would probably help with that, and a reminder to the bus companies to stick to the reduced limit.

I am writing to express my strong support for the 20mph speed limit that was introduced in June 2024 in the Bishopthorpe area. As a concerned member of the community, I firmly believe that this speed limit is essential for the continued safety of local residents, particularly the children who attend nearby schools and nurseries. The area's roads and pathways are frequently used by young children on foot or by bike, as they commute to and from school and nursery. The lower speed limit provides a safer environment for them, significantly reducing the risk of accidents and promoting a safer community overall. It is clear that the 20mph limit has had a positive impact, and its continuation would be a vital measure in protecting the safety and well-being of our children, parents, and all pedestrians in the area. The reduced speed helps create a more peaceful and secure neighbourhood for everyone, including vulnerable road users. I respectfully urge you to retain the 20mph limit in Bishopthorpe permanently, as it is an essential step in fostering a safer environment for all. Thank you for considering this important request. I look forward to your positive response.

The 20mph speed limit is brilliant and I do hope it continues after the trial period. It makes a huge difference to pedestrians and cyclists, it feels so much better, safer, when vehicles pass at that lower speed. Add to this that lives are saved by reducing speed limits and it seems imperative that we make the 20mph permanent.

As a resident, I wish to register my support for the 20mph speed limit trial in Bishopthorpe and would like to see it become permanent throughout the village. It does, however, need to be enforced as there are drivers who are deliberately choosing to ignore it. I've studied the available data from Wales and clearly such a limit is beneficial in built-up areas. Bishopthorpe has two schools, many village shops, cafes, hairdressers etc etc, and pedestrians and cyclists would obviously benefit from this limit, both in terms of safety and air quality.

I'm writing to endorse the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Bishopthorpe. I'm in favour of the scheme and would like it to be retained.

This email is to express my full support, and my gratitude, for the implementation of the 20 mph speed limit in Bishopthorpe. I have lived in Bishopthorpe for 20 years. During that time I have regularly driven cars, ridden motorbikes and bicycles, and walked. For me, the new speed limit has negligible effect when using motorised transport, but it is immensely helpful in giving me confidence and in enhancing my

safety when cycling. I would like the 20 mph limit to be better enforced, but even as things stand it has helped to make our village safer, quieter, and better connected.

I'd like to support it, the trial hasn't had any negatives that I can see so hope it becomes permanent.

Here are my comments on the 20mph trial in Bishopthorpe.

In summary: the trial should be made permanent, using the existing points of transition on the four main roads into the village thereby maintaining a 20 MPH limit as currently is in place.

Reasons for making the trial permanent:

1. reduction of speed on all the roads in the village
2. reduction of risk of road traffic accidents (RTAs) in the village
3. reduction of risk of severity of injury in event of RTA in the village
4. increase in the sense of safety for pedestrians and cyclists in the village.

Residents of all ages would feel safer: in the recent public meeting in the village (in The Marcia with Councillors Mike Nichols and Kate Ravillious in attendance) many residents clearly expressed feelings of greater safety as a result of reduced traffic speed. That voice was almost unanimous. |

Regarding the boundaries of the 20mph zone:

The current boundaries should not be altered. Where a transition zone of 30mph is required by law it should be outwith the current 20mph zone.

Reasons:

In general: there are four (4) roads for traffic leading into and out of the village of Bishopthorpe.

A) Bishopthorpe road: This is a narrow roadway bounded by hedges and in places high brick walls. There is a narrow pedestrian pavement on one side of the road for almost all of the length of the roadway. There is the entrance to the crematorium, a tight entrance to a walled garden and a busy junction with Church Lane, a road used heavily by commuter traffic, race traffic to avoid Tadcaster Road. This road from the crematorium into the village (in effect to the area by the palace) should remain 20 mph in consideration of the road width and the many cyclists that use this stretch. In addition, walkers are frequently seen stepping into the road as the narrow pavement cannot accommodate walkers in both directions. If a 30 mph transition zone is needed it should be placed north of the crematorium entrance to make that busy area better protected. Note, the entrance to the crematorium is hidden by the sweep and height of the road coming south from the bridge over the A64. There is often congestion with the traffic attending the crematorium.

B) Sim Balk Lane: Cars approach Bishopthorpe downhill from 40mph zone. the 20 mph zone limit should remain where it is at present as this allows fast moving traffic to slow before residential areas and the busy junction with Church Lane. This junction is controlled by temporary traffic lights on race days and the 20mph zone reinforces the need for traffic to slow down.

c) Acaster Lane: If a 30 mph buffer is required between the 60 universal zone and the trial 20mph zone it should be placed south of the bridge that carries the cycleway over the road. This will ensure that a narrow approach to the village under the bridge, followed immediately by the access to the cycleway which is an area of heavy parking for anglers and walkers. A 20 mph zone maintained will protect the

users of the cycleway, the river bank and residents. Looking north on Acaster Lane there is no reason to alter the 20mph zone as this is a residential area with multiple side roads and a small shopping area before a very busy junction with Main street. I have observed traffic at above limit speeds on this road on many occasions. To maintain the 20mph zone will encourage those inclined to break the law to be less aggressive.

D) Appleton Road south from Main Street to Moor Lane over the old railway bridge by Brunswick Nursery: Here there is a school, a busy junction with Maple Avenue used by buses, a blind summit over the bridge (blind in both directions) followed southwards by the entrance to the adult training facility. The 20 mph should remain in place. I have read that Councillor Nicholls has heard representations from one or more farmers that a tractor and trailer crossing the bridge is difficult at 20mph. Tractors are highly powered and highly geared: I would argue that this unproven claim is not relevant. I am not aware that the HGV transport company has contended that their vehicles heavily laden cannot cope with the climb. However, if the farmer(s) maintain that 20mph is a problem, can they assure villagers that when they attack the rise to the bridge at speed with a heavy load and momentum they are safe to slow well before the junctions and the school. I am very concerned that heavily loaded agricultural machinery that has to travel at above 20 mph will have the ability to slow their huge momentum on safety as they approach road junctions and schools.

Finally, if a buffer zone of 30 mph is needed on the road to Appleton Roebuck it should be positioned south of the junction (on the bend) with Moor Lane. You will know that the bend on that road when approaching Bishopthorpe is signed as a maximum recommended 30 mph. Placing the 30MPH zone on the approach to Bishopthorpe village would incorporate that recommended limit for the bend and provide a good run before the 20 limit by Brunswick Nursery. In addition, it would increase safety for pedestrians walking from the village to Moor Lane where at many times of the year there are caravans sited. Currently there is no pathway: pedestrians have to walk on the road which is a 60 mph zone. It would be sensible to safeguard pedestrians to place a 30 limit south of the junction with Moor Lane

I am aware that the 20mph speed limits in Bishopthorpe are due for review and as a local resident I wanted to share my views. I believe that the 20mph should definitely stay in place as they provide better safety for pedestrians and village residents but also believe they need to be better reinforced on the roads into and out of the village, namely: Appleton Road; Sim Balk Lane and Bishopthorpe Road. I work from home and my office faces onto the main road which means I have a good sense of how well the speed limits on that stretch are being adhered to. Often times, cars and lorries are already accelerating above 20mph as they pass my house exiting the village, and braking sometimes quite hard as they enter the village, passing my house and then realising/remembering that they are suddenly approaching a school on the left. Speeding also makes it more precarious when trying to pull out of our driveway and onto Appleton Road. My lived experience whilst driving/cycling/walking on Sim Balk Lane and Bishopthorpe Road, which has a very narrow pathway leading up to and past the Bishop's Palace, is very similar, with cars/lorries often not respecting the 20 mph limit. To reinforce the 20 mph limits I would strongly recommend installing multiple warning signs on the roads in and out of the village that show drivers their current speed in relation to the speed limit- a green number if

they are within the limit and a flashing warning red if they are above. I would not be averse to speed cameras and subsequent fines as appropriate.

Hi I'm a resident and business owner in bishopthorpe I think it's a good idea 20 miles an hour in the residential areas But unfortunately no one is going these speeds.

Thanks for that meeting at The Marcia a few weeks back.
I'd like the 20 mph to remain in Bishopthorpe

I have lived in Bishopthorpe for many years and have taken a keen interest in the 20 mph trial.

From a general point of view, I welcome the idea of having a blanket 20 mph speed limit throughout the village. I observe the limit at all times when I drive in the village. My wife and I would support the limit being made permanent.

However, it is apparent that our views are not supported by others in the village. Even when the limit only applied to Main Street and near the schools it was often disregarded by drivers of various types of vehicles. Disregard for the new wider limit is, if anything even worse. I have travelled on buses which did not reduce their speed at all on entering the village. If no effective policing of the limit is carried out, other physical measures will be necessary to ensure broad compliance, such as speed cushions, speed tables, chicanes, etc.

The only issue I would suggest that might be looked at is the start point of the limit on the approach roads to the village. On Bishopthorpe Road, the limit applies from the Crematorium to Church Lane, despite there being only one domestic property in that length.

The introduction of the 20mph speed limit throughout the whole of Bishopthorpe has generally been a great success.

With regard to its commencement outside the entrance to the Crematorium and not further in to Church Lane we feel that it is perfectly justified due to the narrowness of the footpath and the effect on pedestrians by 'speeding' cars

Below, for your information, is my view on the 20mph speed limit in Bishopthorpe.

I usually get around Bishopthorpe on my bicycle, but also run, walk and drive. I am heartened by seeing throughout the village a good proportion of drivers obeying the 20mph limit and hope very much that it will be made permanent. My reasons are:

Increased safety for pedestrians (especially children and the elderly)
Less risk for cyclists
Lower fuel use due to less acceleration and braking

Higher chance of saving the lives of hedgehogs. These animals are suffering falling numbers nationally and every animal is important to avoid or delay extinction in Britain. We do have a population in the village. The animals take advantage of natural food and supplementary food provided from gardens, through which they need to travel up to 2km per night. These journeys involve crossing roads between gardens (such as Lang Road and Keble Park South) and from gardens to open country (such as Acaster Lane). Unlike other wild animals, hedgehogs do not speed up and run when approached by vehicles - instead they curl up in a ball and become easily squashed. They are not easy to see when driving, but at 20 mph rather than 30 mph, motorists are more likely to have time to stop and avoid them. It would be much better to keep the lower speed limit throughout the village rather than allowing the higher limit on Acaster Lane.

I'm writing in support of the permanent retention of the 20 mph speed limit in Bishopthorpe. The reasons are too obvious to require listing here.

I am a resident (and driver) in Bishopthorpe and think the trial blanket 20 mph restriction should be continued. For pedestrians and cyclists, it is so much safer if cars are driving slower and, quite honestly, no-one needs to be driving within the village at speeds higher than 20 mph. The limit seemed unnatural initially but it now seems fine.

I have seen that the main objection is to the drop to 20 mph on entry to/exit from the village on Bishopthorpe Road, Sim Balk Lane and Acaster Lane. I would argue that each road is just as much a residential area as the 20 mph area of Southbank. The single footpath alongside the palace is particularly unpleasant to walk along when cars are speeding past.

I'd say the majority of drivers want to obey the law and the 20 mph limit will pull down overall speeds and make the village a safer place especially for our elderly and youngest residents.

Enforcement is an issue but just because some drivers disagree with the new limits and choose to break it, that shouldn't mean the trial has failed and we should revert to the old limits.

I live in Bishopthorpe and would like to say how welcome the 20mph speed limit is

I feel it is important to keep this now as people have got used to it and the whole village feels a lot safe for pedestrians, bus users, cyclists and car users.

It has been a success in terms of health & safety and also collective consensus. despite initial criticism people now accept this speed limit. I do hope that it is kept in place.

I am writing regarding the consultation on the 20mph zone in Bishopthorpe Village. As a resident, I would like to express my strong support for this initiative and share some observations.

Currently, I witness vehicles frequently exceeding 40mph on Acaster Lane, particularly as they enter from or approach the junction with Main Street. As a parent of two young children, I am deeply concerned about both the increasing volume of through traffic and the excessive speeds of vehicles in our village.

While I fully support making the 20mph zone permanent, I believe the following improvements are necessary for its effectiveness:

1. Enhanced enforcement measures, as the current speed limit is often disregarded
2. Additional speed limit signage throughout that is clearly visible
3. Installation of speed notification devices on entry points into the village (Acaster Lane, Sim Balk, Bishopthorpe Road & Appleton Road)
4. Consideration of effective speed humps (full-width rather than split designs)

I would also like to bring attention to public transport vehicles exceeding the speed limit, specifically; the Route 21 bus service & School buses and private school transport vans which frequently travel at concerning speeds through the village. And often passing of heavy goods vehicles - have we considered making it unsuitable to HGV's? A lot of them come through from elsewhere I believe?

In conclusion, I strongly endorse making the 20mph zone permanent in Bishopthorpe Village, but urge the implementation of visible and active enforcement measures to ensure compliance by all road users.

Thank you for your consideration of these points.

I wanted to share my thoughts on the 20mph speed limit that is being trialled in Bishopthorpe at present. I think that the reduction in speed is a good thing for the following reasons:-

Chances of, and severity of, accidents are reduced

Air pollution is reduced

Fuel is used more efficiently

I would be happy for the limit to be continued for a longer period.

As the owner of a shop on Acaster Lane in Bishopthorpe I have to say that I think the 20mph limit is a good thing, making driving and walking around the village much more pleasant and safer.

I am in favour of keeping the 20mph speed limit in Bishopthorpe for the following reasons.

- There are some roads (Ramsey, Montague and Garbett) and the shops access on Acaster Lane which are on the inside curve when pulling onto the main road. This requires an element of faith when pulling out - it is safer at 20mph than at 30mph.
- There are a number of families living in Myrtle and Coda who need to cross Acaster Lane. The wider pavement is on the west side of the road which

means that they can often be seen crossing on the inside curve of the bend which has a limited view.

- The junction between Main Street and Acaster Lane is too wide. It would appear to have been built to ensure that cars can swing round without pausing and breaking their speed. It is certainly not safe to cross anywhere near the junction. Having a slightly reduced speed makes this safer. (Even better - square off the corner to make it safer for people who are not in cars.)
- I've discovered that since I have to drive at 20 I spend less time pausing for oncoming traffic when passing parked cars.
- When pulling onto Acaster Lane from a side road there is ample time to judge the speed of oncoming traffic and very often I can pull out safely without having to wait.
- I have measured the difference in time it takes to travel the full length of Acaster Lane at 20mph - it takes just 30 seconds longer than at 30. That won't make a huge difference to my day but it might save a life.
- I've seen social media posts suggesting that the 20mph starts too early on both Simbalk Lane and Bishopthorpe Road. I would suggest that the family with small children at Gardeners Cottage on Bishopthorpe Road have as much right to safe access to the home as any other house in the village.
- I've seen social media posts suggesting that that 40 to 20 is too steep a drop. But no one complained when we had to drop from 60 to 30 on Simbalk Lane.
- People say that there are no accidents in the village. Its not true. Some are very minor or near misses and not reported but in the 30 years I've lived here I know of at least 1 death and 1 very serious life changing accident and in one year alone there were 3 minor accidents involving children walking to school.

And finally, I live on Acaster Lane close to the junction with Keble Park South. I walk, cycle and drive. My access is also on the inside of the curve and I have found that I feel much safer pulling into the road. I no longer feel guilty that I've slowed someone down when a car suddenly appears in my rear view because now at least I know that they must have been driving too fast.

There is a vocal group on social media who are furious at this change. Please also take into account those who welcome it but don't have such loud voices and are often afraid of speaking out or simply don't have access to social media.

I applaud the principle of 20 mph through- out Bishopthorpe. At first it felt slow and safe; now it just feels safe.

The village is well populated with cars and people particularly in the centre, so it is definitely in need of slower speeds; which are generally being observed.

I live on Acaster Lane and here there are still a hard core of speeders; a lot of whom seem to come from the caravan parks at Acaster Malbis or use the track down to the river near my property. I do not think 30 mph or 20 mph makes any difference to them (they regularly do 40 mph plus) so 20 mph is fine for consistency, backed up by speed cameras or the illuminated warning notices if these are more affordable. I know it is separate issue but removing the 60mph facility on Sim Balk lane as it enters the village was an excellent safety move. 40 mph is a sensible reasonable speed. 60 mph on that stretch of road was verging on insane.

Myself and family welcome the trial changes to the 20mph zone to our village. With young children of our own it's certainly feels a lot safer generally as a cyclist and pedestrian for us all.

We live on Sim Balk Lane and prior to the recent change we have witnessed and hear cars really flooring it as they go past Church Lane and heading for the flyover. It certainly seems to have slowed a lot of cars down albeit there are still plenty going faster than 30 as they rev up their cars exiting the village.

If you were going to make any changes I'd suggest a survey is done on Sim Balk lane from the junction of Church Lane/Lang road. You will find a lot of cars going in excess of 30mph here still.

I wasn't able to attend the council consultation meeting. But wanted to let you know I'm strongly in favour of the lower speed limits in Bishopthorpe, as a residential area there is no need for cars to be going at 30, and 20 is much safer for the kids.

Please keep the 20 mph speed limit in Bishopthorpe on a permanent basis.

The roads feel much safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

I'm writing to support the retention of the village wide 20 mph speed limit.

I walk, cycle and drive in the village and I observe that many people are complying with the limit.

In a busy residential setting such as Bishopthorpe it's difficult to average more than 20mph. What the limit does do for those observing it is to remove much of the acceleration and braking observed if a 30 mph limit is in place. This has obvious benefits in terms of vehicle wear and tear, fuel economy, pollution and road safety.

I have heard arguments suggesting that "modern cars" cannot be driven at 20mph and that driving at 20mph increases fuel consumption and thus pollution. Both, of course, are incorrect and reminiscent of arguments put forward about the introduction of compulsory seat belts; for example, infringements of civil liberty and "can't get out if I crash".

Some of the current implementation is poor or faulty. The road into the village from the West goes from 60mph to 20mph. I believe that this is illegal. Just before the 20mph limit there is an advisory 30mph limit on the bend. Perhaps a 30 mph limit could be introduced just before the bend (or maybe 40 mph if that is easier to implement). It is difficult to justify the 20mph limit on entering the village from the South on Acaster Lane as there is little need to cross the road there. Could it be started near Coda Avenue?

I am 7years old. I live in Bishopthorpe and like to walk to school and to my friends houses.

Thank you for the 20mph limit. I feel safer.

I am writing to offer my support for the 20mph limit in Bishopthorpe. I feel much safer walking my children around the village. I live on Maple Avenue and a lot of my neighbours are elderly and I'm sure won't be able to email feedback but I know they appreciate the slower speeds as well.

Last year my 4year old son was hit by a car and luckily it was going slow so he wasn't hurt physically. Although we are both traumatised by the incident. The difference a slower car makes to our safety is huge. As a village with a high population of children and elderly people I think this is a great benefit to the community .

My fellow parents are all in agreement and I hope some of them take the time to email feedback. There seems to be a 'vocal minority' who seem grumpy about the limit but my view is that these are mainly older men and this demographic typically has less caring responsibilities and therefore does not appreciate the difference it can make to how safe our village is for the most vulnerable.

As a regular driver along Bishopthorpe Road (from the Residence) to Bishopthorpe village to attend the dentist, the library, the Co-op and subsequently through to the A64, I believe the reduction from 30mph to 20mph is generally a positive adjustment. However, the reduction from 40mph to 20mph at the Crematorium end of the village is particularly difficult to achieve without using extreme breaking measures. Is there any way that the speed limit could be reduced in stages so that the 20mph can be achieved with less reliance on the brake pedal? This stretch of road, where the footpath is extremely narrow and the shrubbery overhangs, most definitely should be a 20mph limit for the safety of walkers, but regrettably my experience both as a driver and a walker is that the majority of drivers never keep to the 30mph limit let alone the new 20mph limit.

The surface of Church Lane is so bad that 20mph suits the situation, especially if you want to keep your tyres intact! Plus of course the school proximity at the Sim Balk Lane end is a must for 20mph.

Sim Balk Lane (from the college end) has similar issues in reducing speed sharply from 40mph to 20mph.

Bishopthorpe residents are in much need of this reduction in speed. Once speed limit entries to the village are more appropriate for drivers to attain safely, the village will be a safer environment for everyone.

Happy with the restriction to 20mph throughout the village.

Much preferred to a forest of differing speed notices placed at numerous locations. Even if people do 25mph that is better than 35mph. Just makes sense.

Only difficulties -

When over taking parked cars you have to judge oncoming traffic speed carefully; are they sticking to the new limit or not?

Over taking cyclists can be problematic as many seem to ride at approximately 18mph 🚲 resulting in a very long overtake.

After 30+ years of driving in a certain way/speed when leaving the house it has taken a while to readjust/remember.

To the annoyance of cars behind I sometimes find myself driving at mid 20s in any built up area around the rest of York. Habit. Have to remind myself.

I am writing to you to express my favour for keeping the 20mph speed limit in Bishopthorpe.

As a mother of two primary school aged children, it is frankly terrifying taking them out for a walk sometimes. While we live on Church Lane and notice the speed limit is certainly not adhered to, we can see a difference in other areas of the village and this has given me confidence. It has also been reassuring that you are being proactive in taking measures to prevent a tragedy from occurring, rather than waiting for one to happen with the 30mph limit.

As a driver too, the 20mph speed limit helps you to be conscious of just how fast you are driving. It is such a busy village, and it is my feeling that 30mph is not safe at all; particularly in congested areas such as Main Street.

I very much hope the 20mph restriction can stay, and even be policed in some areas such as Church Lane and Acaster Lane where the long stretch of road makes it easy for drivers to put their foot down

As I was unable to attend the recent Parish Council meeting about the 20mph speed limit in Bishopthorpe, my views are as stated below.

I support this measure-20mph throughout the village. It did seem slow at first but seems normal now and is certainly needed on the road bordering Bishopthorpe Palace grounds where the pavement is narrow for pedestrians and the road narrow for cyclists. It is also welcome on Acaster Lane which has become a very busy and over-parked road.

The 20mph speed limit is probably not necessary approaching the village on Sim Balk Lane until after the Church Lane/Lang Rd turns, but not that inconvenient to bear if it reduces the need for an extra 30mph sign.

So my views are that the 20mph speed limits should remain as they are now.

I write in support of extending or making permanent the 20mph limit trial in Bishopthorpe.

I live on Sim Balk Lane where 30 was previously the limit and speeding has been a big issue for us personally, particularly as cars leave the village. We even witness multiple minor collisions outside our home. Although not all cars are sticking to the 20mph limit it is getting better as regular drivers adapt and I have noticed a significant improvement. I feel it has increased the safety for my children and others especially walking to and from school.

I believe the 20 mph speed limit test period is soon coming to an end. I live on Acaster Lane Bishopthorpe. Although it's not a resounding success and some drivers ignore it, it has definitely made a difference to the speed of many vehicles travelling down this street making it a much safer road. I would recommend that the 20 mph limit be kept.
