

**Proposed Order to impose a 40 miles per hour speed limit on A542  
Summary of Public Consultation Responses**

<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>Anonymous</b>	<b>Not Anonymous</b>	<b>Agree to 40mph</b>	<b>Against 40mph</b>	<b>Number of Comments</b>
275	186	89	15	260	531

<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>No. of Comments</b>	<b>Response to objection</b>
1	There is no statistical evidence to justify 40mph	131	The independent speed limit review, which identified that the speed limit should be reduced to 40mph, considered vehicle speeds, vehicle volumes and recorded injury collisions.
2	Negative impact on local economy/tourism	106	Not a material consideration for a road safety initiative
3	Wants the 60mph National Speed Limit to remain	102	Not appropriate given the recommendation of the independent speed limit review. The purpose of the proposed scheme is collision reduction.
4	50 mph is reasonable but 40 mph is just too low - Using the Cat and a Fiddle as an example,	21	A 40mph speed limit is deemed to be appropriate following a review of the characteristics of the route and other supporting evidence.
5	It will increase congestion, which in turn increases tailgating & pollution	21	It is not anticipated that it will be a significant issue on this route given the low vehicle volumes that utilise it.
6	It will extend journey times for commuting	20	Journey times will increase by approximately 2 minutes. This is not unreasonable given the road safety benefits of the reduced speed limit
7	More police enforcement of existing Speed Limits	19	Not relevant
8	It would encourage reckless overtaking	16	Compliance with the new speed limit will be monitored in conjunction with North Wales Police.
9	Some drivers will still speed no matter the limit	15	Compliance with the new speed limit will be monitored in conjunction with North Wales Police.
10	More Road Safety training/education required	15	Not relevant
11	Average speed cameras up would be a far better idea	13	A reduction in the speed limit is deemed to be appropriate following a review of the characteristics of the route and other supporting evidence.
12	Disputes that speed is a problem - It would not improve road safety or the environment	9	Vehicle speeds have been identified as a contributory factor during the independent route assessment
13	Improvement to the road surface, more Safety Barriers/Bend warning signs, to improve safety	9	Improved signage will be considered in conjunction with the new 40mph limit.
14	Reducing the speed limit will reduce noise and make the roads safer.	6	Agreed
15	Locals regularly have to phone ambulances or go to accidents	5	Noted
16	Does not meet the criteria according to the Road Traffic Act	4	The proposed speed limit reduction complies with the relevant legislation and guidelines
17	Speed limit reduction is a good thing to reduce accidents	3	Agreed
18	40mph limit can lead to monotonous driving and lack of concentration	3	Speculation – No evidence to support the claim
19	The cost of replacing road signage to 40 mph	3	Not relevant
20	Accidents often very serious due to the topography - eg. tighter sections of the road where high speeds are less likely to be an issue	2	Collisions are dispersed along the route
21	Unless restrictions are put in place Pentredwr will be used as a bypass and drivers will speed through	2	Usage of the unclassified route through Pentredwr will be monitored following the introduction of the new speed limit
22	40 mph is too low for a rural road	1	A 40mph speed limit is deemed to be appropriate following a review of the characteristics of the route and other supporting evidence.
23	What evidence is there that accidents happen between the speeds of 40-60 mph?	1	A 40mph speed limit is deemed to be appropriate following a review of the characteristics of the route and other supporting evidence.
24	It is difficult to join the A542 from Pentredwr due to speed of approaching vehicles	1	The reduced speed limit may make it easier to egress this junction onto the A542
25	Drivers who are unfamiliar with the difficult driving conditions.	1	The route will always attract road users who are not familiar with the area. The purpose of this speed limit reduction is to reduce the likelihood that a collision will occur.
26	There would be an increase in speeding traffic by not observing the 40 mph speed limit	1	Speculation – No evidence to support the claim
27	There seems to be local and/or institutional prejudice against the motorcyclist	1	Not relevant