

Representations' summary	Highways Authority's response
1. Blackwater to Merstone	
<i>Support (5)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is too winding and bendy to go faster. Plus there is often flooding and mud on the road. 	Noted, the road geometry and driving conditions were taken into account when accessing the road safety in this location, hence the proposal.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The situations outside schools needs addressing. 	Noted, concerns were raised with the Highways Authority previously, hence the proposal.
<i>Objections (18)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed restriction is not needed, there is no evidence that reducing the existing speed limit will result in a reduction in the number or severity of accidents. 	The current situation in this location was assessed of road safety point of view by the Island Roads' highway engineers, where the available traffic data and police records were taken into account along with other factors and information. Lower driving speed reduces the risk for pedestrians when crossing the highway by giving them and the drivers more reaction and action time; it also reduces the impact if collision occurs.
2. Merstone to Arreton	
<i>Support (5)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will address the poor quality of driving on the island. 	The highway engineers assessment showed the need of the new lower speed limit; the proposal is aiming to improve the road safety for all road users.
<i>Objections (19)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed restriction is not needed, there is no evidence that reducing the existing speed limit will result in a reduction in the number or severity of accidents. 	The current situation in this location was assessed of road safety point of view by the Island Roads' highway engineers, where the available traffic data and police records were taken into account along with other factors and information. Lower driving speed reduces the risk for pedestrians when crossing the highway by giving them and the drivers more reaction and action time; it also reduces the impact if collision occurs.
3. Branstone to Apse Heath	
<i>Support (7)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The speed limit should be slower to take into account the extra traffic on this road with dangerous junctions. 	The highway engineers assessment showed the need of the new lower speed limit; the proposal is aiming to improve the road safety for all road users.
<i>Objections (16)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the speed limit will lead to delays to transport across the island. 	Managing the traffic speed to appropriate safe levels improves the traffic flow and reduces the undesirable disruptions, helping the public transport's punctuality.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drivers who are exceeding speed limits are prepared to break the law and the existing speed level can increase after the implementation of the proposal. 	Implementing the new lower speed limits might not improve the behaviour of all drivers, it is however expected that it will have a positive impact on the road users' safety due to the majority of drivers obeying the legal speed limits.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is not an accident blackspot and will achieve nothing in the way of safety. 	The current situation in this location was assessed of road safety point of view by the Island Roads' highway engineers, where the available traffic data and police records were taken into account along with other factors and information. Lower driving speed reduces the risk for pedestrians when crossing the highway by giving them and the drivers more reaction and action time; it also reduces the impact if collision occurs.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A compromise is needed - extending the proposed 40mph speed limit towards Apse Heath to the point where the 30mph speed limit originally terminated (approximately 190 metres west of Apse Heath roundabout). This way the 30 limit will begin where the development starts. This way the higher speed will be in a more appropriate place. 	<p>The current situation in this location was reviewed by the Island Roads' highway safety engineer, where the available traffic data and police records were taken into account along with other factors and information, and the proposal was recommended by them as a most appropriate option.</p>
4. Newport Rd, Lake	
<i>Support (10)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every mile per hour reduction makes injury less serious. 	<p>Managing the traffic speed to appropriate levels improves safety, lower speed at the appropriate locations reduces the impact in case of collision.</p>
<i>Objections (17)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lower speed limit is not needed as there are plenty of safe places to cross the road without putting yourself in danger as a pedestrian. 	<p>The current situation in this location was reviewed by the Island Roads' highway safety engineer, where the available traffic data and police records were taken into account along with other factors and information, and the proposal was recommended by them as a most appropriate option.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers who are exceeding the speed limits now will carry on doing it. 	<p>Implementing the new lower speed limits might not improve the behaviour of all drivers, it is however expected that it will have a positive impact on the road users' safety due to the majority of drivers obeying the legal speed limits.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing lower speed limits will cause congestion. 	<p>Managing the traffic speed to appropriate safe levels improves the traffic flow and reduces the undesirable disruptions. The new restriction will be monitored and changed if required.</p>