

Sevenoaks Town Council

Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan M&I Group 18th March 2024

Sevenoaks Town Wide 20 mph Speed Limit 2023 Consultation

This report updates Sevenoaks Town Councillors and the local community on Sevenoaks town wide 20 mph proposals and the outcome of Sevenoaks Town Council's 2023 public consultation and provides a recommendation to KCC and the Joint Transportation Board (JTB).

1. BACKGROUND

The following five petitions presented to Kent County Council and Sevenoaks District Council over the last six years created the demand for a 20mph provision in Sevenoaks:

- To reduce speeds in Seal Hollow Road to create safe access to Knole Park.
- For a 20mph zone around Sevenoaks Primary School.
- For a 20mph zone around St John's Primary School.
- For a wide 20mph zone, to protect the remaining primary and secondary schools in the area bounded by Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks High Street, South Park, the railway line and the A25.
- For a 20mph zone to protect families walking from the Greatness and Hillingdon areas to Seal Primary School

Two of these proposals have been implemented (for Sevenoaks and St John's Primary Schools) but the remaining schools and the surrounding residential areas remain at 30mph.

In 2022 Kent County Council conducted a consultation on a town wide 20 mph scheme, at the request of Cllr Streatfeild and funded through his Combined Member Grant. The Joint Transportation Board considered the consultation at the Joint Transportation Board meeting in December 2022 and again in March 2023. It was recommended by the Board that a specific Working Group be set up to continue to develop an appropriate scheme and approach to the 20 mph project.

Revised plans were created in response to the initial consultation mentioned. In theory, the revised plans should have been heavily supported by the public, as they were revised with the initial objections, so it could have been reasonably deduced that most of the original "No" votes had been addressed.

Sevenoaks Town Council is of the opinion that the introduction of additional areas of 20mph is essential to the town's current and future road safety, protection of the environment and the community's well-being. It is also complementary to other proposals, including those for

new cycle routes in the future and Aim M4 in the Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan which supports additional 20mph in residential areas and around schools.

2. CONSULTATION PROCESS

Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board wanted to see further public consultation before moving forward with its project. The proposals to be consulted on for the Sevenoaks 20, mph scheme was prepared by the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board Working Group and KCC.

Subsequently, Sevenoaks Town Council conducted a town-wide public survey over the course of a six-week consultation period to gather the thoughts and feelings of Sevenoaks residents on the revised scheme. The consultation was launched and took place between 1st November and 14th December 2023.

A copy of Sevenoaks Town Council's quarterly magazine – the Town Crier contained the consultation information as approved by KCC Officers and members of the JTB. It was delivered to all homes in the town and also circulated locally within the community.

Sevenoaks Town Council was responsible for the design of the survey and leaflet in consultation with Kent County Council (who signed off the consultation document). Sevenoaks Town Council was responsible for the promotion, and collection and analysis of the consultation responses. To ensure impartiality Lake Market Research was appointed by Sevenoaks Town Council to conduct an independent analysis of the feedback.

In relation to KCC's 20 mph plan for Sevenoaks town the following questions were asked:

- Q.1 Do you support 20 mph limits in residential roads and roads in close proximity to schools?**
- Q.2 Do you support the proposal for a 20-mph limit for most of central Sevenoaks including schools? (map provided)**
- Q.3 Are there any roads in the proposal you would like to see left out?**

A copy of the Town Crier's questionnaire is attached.

3. ANALYSES OF RESPONSES PROCESS

Sevenoaks Town Council commissioned the same consultants, Lake Market Research as that KCC had used in the 2022 exercise. In order to ensure continuity and independence of the analyses.

A full copy of the Lake Market Research report analysing the responses is attached.

At the request of the Joint Transportation Board Chair a copy of the raw data relating to the responses has been supplied to KCC which is to be distributed only within GDPR rules. It should be noted that the raw data is prior to any analyses and therefore will not have indicated where responses have been deemed invalid for any reasons e.g. multiple responses from one individual.

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4. KEY DATA FROM CONSULTATION

Q.1 Do you support 20 mph limits in residential roads and roads in close proximity to schools? (Yes / No closed response)

% INDICATING YES	Number of consultees of total answering 2,524	% of total answering 2,524
Consultees living in Sevenoaks Town only	1,166	74%
Consultees living in Sevenoaks District Council boundary but excluding Sevenoaks Town	418	52%
Consultees living outside Sevenoaks District Council boundary	84	64%

Q.2 Do you support the proposal for a 20-mph limit for most of central Sevenoaks including schools? (map provided) (Yes / No closed response)

% INDICATING YES	Number of consultees of total answering 2,525	% of total answering 2,525
Consultees living in Sevenoaks Town only	965	61%
Consultees living in Sevenoaks District Council boundary but excluding Sevenoaks Town	303	38%
Consultees living outside Sevenoaks District Council boundary	67	48%

Q.3 Are there any roads in the proposal you would like to see left out? (Free text response)

This open text question enabled respondents to highlight individual roads they believed should be excluded from the scheme. It is the view of Sevenoaks Town Council that the data gathered here does not substantially alter the overall outcome gathered in questions 1 and 2.

The JTB Working Group meeting held on 23rd February 2024, which discussed the Lake Market Research report, there was some discussion about whether a response which voted “Yes” to the proposals (Question 2) could be considered a “Yes” if they subsequently requested removal of one or more roads.

STC think the public would be astonished to know that if they voted **Yes** and subsequently said they wanted one or more road removed JTB would be considering manipulating their response to a **No**. We understand the interest about the responses relating to certain roads, however this is very small in relation to the overall responses and should not be used to overturn a Yes vote.

Included in this report are two additional tables, provided in order to answer JTB Working Group queries as to the numbers of such responses. Table 1 shows results for all responders and Table 2 shows Sevenoaks Town residents’ responses. (Pages 5-6)

Please note that some of the roads named by respondents were not included in the scheme being consulted on and therefore cannot be included in the requests for removal.

Of 96 **valid** responses which voted in favour of the proposals, and then requested changes, **62 of these requested roads included in the proposals be removed**. The numbers within column 5 of Tables 1 and 2 reflect the content of these requests.

From the 62 removal requests, the road with the highest concern is St John’s Road via 22 responses from 2,542 responses = 0.87%. Dartford Road was the second highest concern of the respondents who voted in favour, with 20 removal requests – although 11 of the combined voters for St John’s Hill and Dartford Road (42) requested **both**. This stretch of road therefore received a combined removal request vote of 31, from respondents who had voted in favour of the proposals. **31 responses requesting that Dartford Road and St John’s Hill be removed, from 2,542 is 1.22%.**

It should be noted that the percentages in Lake Market Research’s report for responses to Q3 do not add up to 100%, as one comment may have included multiple roads – as demonstrated above.

Summary of Consultation responses:

- i) The valid consultation responses show a very strong endorsement from Town residents for the 20 scheme drawn up by the JTB Working Group last spring (61%), and overall support for the scheme by all respondents (53%), after taking account of objections from outside the town.
- ii) Responses on removing individual roads, which are less than would be needed to overcome the balance of views in favour of inclusion (see Appendix E); these suggestions leave an overall balance in favour of inclusion, and a large balance in favour for Town residents.
- iii) Some of the suggestions for removal - Tubbs Hill, London Road, A25, Seal Hollow Rd, (25 in total) are for roads which were already excluded in the JTB Working Group plan, so do not really affect the consultation assessment.
- iv) The very high support for Aim M4 in the Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan (20mph near schools and in residential areas) could be taken to justify including two residential roads which are heavily used for school access but which the JTB Working Group left out in recent consultation (in original scheme) - Pinewood Avenue and Ash Platt. Sevenoaks Town Council would support this addition.

Q.3. Table 1 – All Responders

Q3. Are there any roads in the proposal you would like to see left out?	Number answering Q3. (1100)	% of Q3 responders (1100 total response to question)	% of overall responses (2,542) including those who did not respond to Q3	Of which number of responses which had also said “Yes” to Q2. (67)
No / none of them	333	30%	13.10%	
All of them / all roads	262	24%	10.31%	1
St John's Hill	110	10%	4.33%	22
Object (reject proposal) / no roads should be	90	8%	3.54%	0

20mph / already heavy traffic / slow enough / causes congestion				
All roads apart from near schools / hospitals should be excluded	89	8%	3.50%	0
Dartford Road	84	8%	3.30%	20
London Road	73	7%	2.87%	10
St Botolph's Road	56	5%	2.20%	12
Seal Hollow Road	49	4%	1.93%	5
Main roads / Major routes (All A & B roads)	45	4%	1.77%	2
Mount Harry Road	43	4%	1.69%	8
High Street / town centre	31	3%	1.22%	2
A225	28	3%	1.10%	6
Only operate 20mph during certain hours, i.e. near schools at certain times	27	2%	1.06%	2
Tonbridge Road	24	2%	0.94%	4
The Drive	22	2%	0.87%	2
Hitchen Hatch Lane	21	2%	0.83%	2
A25	14	1%	0.55%	5
Oak Lane	12	1%	0.47%	N/A
A224	11	1%	0.43%	0
Bradbourne Vale Road	10	1%	0.39%	N/A
Brittains Lane	10	1%	0.39%	N/A
Vine Court Road	9	1%	0.35%	0
20mph limits need to be enforced / lack of enforcement / people will not take notice	9	1%	0.35%	0
South Park	8	1%	0.31%	0
Most of them should be excluded	8	1%	0.31%	0
Granville road	8	1%	0.31%	1
Waste of tax-payers money / money could be better spent	7	1%	0.28%	0
Tubs Hill	6	1%	0.24%	N/A

Q.3. Table 2 – Sevenoaks Town Responders

Q3. Are there any roads in the proposal you would like to see left out?	Number answering Q.3. (665) within Sevenoaks parish	% of Q.3 responders (665 within Sevenoaks parish)	% of overall responses (1,587) within Sevenoaks parish	Of which number of responses which also said "Yes" to Q2.
No / none of them	244	37%	15.37%	
All of them / all roads	109	17%	6.87%	0
Object (reject proposal) no roads should be 20 mph / already heavy traffic / slow enough / causes congestion	40	11%	2.52%	0
St John's Hill	72	9%	4.54%	15
All roads apart from near schools should be excluded / only roads near schools / hospitals should be included	50	9%	3.15%	0
Dartford Road	58	7%	3.65%	15
London Road	43	7%	2.71%	7

St Botolph's Road	37	5%	2.33%	7
Mount Harry Road	33	5%	2.08%	5
Seal Hollow Road	30	4%	1.89%	5
Main roads / major routes (All A & B roads)	27	4%	1.70%	2
High Street / town centre	13	2%	0.82%	2
A225	18	3%	1.13%	5
Only operate 20 mph during certain hours, i.e. near schools at certain times	20	3%	1.26%	2
Tonbridge Road	19	3%	1.20%	4
The Drive	13	2%	0.82%	0
Hitchen Hatch Lane	16	2%	1.01%	1
A25	7	1%	0.44%	4
Oak Lane	9	1%	0.57%	N/A
A224	8	1%	0.44%	0
Bradbourne Vale Road	8	1%	0.50%	N/A
Brittains Lane	8	1%	0.50%	N/A
Vine Court Road	4	1%	0.25%	0
20 mph limits need to be enforced / lack of enforcement / people will not take notice	7	1%	0.44%	0
South Park	5	1%	0.32%	0
Most of them should be excluded	6	1%	0.38%	0
Granville Road	6	1%	0.38%	0
Waste of tax payers money / money could be better spent	5	1%	0.32%	0
Tubs Hill	3	1%	0.19%	N/A

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. **JTB 20 mph Working Group**, set up at the request of the Joint Transportation Board, met on Friday 23rd February 2024 to review the findings of the consultation and to seek to agree a position in advance of the next Joint Transportation Board meeting (this meeting). There were several discussions but there was a general feeling that the main area in question, from the public feedback and potential suitability of a 20 mph limit, was now limited to the Dartford Road. Speed data was requested to understand potential compliance with the new lower limit and KCC Officers provide this data along with detailed collision data.
2. **KCC's initial design in 2022**, from which the current scheme is derived, is assumed was based on known speed data, current policy and the analyses made by the Highway Engineers. Dartford Road was always considered within the threshold for a lowered speed limit.
3. **Dartford Road** It is understood the proposal for the Dartford Road zebra crossing and road layout changes were to ensure adherence to the reduced speed limit rather than because existing speeds were too high.

4. **Local Speed Data** Following a request from the Chair of the Joint Transportation Board (February 2024) Sevenoaks Town Council provided KCC with speed data from its Speed Indicator Device (SID) which provides indicative average speed of:
 - St Johns Hill averaged 21.8mph Southbound and 21.2mph Northbound
 - Bradbourne Vale Road averaged 28.5 Eastbound
 - Brittain's Lane averaged 27.2mph Southbound and 26mph Northbound

5. **Road Speeds** - KCC has also provided data from traffic and speed surveys conducted for Sevenoaks High Street, London Road, and two sections of Tonbridge Road as per Sevenoaks Town Council's Planning Committee Agenda papers for 4th March 2024 (Pages 25-30). A225 High Street averaged 15.4mph North and 18.5mph South. A224 London Road averaged 22.4mph North and 23.2mph South with less traffic flow. A225 Tonbridge Road (Northern end) averaged 24.5mph North and 25.5mph South, and again further south, A225 Tonbridge Road averaged 34.2mph North and 34.1mph South.

The data circulated by KCC Officer recently, shows almost all the roads in the consultation scheme meet speed requirements for signed 20 limits, including Dartford Road. A short stretch of Dartford Road is close to the limit, but the addition of a zebra crossing north of the Vine will have a favourable impact, and this already has strong support from the 2022 consultation, plus Town Council CIL funding.

The only exceptions could be:

- a 150 metre stretch of Seal Hollow Road between The Paddocks and Knole Golf Club
- a 100 metre stretch of Mount Harry between Birch Close and Pendennis Road
- a very short section of Lambarde Road about 50 metres north of the point where the walking / wheeling route will cross it.

None of these should be an insuperable problem. The section of Seal Hollow Road includes the footpath access From Hollybush Rec to the golf club and Godden Green and affects approach speeds to the Hole in the Wall. It is a well-used access for runners, walkers, and dog walkers; if visual traffic calming is needed it should be included. The short stretch of Mount Harry already has a traffic island near the crossing with Woodside Road; road marking may be enough to extend its effect.

There are no grounds for excluding roads on grounds of current speeds.

6. **Department for Transport Legislation & 20 mph**
KCC Highway Officers have confirmed the following:

Setting Local Speed limits is a DFT requirement and led by individual local authorities, this guidance suggests that speeds of 24mph are less are the traditional limit for existing speeds when considering new 20mph limits. KCC has a guidance/policy approach that builds upon this, and we have since May 2019 introduced new 20mph speed limits on roads where existing speeds are between 24-28mph, when we feel compliance with a 20mph could be met, often

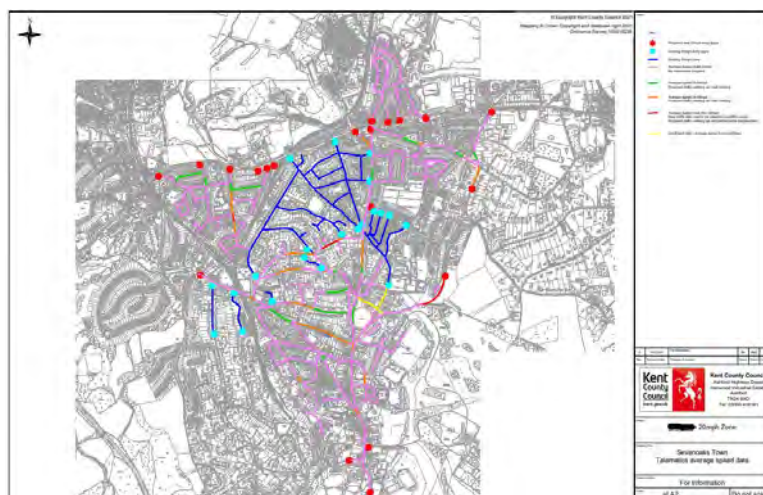
through some innovative traffic calming measures that may include, new crossing points, additional roundels/road markings etc.

So, unless existing speeds are above 28mph it is possible to introduce 20mph. when these existing speeds are at the upper end of that 24-28mph there will be an individual assessment about the suitability/appropriateness of a 20mph limit, we will seek Kent Police's view and that of the local community when making the final decision. There is no one size fits all sweeping policy on this.

I have taken a closer look at the speed data for the sections of road of concern highlighted (*Mount Harry Road and part of Dartford Road*). I have reviewed our telematic speed data collected between April 2022-March. The speed data presented here are the average speeds for a 24hr period in both directions combined.

The data is showing that speeds only increase above 28mph on one section of Mount Harry Road between Birch Close and Blair Drive, although speeds over 26mph are recorded either side of this section (highest mean speed was 29.2mph). This is a straight section of road with few property accesses or junctions, so perhaps unsurprising that speeds are higher here before reducing at the junction with Woodside Road and the bend in the road near Linden Chase.

Mean speeds on Dartford Road between the A25 and the B2019 Seal Hollow Road, and on Hitchen Hatch Lane remain below 28mph.



7. **Crash Data** - Sevenoaks Town Council produced an interactive map for the consultation using Crash data provided by KCC and using map co-ordinates for accuracy. It is available here and users can click on each incident for more information: <https://shared.xmap.cloud/?map=b0f286ce-6790-408b-b593-daf9a0dedfeb&ordering=new>. Alternatively, data can be found on [CrashMap](#). KCC has provided the data including Incident Reports which indicates cause, weather conditions, details of crash etc. (Appendix C)

Data included in the consultation document showed the number and distribution of roughly three crash injuries a month in Sevenoaks Town up to March 2023. A 10% reduction (a conservative estimate) would produce a significant saving compared to costs.

New data from Kent Highways covers the last three years - when traffic levels were affected by Covid. Even so, if speeds had been lower then, it is reasonable to think that at least one of the serious crash injuries would have been avoided (probably the one at the Hillingdon Avenue / Seal Hollow Road junction which was certainly due to speed). The savings from that alone, to emergency services, the NHS and for the family affected, would justify the costs of the scheme. The cost benefit calculation is clear.

5th March 2024 there was a serious crash that wrote off four vehicles on St Johns Hill yesterday between Quakers Hall Lane and Camden Road, putting one of the drivers in Pembury Hospital. Yet to be confirmed but expected in the police assessment was that speed played a part. The costs of that alone would justify the whole 20 scheme!

8. **Walking / Cycling Routes** - Sevenoaks Town Council has also provided a map showing proposed and existing walking/cycling routes/Public Rights of Way (Appendix D). These are as identified either in the Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan, or the Sevenoaks Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

These are summarised in the KCC Officer report - except for the school access from Bat & Ball station to Trinity and the Grammar annexes, and to Knole Academy which are very busy indeed at rush hours. The school access routes, plus the walking / cycling routes in the LCWIP and STNP cover many of the roads which lie within the consultation scheme. More importantly, several of them cross Dartford Road / St Johns Hill :

- west and north of The Vine where there is no pedestrian crossing, although the Town Council is ready to fund one
- by Hollybush Lane and the shops, where there is a zebra crossing although pedestrians cross north and south of it
- between Wickenden Road and St James' road, a main route to Sevenoaks Primary, and to the station - and this is the point at which the walking / wheeling route crosses St Johns Hill

In addition, there is significant pedestrian traffic Wickenden Road and Camden Road, towards Sevenoaks primary and other schools, as well as to St Johns Medical Centre, and at Quakers Hall Lane. Dartford Road and St Johns Hill are heavily used - and crossed - by pedestrians, in spite of unregulated pavement parking.

9. **STNP & 20 mph** Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan supports 20mph in residential areas and around schools and was approved by an overwhelming majority in the May 2023 referendum. The proposal in the 2023 consultation is complementary to

other proposals, including the new cycle route affecting several roads between Trinity School and London Road and crossing St Johns Hill , and a new zebra crossing on Dartford Road.

The Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan (STNP) a locally adopted strategic planning document contains the following:

Theme Three: Movement and Public Realm

Aim 4: The Neighbourhood Plan supports the introduction of a 20-mph speed limit close to schools and some residential areas.

Improvements in road safety in Sevenoaks could be achieved by:

- Promoting low speed limit regimes in built up residential areas consistent with the government’s advice on the setting of local speed limits, and
- Targeting measures to calm traffic in areas of high pedestrian activity including school entrances and shopping areas.

Subject to the outcome of transport modelling, a 20-mph speed limit in certain locations could help to achieve the aim above and also help to improve the environment for walking and cycling.

10. **Additional Roads** Members of the 20 mph Working Group requested to include the following Highlands Avenue, Ash Platt Road, and Pinewood Avenue. These would need including in any Traffic Regulation Order. They were part of the original TRO consultation but not this latest consultation. There was unanimous support at the Joint Transportation Board for their inclusion in any recommendation going forward, including from KCC Officers, and this would be supported by Sevenoaks Town Council.

6. Sevenoaks Town Council comments on JTB 20 mph Report for 20.3.24

Ref	JTB Report	STC Comment
Pg 9 3.2	<p>It is important to note that the full data set indicated that a number of respondents (78) who supported Question 2, also indicated that they would like one or more roads removing from the scheme at Question 3.</p> <p>In other words, these respondents do not unequivocally support the scheme as per the roads shown on the scheme map for Question 2.</p>	<p>This information has to be taken from the raw data rather than from the validated data from STC and Lake Market Research. STC has provided data relating to the 62 responses down to the granular detail of identifying each and multiple roads where indicated.</p> <p>Of the 62, the road with the highest concern is St John’s Road via 22 responses from 2,542 responses = 0.87%. Dartford Road was the second highest concern with 20</p>

	<p>Taking this into account, this reduces the support for Question 2 to 49%.</p> <p>NB: STC is unable to confirm whether or not those 78 views were all from valid responses.</p>	<p>respondents who voted in favour – although 11 of the combined voters (42) requested both. This stretch of road therefore received a combined removal request vote of 31, from respondents who had voted in favour of the proposals. 31 responses from 2,542 is 1.22%.</p> <p>STC think the public would be astonished to know that if they voted Yes and subsequently said they wanted one or more road removed JTB would be considering manipulating their response to a No. We understand the interest about the responses relating to certain roads, however this is very small in relation to the overall responses and should not be used to overturn a Yes vote.</p> <p>The NB is not correct, see comment above. <u>The summary tables provided to the JTB Chair stated in bold that this number was 62.</u></p>
<p>Pg 10 5.1.</p>	<p>...of note, are the speeds for Mount Harry Road at 30.7 mph in both directions.</p> <p>Speed data is not available for the long wide stretch of St John’s Hill or Dartford Road; the data for Dartford Road was captured at the Vine.</p> <p>Whilst there is no data for St Botolph’s</p>	<p>KCC Highway Officer stated 8.3.24</p> <p>I have taken a closer look at the speed data for the sections of road of concern highlighted. I have reviewed our telematic speed data collected between April 2022-March. The speed data presented here are the average speeds for a 24hr period in both directions combined.</p> <p>The data is showing that speeds only increase above 28mph on one section of Mount Harry Road between Birch Close and Blair Drive, although speeds over 26mph are recorded either side of this section (highest mean speed was 29.2mph). This is a straight section of road with few property accesses or junctions, so perhaps unsurprising that speeds are higher here before reducing at the junction with Woodside Road and the bend in the road near Linden Chase.</p> <p>Mean speeds on Dartford Road between the A25 and the B2019 Seal Hollow Road, and on Hitchen Hatch Lane remain below 28mph</p> <p>KCC Highway Officer to verify?</p>

	Road speeds are likely to be high due to the generous width of the road.	
Pg 11 6.3.	...ensure compliance by removing Mount Harry / Hitchen Hatch Road, St Botolph Road, and the northern section of the A225 from the Vine to the Bat & Ball junction.	Is this compliant with KCC Highway Officer and DfT recommendations?
Pg 11 6.4.	...would best represent the majority of respondents (66%) who supported the first question in the consultation.	For Sevenoaks Town residents this rose to 74%

7. LEGAL

The current KCC Traffic Regulation Order (as advertised for the previous consultation) are valid for 24 months which will run out in September 2024. This means that if the scheme is progressed there is no need to repeat the legal Traffic Regulation Order advertising exercise as any scheme would be within the limits of the previous legal process.

8. FINANCE

Sevenoaks Town Council has Resolved as part of its Community Investment Plan 2023 to fund the implementation of any resulting 20mph signage scheme estimated at £130,000 and a zebra crossing at Dartford Road estimated at £25,000 as approved for delivery via this consultation process.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION FROM SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL

There has now been considerable consultation relating to the original and refined plans for a 20-mph scheme in Sevenoaks town.

KCC are requested to accept the public's majority response, being positive, and move forward with the scheme as designed.

APPENDICES

- a) **Lake Market Research report
Sevenoaks Town Council 20 mph Consultation
Report on KCC Consultation Questions** (attached, pages 15-29)
- b) **Sevenoaks Town Council's 20 mph Town Crier
(including questionnaire)** (attached, pages 30-37)
- c) **Interactive map for Crash Data** ([see link](#))
- d) **Map indicating proposed and existing cycle and walking routes** ([see link](#))
- e) **Additional data relating to requests for individual roads inclusion and removal**
(attached, pages 38-41)

SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL 20MPH CONSULTATION

REPORT ON KENT COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

PREPARED BY LAKE MARKET RESEARCH



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BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY

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Points to note

- Consultees were given the choice of which questions they wanted to answer / provide comments. The number of consultees providing an answer is shown on each chart / table featured in this report.
- Please note that for single choice questions the sum of individual percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
- Participation in consultations is self-selecting and this needs to be considered when interpreting responses.
- All residents were provided with the information consultation document delivered to homes, and via other promotional material within the community. The information consultation document included a paper version of the survey and a freepost address.

- The report details the feedback from residents who live in Sevenoaks Town separately to residents living outside of Sevenoaks Town.
- Sevenoaks Town Council was responsible for the design in consultation with Kent County Council (who signed off the consultation document. Sevenoaks Town Council was responsible for the promotion, and collection of the consultation responses. Lake Market Research was appointed to conduct an independent analysis of feedback.

Response profile

2,279 valid consultation responses were received via the online survey. 263 valid consultation responses were submitted via the paper survey.

Just under two thirds of the consultees responding (62%) indicated that they live in Sevenoaks Town. 32% of the consultees responding indicated they live within the Sevenoaks District Council boundary but outside of Sevenoaks Town. 6% of those responding live outside of the Sevenoaks District Council boundary.

This report presents findings from all consultees who participated in the consultation as well consultees living in each geographic area.

	Number of consultees of total answering 2,542	% of total answering 2,542
Sevenoaks Town	1,587	62%
Sevenoaks District Council boundary (excluding Sevenoaks Town)	815	32%
Outside Sevenoaks District Council boundary	140	6%
- Bromley	21	1%
- Tonbridge and Malling	84	3%
- Other local authority areas	35	1%

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

QUESTION ONE – 20MPH LIMITS IN RESIDENTIAL ROADS AND ROADS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SCHOOLS

Two thirds (66%) of all consultees indicated they support 20mph limits on these road types and 34% indicated they did not support 20mph limits on these road types.

When filtering results amongst consultees who live in Sevenoaks Town only, the proportion who support 20mph limits in residential roads and roads in close proximity to schools increases to 74%.

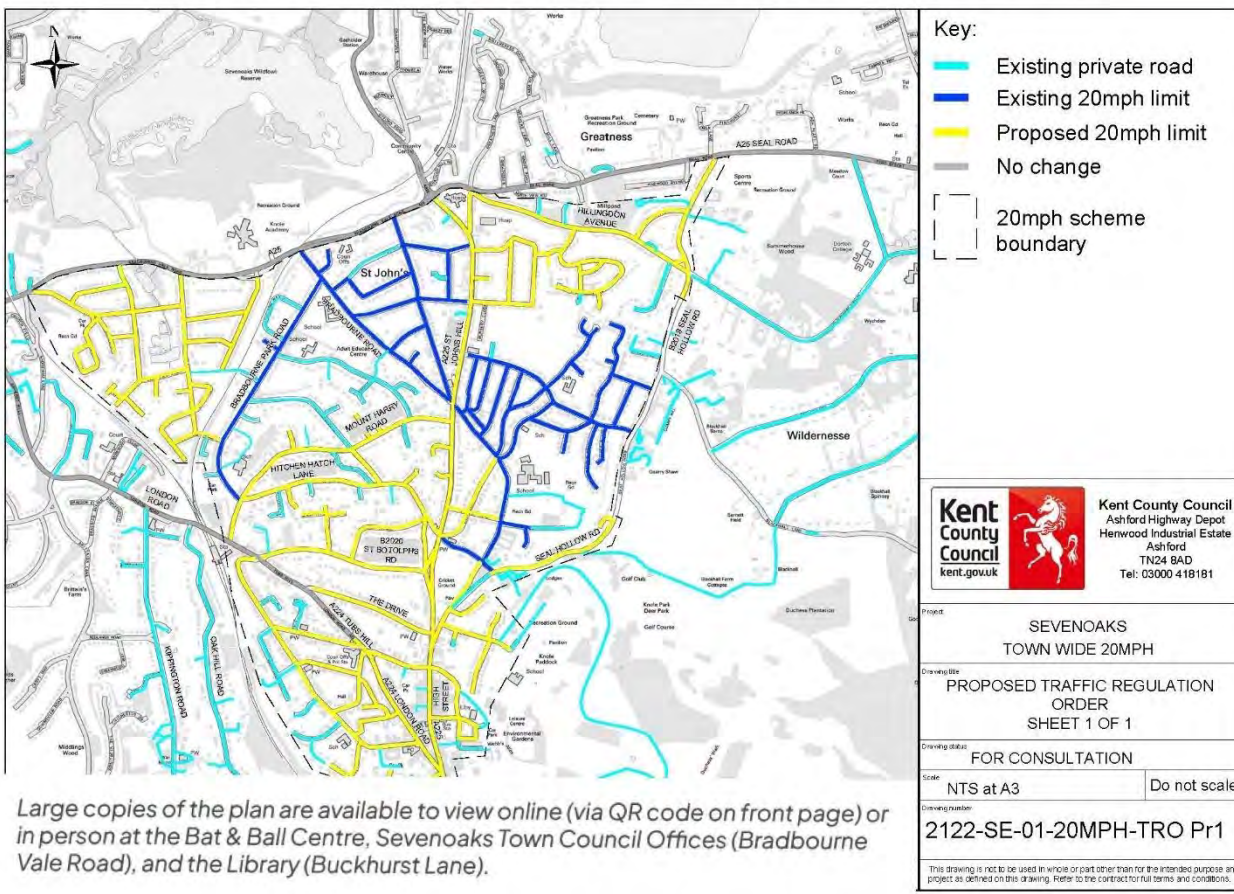
QUESTION TWO – 20MPH LIMIT FOR MOST OF CENTRAL SEVENOAKS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS

Consultees were also asked to indicate whether they support 20mph limits for most of central Sevenoaks with the assistance of the map shown below:

Revised Project Plan.

[Source: Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board meeting: 15/03/23]

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When filtering results amongst consultees who live in Sevenoaks Town only, the proportion who support a 20mph limit for most of central Sevenoaks, including schools increases to 61%.

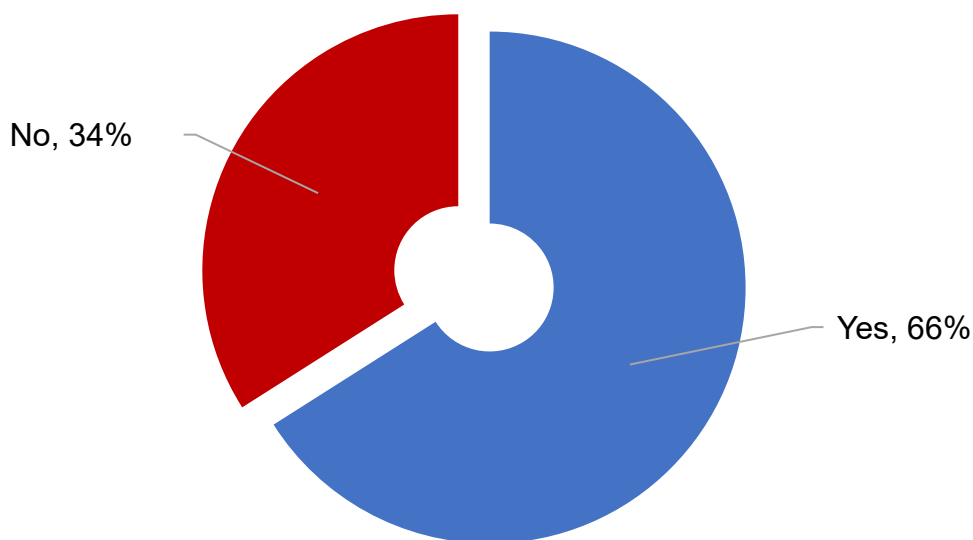
CONSULTATION RESPONSE

QUESTION ONE – 20MPH LIMITS IN RESIDENTIAL ROADS AND ROADS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SCHOOLS

- Consultees were first asked to indicate whether they support 20mph limits in residential roads and roads in close proximity to schools.
- Two thirds (66%) indicated they support 20mph limits on these road types and 34% indicated they did not support 20mph limits on these road types.

Do you support 20mph limits in residential roads and roads in close proximity to schools?

Base: all providing a response (2,524), the sum of individual percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding



SUPPORTING DATA TABLE	Number of consultees of total answering 2,524	% of total answering 2,524
Yes	1,668	66%
No	856	34%

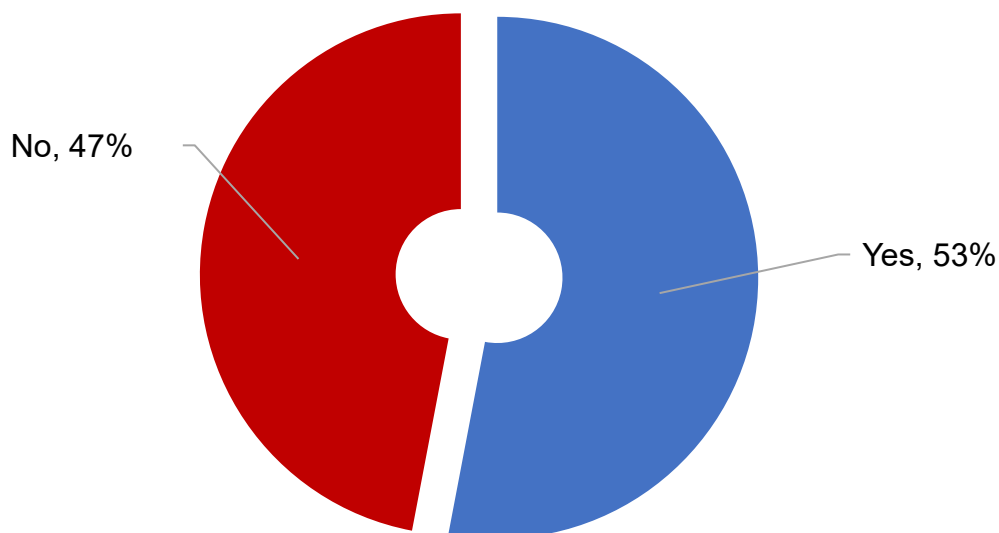
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- When filtering results amongst consultees who live in the Sevenoaks District Council but outside of Sevenoaks Town, the proportion who support 20mph limits in residential roads and roads in close proximity to schools decreases to 52%.

% INDICATING YES	Number of consultees of total answering 2,524	% of total answering 2,524
Consultees living in Sevenoaks Town only	1,166	74%
Consultees living in Sevenoaks District Council boundary but excluding Sevenoaks Town	418	52%
Consultees living outside Sevenoaks District Council boundary	84	64%

QUESTION TWO – 20MPH LIMIT FOR MOST OF CENTRAL SEVENOAKS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS

- Consultees were then asked to indicate whether they support 20mph limits for most of central Sevenoaks, including schools.
- Just over half (53%) indicated they support 20mph limits for most of central Sevenoaks and 47% indicated they did not support 20mph limits for most of central Sevenoaks.

Do you support the proposal for a 20mph limit for most of central Sevenoaks, including schools? Base: all providing a response (2,525), the sum of individual percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding



SUPPORTING DATA TABLE	Number of consultees of total answering 2,525	% of total answering 2,525
Yes	1,335	53%
No	1,190	47%

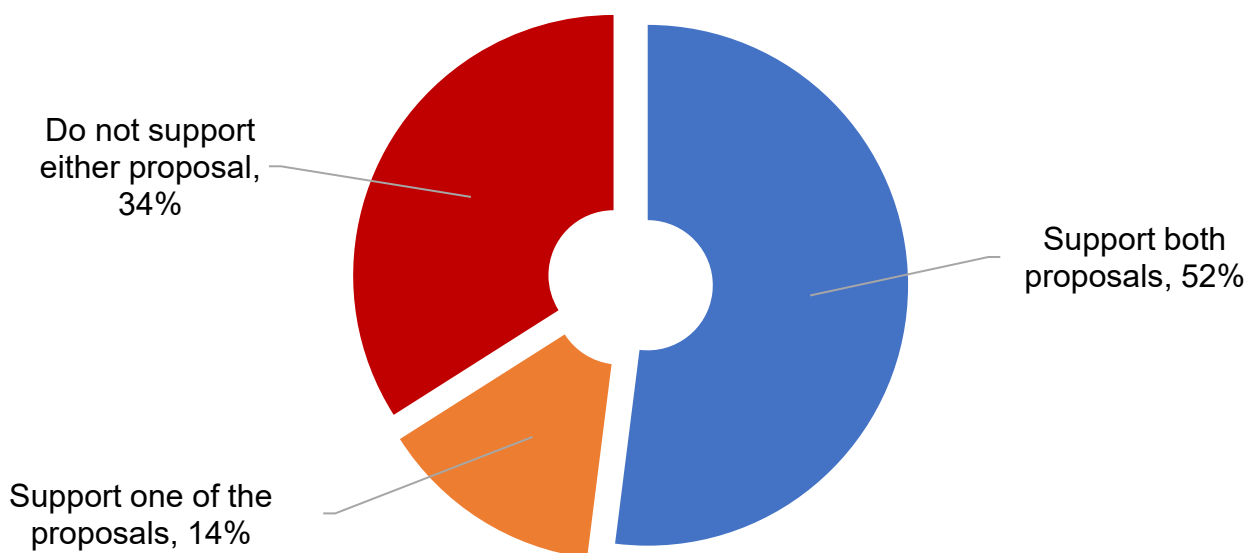
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- When filtering results amongst consultees who live in the Sevenoaks district but outside of Sevenoaks Town, the proportion who support a 20mph limit for most of central Sevenoaks, including schools decreases to 38%.

% INDICATING YES	Number of consultees of total answering 2,525	% of total answering 2,525
Consultees living in Sevenoaks Town only	965	61%
Consultees living in Sevenoaks District Council boundary but excluding Sevenoaks Town	303	38%
Consultees living outside Sevenoaks District Council boundary	67	48%

QUESTIONS ONE AND TWO – OVERALL SUPPORT FOR BOTH TYPES OF 20MPH LIMITS

- The chart below depicts the proportion of consultees who support both types of 20mph limits (residential / schools and most of central Sevenoaks), the proportion who support one of the two proposal types and the proportion who do not support either proposal type.
- Overall, just over half (52%) indicated they support both 20mph limits in residential roads / roads in close proximity to schools as well as 20mph limits for most of central Sevenoaks. 14% support one of the proposals and 34% do not support either proposal.

Do you support 20mph limits in residential roads and roads in close proximity to schools / a 20mph limit for most of central Sevenoaks, including schools? Base: all providing a response (2,530), the sum of individual percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding



SUPPORTING DATA TABLE	Number of consultees of total answering 2,530	% of total answering 2,530
Support both proposals	1,321	52%
Support one of the proposals	361	14%
Do not support either proposal	848	34%

- When filtering results amongst consultees who live in Sevenoaks Town only, the proportion who support both proposals increases to 60%.
- When filtering results amongst consultees who live in the Sevenoaks district but outside of Sevenoaks Town, the proportion who support both proposals decreases to 37%.

% SUPPORT BOTH PROPOSALS	Number of consultees of total answering 2,530	% of total answering 2,530
Consultees living in Sevenoaks Town only	953	60%
Consultees living in Sevenoaks District Council boundary but excluding Sevenoaks Town	301	37%
Consultees living outside Sevenoaks District Council boundary	67	48%

QUESTION THREE – ROADS CONSULTEES WOULD LIKE LEFT OUT OF PROPOSALS

Consultees were given the opportunity to indicate any roads they would like to see left out of the proposals in their own words. For the purpose of reporting, we have reviewed respondents' comments and have grouped common responses together into themes. These are reported in the table below. 43% provided a comment at this question.

Just under a third (30%) of those providing a comment indicated they wouldn't like any roads left out of the proposal. From the opposite perspective, 24% commented they would like all roads left out of proposals, 8% commented that no roads should be 20mph and 8% commented that all roads apart from those near schools and hospital should be left out.

Of the individual roads referenced, the most common are all or part of the following:

- St John's Hill – 10% of those commenting
- Dartford Road – 8% of those commenting
- London Road – 7% of those commenting
- St Botolph's Road – 5% of those commenting
- Seal Hollow Road – 4% of those commenting
- Main roads / major roads – 4% of those commenting
- Mount Harry Road – 4% of those commenting

Are there any roads in the proposal you would like to see left out? Base: all answering (1,100), percentage mentions of 1% and above included below

	Number of consultees of total answering 1,100	% of total answering 1,100
No / none of them	333	30%
All of them / all roads	262	24%
St John's Hill	110	10%
Object (reject proposal) / no roads should be 20mph / already heavy traffic / slow enough / causes congestion	90	8%
All roads apart from near schools / hospitals should be excluded	89	8%
Dartford Road	84	8%
London Road	73	7%
St Botolph's Rd	56	5%
Seal Hollow Road	49	4%
Main roads / Major routes (All A & B roads)	45	4%
Mount Harry Road	43	4%

	Number of consultees of total answering 1,100	% of total answering 1,100
High street / town centre	31	3%
A225	28	3%
Only operate 20mph during certain hours, i.e. near schools at certain times	27	2%
Tonbridge Road	24	2%
The Drive	22	2%
Hitchen Hatch Lane	21	2%
A25	14	1%
Oak lane	12	1%
A224	11	1%
Bradbourne Vale Road	10	1%
Brittains Lane	10	1%
Vine Court Road	9	1%
20mph limits need to be enforced / lack of enforcement / people will not take notice	9	1%
South Park	8	1%
Most of them should be excluded	8	1%
Granville road	8	1%
Waste of tax-payers money / money could be better spent	7	1%
Tubs Hill	6	1%

When filtering results amongst consultees who live in Sevenoaks Town only, the proportion indicating they wouldn't like any roads left out of the proposal increases to 37%. In addition, the proportion commenting they would like all roads left out of proposals decreases to 17%. The most common roads selected are broadly consistent with those observed at a total level.

Consultees living in Sevenoaks Town only

Are there any roads in the proposal you would like to see left out? Base: all answering (655), percentage mentions of 1% and above included below

	Number of consultees of total answering 665	% of total answering 665
No / none of them	244	37%
All of them / all roads	109	17%
Object (reject proposal) / no roads should be 20mph / already heavy traffic / slow enough / causes congestion	40	11%
St John's Hill	72	9%
All roads apart from near schools should be excluded / Only roads near schools / hospitals should be included	50	9%
Dartford Road	58	7%
London Road	43	7%
St Botolph's Rd	37	5%
Mount Harry Road	33	5%
Seal Hollow Road	30	4%
Main roads / Major routes (All A & B roads)	27	4%
High street / town centre	13	2%
A225	18	3%
Only operate 20mph during certain hours, i.e. near schools at certain times	20	3%
Tonbridge Road	19	3%
The Drive	13	2%
Hitchen Hatch Lane	16	2%
A25	7	1%
Oak lane	9	1%
A224	7	1%
Bradbourne Vale Road	8	1%
Brittains Lane	8	1%
Vine Court Road	4	1%
20mph limits need to be enforced / lack of enforcement / people will not take notice	7	1%

	Number of consultees of total answering 665	% of total answering 665
South Park	5	1%
Most of them should be excluded	6	1%
Granville road	6	1%
Waste of tax-payers money / money could be better spent	5	1%
Tubs Hill	3	1%

Sevenoaks Town 20mph Public Consultation 2023.

Please tick **YES** or **NO** to indicate your response:

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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BRITAINS LANE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OAK LANE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TONBRIDGE ROAD (by Sevenoaks School)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are there any roads not named in the list above you would want included in the proposal?

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*Name:.....

Address:.....
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(FOR FUTURE UPDATES)

I am **under** 18 years old I am **over** 18 years old

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SEVENOAKS Town Crier



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From Sevenoaks Town Council for the community of Sevenoaks.

Autumn 2023



This edition of the Town Crier includes a town-wide survey for Sevenoaks community to have their say on the latest proposals for 20mph speed zones to be put in place in Sevenoaks.

We need to hear your thoughts prior to the closing date of:

14th December 2023.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to our special edition of the Town Crier. For several years, there have been discussions on lowering speeds and increasing road safety in our town. Local residents in five different areas of Sevenoaks have campaigned for 20mph limits to improve safety for all.

As a result, KCC led a consultation in 2022 on a 20mph scheme, which has been refined using the feedback. We believe this would give a boost to active travel in Sevenoaks, and can be funded by the Community infrastructure Levy from developers.

This Town Crier has information about the proposed scheme, and details Page 30 of 41 to comment.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Councillor Claire Shea, Mayor of Sevenoaks



Why are 20mph plans introduced?

[Source: Government Atkins 20mph study]

TRANSPORT

- Casualty and injury reduction.
- Reduction of rush hour traffic through residential areas.
- Reduce the negative impact of cars in urban centres

COMMUNITY

- Community concerns about speed, safety and the quality of the local environment.
- Demand from local groups and individuals in the community.
- Seen as a low cost initiative, which delivers instant improvements for local residents, schools and commuters.

HEALTH

- Encourage active travelling locally (walking and cycling instead of driving)
- Improve public health and wellbeing

Background to the demand for 20mph in Sevenoaks.



The following five petitions presented to Kent County Council and Sevenoaks District Council over the last six years created the demand for a 20mph provision in Sevenoaks:

- **To reduce speeds in Seal Hollow Road to create safe access to Knole Park**
- **For a 20mph zone around Sevenoaks Primary School**
- **For a 20mph zone around St John's Primary School**
- **For a wide 20mph zone, to protect the remaining primary and secondary schools in the area bounded by Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks High Street, South Park, the railway line and the A25.**
- **For a 20mph zone to protect families walking from the Greatness and Hillingdon areas to Seal Primary School.**

Two of these have been implemented (for Sevenoaks and St John's Primary Schools) but the remaining schools and the surrounding residential areas remain at 30mph.

Sevenoaks Town Council is of the opinion that the introduction of additional areas of 20mph is essential to our current and future road safety, protection of the environment and the community's well-being. It is also complementary to other proposals, including those for new cycle routes in the future and the Aim M4 in the Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan which supports additional 20mph in residential areas and around schools.

Kent County Council 2022 Consultation.

[Source: Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board meeting: 13/12/22]

For the past year, there has been much debate regarding the introduction of additional areas of 20mph in Sevenoaks. This has included a public consultation exercise carried out by Kent County Council which included a one-way scheme around the war memorial (now excluded) and left out some areas that residents wanted to be considered including: most of Kippington, Greatness, Bat & Ball area, Oak Lane and Brittain's Lane.

Kent County Council's consultation indicated a majority in favour of a town-wide scheme by those living within it, whereas those surveyed outside the town boundary opposed as a majority.

Need for further consultation and by whom?

[Source: Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board meeting: 18/09/23]

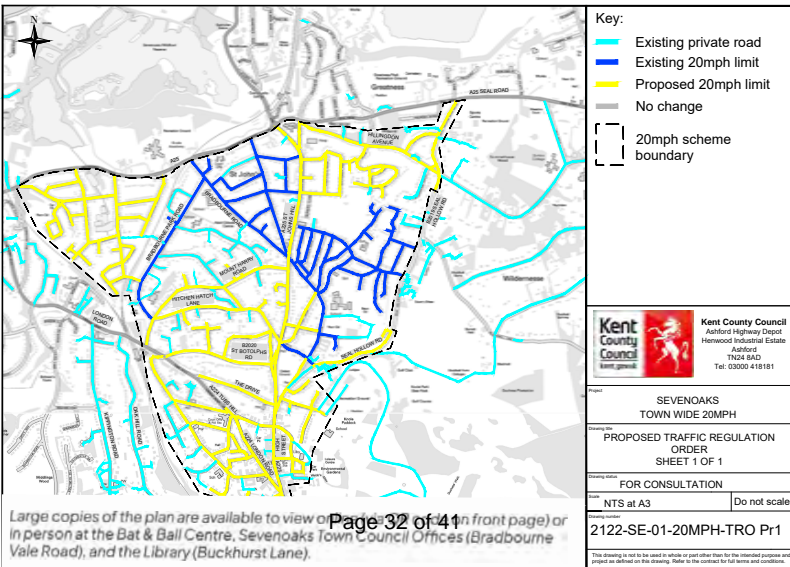
Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board would like further public consultation before moving forward with the project. Sevenoaks Town Council believes it is best placed to progress this consultation in its local community. If public opinion is in favour of the extension of 20mph, there will be a formal legal process to be followed prior to its implementation.

The Town Council is aware that other local councils in Sevenoaks District have consulted with their local residents directly on local community proposals for 20mph.

Revised Project Plan.

[Source: Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board meeting: 15/03/23]

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Costs relating to 20mph scheme in Sevenoaks.

[Source: KCC Vision Zero Document]

The **Signage-Only Scheme** is suitable for the project and is significantly less cost than physical traffic measures.

At present, the estimate for a Signage-Only Scheme in Sevenoaks is £130,000, with a further £25,000 for the installation of a zebra crossing on Dartford Road. This will be funded by the Community Infrastructure Levy paid for by developers.

KCC Vision Zero documents states:

Each death and life changing injury on Kent's Highways is a personal tragedy and that is why we have a target of zero deaths.

Serious injuries also have very high social costs. 24-hour home care can cost up to £2,000 per week. Other costs include clearing the scene, emergency services and resulting congestion. The Department for Transport estimates the average value of prevention of each reported casualty, which estimates a value for all human and public costs as follows:

Fatal: £1.9 Million
Serious: £220,000
Slight: £17,000

In 2019 Kent's combined prevention value of all collisions was over £263m, including over £70m for fatalities and over £143m for serious injuries.

Sevenoaks Town Council believes that 20mph limits would be a valuable investment in community safety, as well as encouraging active travel and reducing climate impact.




Sevenoaks Markets

Dedicated traders with fresh, local and handmade products every week!

9am - 4pm

High Street (Saturday) Bligh's Walk (Saturday)


Buckhurst Lane (Wednesday)



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We've thought of every detail to support your productivity and well-being. So, why not give your business, old or new, what it needs? Enquire today!



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Collision Statistics.

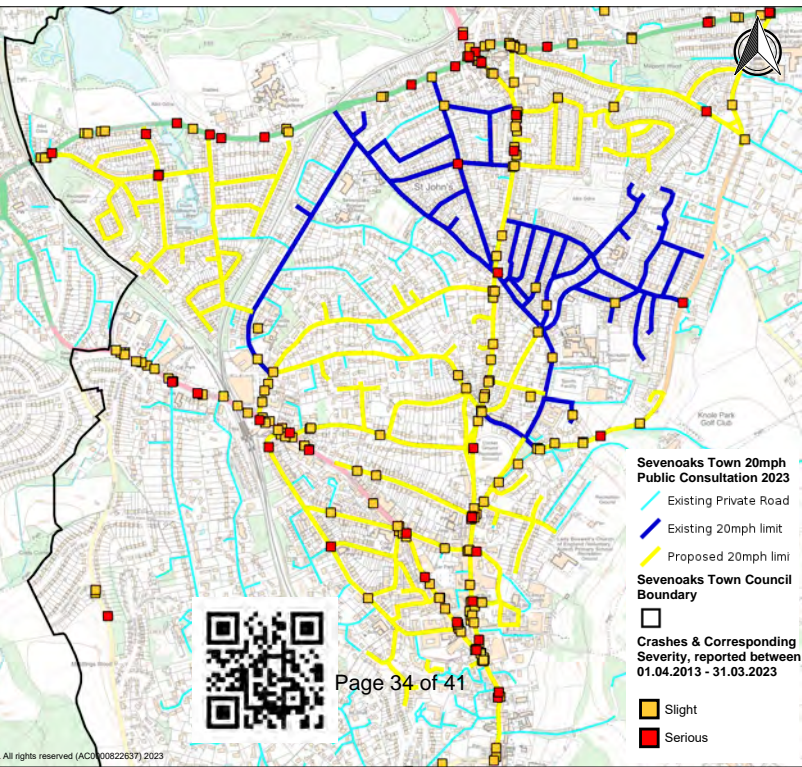
[Source: Kent County Council – Personal Injury Crash Data]

“A pedestrian is five times more likely to die if hit at 30mph rather than 20mph”

[Source: KCC Vision Zero document]

Kent County Council provided the following information for Sevenoaks Town for the years 01/04/2013 – 31/03/2023. It should be noted that collisions totalled between 2020–2021 were abnormally low nationally due to the COVID pandemic.

COLLISIONS	295
CASUALTIES	362
VEHICLES INVOLVED	506



Community Support.

[Source: Petition presented to JTB Committee on: 09/06/21]

Community support in favour of the 20 mph proposals was included within the 2021 Petition submitted to the Joint Transportation Board including from the following schools, community groups and organisations:

- ◆ St John's C of E Primary School
- ◆ Sevenoaks Primary School
- ◆ Lady Boswell's C of E Primary School
- ◆ St Thomas Catholic Primary School PTA
- ◆ The Granville School
- ◆ Trinity School Sevenoaks
- ◆ Sevenoaks School
- ◆ Knole Paddock Residents' Association
- ◆ St John's Residents' Association
- ◆ Hollybush Residents' Association
- ◆ Bradbourne Residents' Association
- ◆ Eardley Road Residents' Association
- ◆ White Hart Estates Residents' Association
- ◆ Busy Bees Nursery
- ◆ Sevenoaks Bicycle User Group



MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

OPEN DOOR SESSIONS

Sevenoaks Town Councillors invite you to attend public surgeries:

In addition to the right of every resident to come and ask questions at Town Council committee meetings, Sevenoaks Town Councillors would like to make themselves available to **talk about issues affecting individuals and neighbourhoods** across the town.

Town Councillors - newly elected and those re-elected will be available for regular Public Surgeries in the **Bat & Ball Centre** (for residents of northern Sevenoaks and the **House in the Basement** Youth Cafe (for residents in southern Sevenoaks)



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Upcoming sessions:

Saturday 11th November: 10am – 12pm

Saturday 9th December: 10am – 12pm

Meeting Room, Bat & Ball Centre

House in the Basement Youth Cafe

Sevenoaks Town 20mph Public Consultation 2023.

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Functions & Facilities provided by Sevenoaks Town Council

Precept

Sevenoaks Town Council's total revenue budget for the 2023/24 financial year is £1,954,749 per annum. The average Band D house would pay £139.17 per annum equating to £2.68 per week.

OPEN SPACES & LEISURE

• ALLOTMENTS:

*Bradbourne Vale Road
Quaker's Hall Lane*

• BETHEL ROAD BURIAL GROUND

• BRITAINS COMMON

• BRITAINS LANE WOOD

• GREATNESS RECREATION GROUND

• THE GREEN, HILLINGDON RISE

• HANGING BASKETS

• HORSE TROUGHS (*Old Police Station, Rheinbach Gardens, St Botolph's Road*)

• JUDD'S PIECE

• LAND AT:

*Letterbox Lane
Littlewood
Tonbridge Road*

• MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)

• MIDDINGS WOOD

• MILLPOND WOOD

• PLANTERS (*The Shambles, Dorset Street, Pembroke Road, London Road, Buckhurst Lane*)

• THE POUND, POUND LANE

• RALEY'S FIELD & KNOLE PADDOCK

• RHEINBACH GARDENS

• SEVENOAKS COMMON

• SPORTS PITCHES

• UPPER HIGH STREET GARDENS

• VINE CRICKET GROUND & PAVILION

• VINE GARDENS

Public toilet, telephone kiosk with defibrillator

• WAR MEMORIAL

• WHITE HART BEECHES

• WOODSIDE ROAD OPEN SPACE

CAR PARKS

• RALEY'S CAR PARK

PLAY AREAS

• BUCKHURST LANE PLAY AREA

• GREATNESS RECREATION GROUND & PLAYGROUND

• HILLINGDON RISE PLAY AREA

• JULIANS MEADOW & PLAYGROUND

• KIPPINGTON MEADOW

• MOUNT CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND

• PONTOISE CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND

SERVICES

• BAT & BALL CENTRE

(formerly Sevenoaks Community Centre)

Available for hire: meetings, conferences etc.

• BAT & BALL STATION BUILDING (including Café and rooms available to hire)

batandballstation.com

• BUSINESS HUB

• BUS SHELTERS (*Dartford Road x1, Bradbourne Vale Road x2, London Road x2, Tonbridge Road x1*)

• CAFÉ ON THE VINE cafeonthevine.com

• CONSULTTEES (*Planning, Highways, etc.*)

• GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

• GREATNESS PARK CEMETERY

• HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT (HITB) YOUTH CAFÉ (*available for hire*)

• INFO-PODS & DIGITAL DISPLAY SCREENS

• LITTER BINS AND GRIT BINS

• MARKETS (*Wednesday and Saturday*)

• MASTERPLAN FOR NORTHERN SEVENOAKS

• NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

• ORBITAL NO 8 BUS

• PUBLIC CLOCKS (*Jubilee Clock Old Market House and Warren Clock above Brewers*)

• PUBLIC SEATS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS

• PUBLIC TOILETS (*The Stag, The Vine, Lower St Johns, Greatness Recreation Ground*)

• SEVENOAKS TOWN TEAM sevenoakspartnership.org

• STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

Defibrillator in foyer

stagssevenoaks.co.uk

• STREET LIGHTS IN SOME UNADOPTED ROADS

• TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES/CHAMBER

Available for hire: meetings, conferences etc.

• TWINNING WITH PONTOISE AND RHEINBACH

• YOUTH COUNCIL sevenoaksyouthcouncil.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

• CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS IN TOWN

• CIVIC FUNCTIONS

• VINE BANDSTAND/FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Town Councillors 2023-2027

NAME	PARTY	NAME	PARTY
EASTERN WARD		ST JOHNS WARD	
Cllr L Ancrum	Liberal Democrat	Cllr S Camp	Liberal Democrat
Cllr A S Clayton	Liberal Democrat	Cllr P Dixon	Liberal Democrat
Cllr S Layne	Liberal Democrat	Cllr D Skinner OBE	Liberal Democrat
KIPPINGTON WARD		TOWN WARD	
Cllr C Daniell	Liberal Democrat	Cllr V Granville	Liberal Democrat
Cllr C Gustard	Liberal Democrat	Cllr L Michaelides	Liberal Democrat
Cllr N Varley	Liberal Democrat	Cllr G Willis	Liberal Democrat
NORTHERN WARD		WILDERNESSE WARD	
Cllr Dr M Canet	Liberal Democrat	Cllr N Wightman	Liberal Democrat
Cllr L O'Hara	Liberal Democrat		
Cllr C Shea	Liberal Democrat		

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Town Clerk/Chief Executive:

Linda Larter MBE:

townclerk@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

Deputy Town Clerk:

Ann White:

dtc@sevenoakstown.gov.uk

The Town Council or its Committees meet on most Monday evenings at 7pm and members of the public are welcome to attend. For further details of the meetings please contact the Town Council Offices on 01732 459953.

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Sevenoaks
Town Council



Table showing road removal requests from respondents who voted YES to the proposed scheme (Q2)

case	Q1	Q2	Are there any roads in the proposal you would like to see left out?	All of them / All roads	Main roads / Major routes (All A & B roads)	High Street / Town centre	Dartford Road	St John's Hill	St John's Road	Seal Hollow Road	St Botolph's Rd	Mount Harry Road	London Road	Hitchen Hatch Lane	Tonbridge Road	The Drive	Only operate 20mph during certain hours/ i.e near schools at certain times	A225	A25	Granville road	Other	SDTown
68	Yes	Yes	Dartford road,				Dartford Road															Yes
69	Yes	Yes	Dartford, St Johns Hill, Tubs Hill to Eardley Rd.				Dartford Road	St John's Hill														Yes
100	Yes	Yes	London Road. If this were 20mph & residential roads not traffic would migrate to the latter.										London Road									Yes
145	Yes	Yes	Dartford Road, St John's Road.				Dartford Road		St John's Road													Yes
165	Yes	Yes	St john's hill, Dartford Road (A225) and London road and Tonbridge road				Dartford Road	St John's Hill					London Road		Tonbridge Road			A225				Yes
166	Yes	Yes	A225/ST JOHNS HILL/DARTFORD ROAD				Dartford Road	St John's Hill										A225				Yes
212	Yes	Yes	Possibly the A225 Dartford Road from Avenue Road to the Bat and Ball junction (with the A25). This is mostly wide and clear although I can see an argument to include the narrower section close to the Sevenoaks Hospital.				Dartford Road											A225				No
261	Yes	Yes	St John's Hill					St John's Hill														No
270	Yes	Yes	Seal Hollow Road							Seal Hollow Road												Yes
313	Yes	Yes	ST JOHNS ROAD						St John's Road													Yes
338	No	Yes	St Botolph's Rd								St Botolph's Rd											No
409	Yes	Yes	A25															A25				Yes
442	Yes	Yes	Seal Road (A25)															Seal Road A25				Yes
454	Yes	Yes	St John's hill					St John's Hill														Yes
494	Yes	Yes	Mount Harry									Mount Harry Road										Yes
505	Yes	Yes	St Botolphs (exceptionally wide road); The Drive, Hitchen Hatch								St Botolph's Rd			Hitchen Hatch Lane		The Drive						No
534	Yes	Yes	LONDON ROAD, ST. JOHNS HILL					St John's Hill					London Road									No
535	Yes	Yes	If Amherst hill is left out shouldn't St John's Hill be left out as well. I don't understand why one main road to sevenoaks is proposed as being 20 mph but not the other?					St John's Hill													If Amherst hill is left out shouldn't St John's Hill be left out as well. I don't understand why one main road to sevenoaks is proposed as being 20 mph but not the other?	No

598	Yes	Yes	Dartford Road/St Johns Hill north of war memorial towards Bat & Ball traffic lights				Dartford Road	St John's Hill													No
617	Yes	Yes	Downhill Granville road, tubs hill, St. John's hill/road as this did not work in Tonbridge Quarry hill road					St John's Hill	St John's Road										Granville road		No
745	Yes	Yes	St Johns Hill					St John's Hill													Yes
794	Yes	Yes	ST JOHNS ROAD BETWEEN THE DRIVE + WICKENDEN ROAD, ST BOTOLPHS ROAD.						St John's Road											ST JOHNS ROAD BETWEEN THE DRIVE + WICKENDEN ROAD, ST BOTOLPHS ROAD.	Yes
796	Yes	Yes	Most of Dartford Road/St Johns Hill from north of the Vine to the start of shops at St Johns Mount Harry Road St Botolphs Road				Dartford Road	St John's Hill													No
809	Yes	Yes	St John's Hill					St John's Hill													Yes
812	Yes	Yes	Dartford road St John's Hill				Dartford Road	St John's Hill													Yes
854	Yes	Yes	St. Johns Hill & Dartford Road				Dartford Road	St John's Hill													Yes
908	Yes	Yes	St. John's Hill					St John's Hill													Yes
918	Yes	Yes	Sevenoaks High Street			High Street / Town centre															Yes
926	Yes	Yes	St Botolphs and Mount Harry							St Botolph's Rd	Mount Harry Road										No
936	Yes	Yes	Main roads like the A25 - speed limit was reduced to 30 mph for a while along Bradbourne Vale Road. Proved to be of limited use and everyone continued to drive at 40 mph. Wide road, clear vision, so roads like this should continue to be allowed 40 mph li			Main roads / Major routes (All A & B roads)														A25	Yes
967	Yes	Yes	A25 keep the 30 MPH limit																	A25	Yes
978	Yes	Yes	Dartford Road				Dartford Road														Yes
1010	Yes	Yes	London Road, Tubbs Hill, Dartford Road, St John's Hill, Seal Hollow Road, Tonbridge Road				Dartford Road	St John's Hill		Seal Hollow Road		London Road		Tonbridge Road							Yes
1011	Yes	Yes	London road									London Road									Yes
1031	Yes	Yes	St Botolph's							St Botolph's Rd											Yes
1032	Yes	Yes	St Botolph's							St Botolph's Rd											Yes
1034	Yes	Yes	St Botolph's							St Botolph's Rd											Yes
1109	Yes	Yes	Dartford Road				Dartford Road														Yes
1143	Yes	Yes	Seal Hollow Road							Seal Hollow Road											Yes

1157	Yes	Yes	All the main arteries through Sevenoaks ie Seal Hollow Road, Dartford Road, London Road, Tonbridge Road and the High Street		Main roads / Major routes (All A & B roads)	High Street / Town centre	Dartford Road			Seal Hollow Road		London Road		Tonbridge Road						Yes	
1176	Yes	Yes	A225 North of the Vine cricket ground shouldn't be included														A225			Yes	
1179	No	Yes	All	All of them / All roads																No	
1297	Yes	Yes	Seal hollow road past knole golf club							Seal Hollow Road										Yes	
1322	Yes	Yes	The A225														A225			Yes	
1422	Yes	Yes	I'm not sure it is necessary for St John's Hill					St John's Hill												Yes	
1730	Yes	Yes	A25														A25			No	
1780	Yes	Yes	St Botolphs Road + Mount Harry Road + Dartford Road/St Johns Hill (north of Vine Court Road junction). Additional comment: The aesthetic impact of new signage is also a factor. Less signage would be better than more. New signage also needs to be placed sy				Dartford Road	St John's Hill		St Botolph's Rd	Mount Harry Road									Yes	
1807	Yes	Yes	Can you not just have the speed limits enforce Monday to Friday 0700 - 0900 and 1500 - 1600? That way we can ensure children's safety but also keep traffic moving.																Only operate 20mph during certain hours/ i.e near schools at certain times		Yes
1855	Yes	Yes	Dartford Road				Dartford Road													Yes	
1882	Yes	Yes	Dartford Road				Dartford Road													No	
1937	Yes	Yes	St Johns Hill it is not necessary until you approach the vine. We need a crossing on the north end of the Vine					St John's Hill												St Johns Hill it is not necessary until you approach the vine. We need a crossing on the north end of the Vine	Yes
1959	Yes	Yes	Dartford Road, London Road				Dartford Road					London Road								No	
2119	Yes	Yes	Dartford Road				Dartford Road													Yes	
2125	Yes	Yes	St Botolphs Road, Mount Harry Road, St John's Hill					St John's Hill		St Botolph's Rd	Mount Harry Road									Yes	
2311	Yes	Yes	Mount Harry Road and Hitchen Hatch Lane								Mount Harry Road	Hitchen Hatch Lane								Yes	
2323	Yes	Yes	London Road									London Road								No	
2369	Yes	Yes	London road, Tonbridge Road									London Road	Tonbridge Road							Yes	

2397	Yes	Yes	It would be better if 20mph applied 0700 to 1900 hours and 30mph 1900 to 0700													Only operate 20mph during certain hours/ i.e near schools at certain times					Yes	
2410	Yes	Yes	A225 Bat and Ball lights to the Vine														A225					Yes
2490	Yes	Yes	St Johns Hill					St John's Hill														No
2497	Yes	Yes	LONDON RD, MOUNY HARRY RD, THE DRIVE, ST BOTOLPHS RD						St Botolph's Rd	Mount Harry Road	London Road			The Drive								No
2537	Yes	Yes	St Botolphs Road + Mount Harry Road + Dartford Road/St Johns Hill (north of Vine Court Road junction). Additional comment: The aesthetic impact of new signage is also a factor. Less signage would be better than more. New signage also needs to be placed sy				Dartford Road	St John's Hill		St Botolph's Rd	Mount Harry Road											Yes
Totals:							Dartford Road	St John's Hill	St John's Road	Seal Hollow Road	St Botolph's Rd	Mount Harry Road	London Road	Hitchen Hatch Lane	Tonbridge Road	The Drive						
Count:				1	2	2	20	22	4	5	12	8	10	2	4	2	2	6	5			1