

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PROPOSALS
(VARIOUS ROADS) (30MPH SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2023

A548 Coast Road – East of Nant Drive to Marine Road East

SUMMARY OF OBJECTIONS

	GROUND FOR OBJECTION	COMMENTS
1.	I don't think there should any exceptions, the new ruling should be rolled out everywhere then there is less confusion. If these objections to the 5 roads named are granted then speed cameras should be installed to ensure 30mph is adhered to.	The 5 exception sites have been selected following careful application of the Welsh Government's criteria for considering potential exceptions. There are no plans to install speed cameras on the lengths of road covered by the proposed exceptions. Speed cameras are installed in accordance the criteria provided by the All-Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership, Go Safe. Speed cameras are only considered for those locations where there have been a number of speed-related road traffic collisions recorded.
2.	(https://www.gov.wales/setting-exceptions-20mph-default-speed-limit-restricted-roads.html#105968), this exception can be justified. The answer to question (A) for the section I have outlined, MUST be 'YES' - because of the parkland and nearby school. And the answer to question (B) must also be 'YES' because of the inadequacy of the footpaths. I accept that some work has been done with road-markings near the junction of Prestatyn Road and Bodnant Avenue, but that does not resolve the poor-quality of pedestrian/cycle access to the bridge itself or to adjacent recreational areas (and ultimately the now main entrance to Ysgol Bodnant). This road bridge has for a long time been a concern to me and if the introduction of 20mph limits is to mean anything it is just the sort of road which should be included in the new limits. It would make pedestrian/bicycle access to the school and parkland safer, as well as make pedestrian and cycle use of the bridge much safer. It would also improve safety for pedestrians crossing Marine Road near to Marine Road East, as well as emerging from Warren Road where it meets Marine Road at the bottom of the road bridge. I hope you will give serious consideration to this and alter the proposed exception so that it ends before the junction between Prestatyn Road and Bodnant Avenue (at least). Thank you.	This section of the A548 has been selected following careful application of the Welsh Government's criteria for considering potential exceptions. The concerns about the bridge over the railway line and narrow footways have been considered, but on balance, it is still considered that retaining a 30 mph speed limit in this location is appropriate, based on the lack of frontage development along this length of the A548. However, the comments about pedestrian and cycle access have been noted and have been provided to our Active Travel team for detailed consideration, as they are currently developing an Active Travel Masterplan for this area of Prestatyn, with the aim of improving pedestrian and cycle access and safety.

3	<p>I think the coast road particularly over the bridge should be reduced to 20mph. The paths are so narrow here for children walking home from the nearby school. Cars push it along the coast road doing 35-40mph that's why there's often a speed camera there. I get it being 30mph on the straight part leading up to Nant hall but don't see the point as it would be such a short stretch of road. Just put it all to 20mph and make it safer.</p>	<p>This section of the A548 has been selected following careful application of the Welsh Government's criteria for considering potential exceptions. The concerns about the bridge over the railway line and narrow footways have been considered, but on balance, it is still considered that retaining a 30 mph speed limit in this location is appropriate, based on the lack of frontage development along this length of the A548.</p>
4	<p>20 mph needed on coast road and needs to be enforced. The current speed limit is ignored and its like a racetrack at times - won't be long before someone is injured or killed. Impossible to cross when it's busy as pedestrian crossing near Eastville Ave is switched off. Also the pollution from traffic is awful in the summer putting residents health at risk and needs to be monitored. DCC seem to have no concern for the residents of Prestatyn and the impact of increased tourism and caravan traffic on the stretch between Prestatyn and Rhyl.</p>	<p>The large majority of the A548 through Rhyl and Prestatyn will be 20 mph. The only section that will remain at 30 mph is this proposed exception from the start of the existing 30 mph near Nant Hall Hotel to near the Warren Drive Junction. This section is proposed to remain to 30 mph because of the lack of frontage development along this section of road. The comments about air pollution have been noted and have been passed to our Environmental Health team for consideration.</p>
5	<p>There is no cycle path and a very narrow pavement on either side of the railway bridge east of Marine Road east. The narrow carriage way is dangerous for cyclists. I have nearly been knocked off my bike riding west bound. Cars overtake cyclists on this blind hill. I have adopted a central position in the lane (as per Highway code) to try to stop motorists from overtaking me before the brow of the hill, but it makes little difference. It is a busy pavement for pedestrians and it's very narrow to walk a bike on the pavement, dangerous to do this. Cyclists need motorists to travel slower to avoid any accidents. If an incident occurs better if cars can brake and not hit other road users. There is more chance of this if the speed limit is 20 miles an hour. Please consider placing the 20 miles sign before the junction with Bodnant Estate west band and a 30 miles sign after Bodnant Estate junction east bound.</p>	<p>This section of the A548 has been selected following careful application of the Welsh Government's criteria for considering potential exceptions to the default 20 mph speed limit. The extents of the exception are proposed based on the lack of frontage development along this section of the road. However, the comments about pedestrian and cycle safety have been passed to our Active Travel and Road Safety team who are currently developing an Active Travel Masterplan for this area of Prestatyn, with the aim of improving pedestrian and cycle access and safety.</p>

6 The road between bridge and nant hall hotel is a real racetrack! Dangerous to tourists going into and out campsite and noisy to residents around nant drive! They use central area lined off as 3rd lane . When camera vans around its fine but 90 pc of time the speeds can be well over 50 mph.

This section of the A548 has been selected following careful application of the Welsh Government's criteria for considering potential exceptions to the default 20 mph speed limit. The extents of the exception are proposed based on the lack of frontage development along this section of the road. The comments about traffic speeds will be considered by our Road Safety team who will consider speed data in this location. Wherever possible, speed limits should suit the nature and character of a road to help compliance. This is one of the reasons why roads with little frontage development such as this, are considered appropriate for being retained at 30 mph.