

Deansbrook & Mathilda Marks Kennedy Schools – 20mph proposal - consultation summary

Approximately 330 resident letters were sent out

18 resident responses were received plus a petition from 40 individuals (from 35 addresses) in Hale Drive. There was limited overlap between petitioners and individual respondents. 2 individual respondents also signed the petition and a third is probably from the same household as someone who signed the petition.

	Delivered (approx.)	Responses (addresses)
Ashbourne Grove	11	1
Church Close	23	1
Deans Lane	36	1
Hale Drive	96	43 (inc petition & school response)
Hale Lane	60	1
Rudyard Grove	30	1
Sefton Avenue	74	2
Other		1
TOTAL	330	51

The consultation invited comment or objections shown on the consultation drawing. These included:

- I. A 20mph speed limit on roads surrounding Deansbrook Infants and Junior Schools
- II. A 20mph speed limit on Hale Lane past Mathilda Marks Kennedy School
- III. 20mph road markings
- IV. Vehicle activated 20mph signs in Rudyard Grove and Sefton Avenue
- V. A zebra crossing near the entrance to the Deansbrook Schools on Hale Drive
- VI. A new vehicle activated school warning sign on Deans Lane
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Ashbourne Grove	11	1	<p>x1 Objection:</p> <p>a. No difference to safety as speeds at school times already below 20mph</p> <p>b. By introducing the new speed limit it would add to the pollution as the cars will be moving slowly and not smoothly thereby omitting more fume and cause more pollution and noise.</p> <p>c. Finally the traffic slow down will create more noise and could even cause accident as some drivers might not adhere to the speed limit whereas the public will have a false sense of security.</p>	<p>a. The restriction will apply at all times. School related movements are not restricted to the traditional start and end of the school day. Even when it is not possible to exceed the speed limit the signs will help to alert drivers to the different conditions around the school.</p> <p>b. The speed limit area does not include traffic calming measures other than signs and road marking so stop-start driving is not likely to occur.</p> <p>c. The speed limit is kept close to the schools and additional measures provided to remind drivers to help ensure that drivers can see a reason for the limit. Existing traffic speeds are such that there is a reasonable expectation of compliance with the proposed measures.</p>
Church Close	23	1	<p>x1 Concerns:</p> <p>a. Concerned that Deans Lane not included in speed limit</p> <p>b. Sefton Avenue to Church Close - parked cars make turning out of Church Close difficult. Would</p>	<p>a. Deans Lane is proposed to remain a 30mph road as it is a main road and to help make the distinction with the areas immediately around the school, however light up school warning signs are proposed on Deans Lane each side of Church Close.</p>

			be better if yellow line was extended further.	b. We will identify a possible extension of yellow lines for future consideration as a stand-alone request for parking restriction changes. Separate consultation would be needed to extend the proposal.
Deans Lane	36	1	<p>x1 Concerns:</p> <p>a. Additional speed limit from Sefton ave to Hale Drive on Deans Lane needed</p> <p>b. The proposal ignores Deans Lane where drivers speed up on seeing the dual carriageway sign.</p> <p>c. 20mph is proposed for Church Close which is a very small cul-de-sac with no option to drive faster.</p>	<p>a & b. Deans Lane is proposed to remain a 30mph road as it is a main road and to help make the distinction with the areas immediately around the school, however light up school warning signs are proposed on Deans Lane each side of Church Close.</p> <p>c. Church Close gives direct access to Deansbrook School. Even if it is not possible to exceed the speed limit the signs will help to alert drivers to the different conditions around the school, and will be consistent with the other roads around the school.</p>
Hale Drive	96	43 (inc petition & school response)	<p>Zebra Crossing:</p> <p>Petition (35 addresses) objecting to the zebra crossing and associated road markings because: it would be out of keeping with street; would reduce parking for residents and push parking further along street; belisha beacons would cause disruption to immediately affected residents; groups of people crossing would cause greater inconvenience to residents; it would cause traffic hold-ups and/or increased speeds where parking not occurring; benefits would mainly apply for a very short period each day; not an accident blackspot; loss of tree considered unacceptable.</p> <p>Other objections 5 separate objections to zebra crossing for similar reasons (2 from petition signatories and 1 likely from same household as a petition signatory *).</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Zebra crossing:</p> <p>In view of the high level of resident concern about this element of the scheme it is intended to omit this element from the scheme.</p>

		<p>x2 resident support or agree with for zebra crossing x1 general support for scheme from school representative</p> <p>20mph Petition notes that 20mph signage is a good idea and specifically does not object to this – although considers it may not be effective without additional measures. Other comments: x1 speed restrictions around Deansbrook Schools only needed at school times when not possible to exceed 20mph; x1 Speed limits outside Mathilda Marks Kennedy School likely to be ignored other Suggests extending 20mph x1 general support for scheme from school representative (as for zebra)</p> <p>Other x3 people from 2 addresses opposed to relocation of school sign opposite 129 Hale Drive to other side of the road x1 In agreement with road markings and vehicle activated signs</p> <p>Variety of other resident suggestions made through petition and separately including possible one-way and suggestion to help reduce school run. x1 general objection and complaint about impact of school run x1 issue is not speed but volume of traffic x1 suggests kerb build out or raised feature</p>	<p>20mph The speed limit is kept close to the schools, and additional measures provided to remind drivers, to help ensure that drivers can see a reason for the limit. Existing traffic speeds are such that there is a reasonable expectation of compliance with the proposed measures.</p> <p>An additional vehicle activated sign will be included in the scheme to help support the 20mph outside Mathilda Marks Kennedy School</p> <p>Other The sign opposite 129 Hale Drive will be left in its current position</p> <p>Other resident suggestions will be identified to the school for possible identification in school travel plans and consequent potential scheme development.</p>
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Hale Lane	60	1	x1 comment a. 20mph speed limit on Hale Lane is not likely to be observed. A VAS sign to advise east bound traffic would be more effective.	An additional vehicle activated sign will be included in the scheme to help support the 20mph outside Mathilda Marks Kennedy School
Rudyard Grove	30	1	Supports 20mph scheme Detailed comments regarding the impact of VAS signs because of a specific medical condition Suggested relocating sign closer to Deans Lane as vehicles will have already picked up speed by the time they reach te proposed location.	From the detailed information provided the sign is not expected to affect the resident. The sign will react to and be seen by approaching traffic – so the proposed location will better cater for vehicles picking up speed on the approach.
Sefton Avenue	74	2	x1 general agreement but with additional comments a. would like 20mph extended to Deans Lane from Sefton Avenue to Hale Drive b. would like 20mph extended to Downhurst Avenue and the whole of Hale Drive c. would like no u-turn signs in Deans Lane in both directions to prevent vehicles using the top of Sefton Avenue as a roundabout x1 objection to 2 elements of scheme d. objection to 20mph speed limit on Hale Lane past Mathilda Marks Kennedy school. OK when school going in and coming out but doesn't see why it needs to be full time. The school is located on the main road and respondent feels it will be used as a speed trap when there is no school	a. Deans Lane is proposed to remain a 30mph road as it is a main road and to help make the distinction with the areas immediately around the schools, however light up school warning signs are proposed on Deans Lane each side of Church Close b.The speed limit is kept close to the schools to help ensure that drivers can see a reason for the limit c. The suggestion is outside of the scope of the scheme but the concern will be logged with other traffic management requests for future consideration. No U-turn signs would still allow vehicles to turn into Safton Avenue to turn but it may be possible to consider alternatives. d. An additional vehicle activated sign will be included in the scheme to help support the 20mph outside Mathilda Marks

			<p>business going on.</p> <p>e. Objects to zebra crossing near the entrance to Deansbrook School due to parking displacement.</p>	<p>Kennedy School. School related movements are not restricted to the traditional start and end of the school day.</p> <p>e. In view of the high level of resident concern about this element of the scheme it is intended to omit this element from the scheme.</p>
Other		1	<p>Mill Hill Residents Association</p> <p>Support the above scheme and would like the Council to consider extending the 20mph zone [along Hale Lane and Bunns Lane] right down to the Orion School</p>	<p>The proposed speed limit is kept close to the schools to help ensure that drivers can see a reason for it.</p>
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