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PROPOSAL TO DOWN GRADE SARN ROAD FROM 40 MPH TO 30 MPH.

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My name is Ted Stowell, I am the CEO and CE of Allied Hydropower Itd based at Unit 4 Butlers Yard, Sarn, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 7LN.I live near Beeston Castle but travel this road to my place of work 2 or 4 times daily I oppose the downgrade to 30 mph unless other factors are also put in place.

I am not aware of any accidences causing serious injury or death have taken place along the Sarn Road from Threapwood to Sarn Bridge which usually is the prompt to downgrade to 30 mph.

Sarn Road is a poorly laid out road without a useable pavement over most of its length hedges that are very overgrown such that people waking on the pavement where it does exist are driven onto the road.

Many pedestrians and dog walkers do not follow the rule to walk facing the oncoming traffic and most particularly to walk on the outside of bends so that their line of sight and that of the drivers is maximised. Often I see dog walkers on the left hand side of the road going towards Sarn Bridge walking on the left side with no pavement and at the sharp bend in the dip near the Chapel where there is a pavement on the other side. Perhaps a safety campaign would be appropriate.

School children are picked up ant the small layby by a large bus at about 08 15 hrs and dropped of at about 16 00 hrs and they have to walk from and to the home each school day.

These times are those of dawn and dusk nd darkness as we pass from autumn to winter and into spring.

The bass of the 30 mph speed limit is the presence of urban street lighting. This rule tells the driver that the rea is speed limited to 30 mph without the need to have repetitive speed limit signs. The street lighting is in place due to areas of population that requires lighting for safe access

This suggests that a 30 mph speed limit without street lighting is deemed not so unsafe to require the 30 mph limit.

There has been a growing tendency to install 30 mph signs with repeaters at irregular intervals without also installing street lighting. This also suggests that it is being done on the Cheap and the Councillors and highway managers have discharged their duty.

We are now faced with 20 mph speed limits in 30 mph areas. So in towns and villages we now need repeaters for 20 mph to overrule the 30 mph street lighting. On the other side of Sarn Bridge in Wales we are now faced with 20 mph speed limits in all 30 mph areas without repeaters and without street lights.

Please do the right thing and install street lighting in all 30 or 20 mph new zones and do the job properly.

There is already excessive road side furniture to distract the driver and now we are faced with new variable rules to view signs as well as pot holes due to the poor road maintenance with cheap repairs which fail at the first frost, freezing the moisture beneath to loosen the plug before it breaks up.

If you fit the street lighting in a proper fashion without little circles of light and long dark areas, then I will support the 30 mph speed limit at this and other similar locations

Improvements required for all new 30/20 mph zones:-

Street lighting.

Hedge cutting

Pavement walkways on at least one side of the road and mostly on the outside of sharp bends

Formal vehicle passing places and refug places for pedestrians on single track roads.

Cycle paths as part of pavement walkways

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