

Survey of Local Residents' Opinions Following the Recent Introduction of a Reduced 40 MPH Speed Limit at Selsfield Road, Ardingly, West Sussex

A. Please think back to what the road was like BEFORE the new 40 MPH speed limit (please ignore days when there were events on at the South of England Showground)

1. Before the new 40 MPH speed limit was introduced traffic used to drive too fast past my home	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
During peak periods or the rush hour	12		1			1
Outside peak periods or the rush hour	12		1			1
2. Before the new 40 MPH speed limit was introduced I and my family felt unsafe crossing the road	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
During peak periods or the rush hour	10	2				2
Outside peak periods or the rush hour	9	2	1			2
3. Before the new 40 MPH speed limit was introduced I and my family felt unsafe cycling along the road or walking / cycling on the pavement alongside the road	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
During peak periods or the rush hour	9	1	1			2
Outside peak periods or the rush hour	9	1	1			2
4. Before the new 40 MPH speed limit was introduced I, my family, and visitors felt unsafe driving into or out of our driveway / parking at the side of the road	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
During peak periods or the rush hour	12		1			1
Outside peak periods or the rush hour	11	1	1			1
5. How did you and your family find out about the new 40 MPH speed limit? (multiple options permitted)	By word of mouth (for example from neighbours)	Via correspondence from West Sussex County Council (WSCC)	By attending WSCC County Local Committee (CLC) meeting(s)	Via a village newsletter or local leaflet	Via the Public Notices section of the local newspaper	I only found out when the new 40 MPH road signs went up
	4	3	1	1	1	4

B. Please think about what the road is like NOW with the new 40 MPH speed limit (please ignore the initial period straight after the new speed limit was introduced when the change was still "new")

6. Now with the new 40 MPH speed limit traffic drives [select answer] past our home than before	Much slower	Slower	At about the same speed	Faster	Much faster	Don't know
During peak periods or the rush hour	1	6	5	1		1
Outside peak periods or the rush hour	1	7	4	1		1
7. Now with the new 40 MPH speed limit the amount of traffic past our home has [select answer] compared with before	Noticeably decreased	Decreased a bit	Stayed about the same	Increased a bit	Noticeably increased	Don't know
During peak periods or the rush hour		2	7	2	2	1
Outside peak periods or the rush hour		2	7	2	2	1
8. Now with the new 40 MPH speed limit I and my family feel safer crossing the road	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
During peak periods or the rush hour	1	4		5	1	2
Outside peak periods or the rush hour	1	5		5		2
9. Now with the new 40 MPH speed limit I and my family feel safer cycling along the road or walking / cycling on the pavement alongside the road	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
During peak periods or the rush hour	1	3	2	3		4
Outside peak periods or the rush hour	1	3	2	3		4
10. Now with the new 40 MPH speed limit I, my family, and visitors feel safer driving into or out of our driveway / parking at the side of the road	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
During peak periods or the rush hour	1	2	4	3	2	2
Outside peak periods or the rush hour	1	2	4	3	2	2

C. Finally, please answer some questions about you and your family (please do not include any names or personal information that could identify you or your family)

11. For how many years have you / your family lived on Selsfield Road?	Less than 1 year	1 year to 5 years	5 years to 10 years	10 years to 20 years	Longer than 20 years	Don't know
		4	3	2	5	
12. During this period what has been the maximum number of people (including children) at any one time living in your home?	1 person	2 people	3 or 4 people	5 or 6 people	7 or more people	Don't know
	4	2	5	3		
13. During this period what have been the age ranges of children (if any) living in your home? (if during this period your child's / children's ages have spanned options, please tick both options) (multiple options permitted)	Under 1 year old	1 to 5 years old	6 to 10 years old	11 to 15 years old	16 years old and above	Not applicable
	3	5	5	2	3	4
14. How often do you or members of your family walk / cycle into Ardingly (e.g. to visit the shops or to catch public transport)?	Every day	Couple of times a week	Couple of times a month	Less than once a month	Never	Don't know
Walk into Ardingly	5	3	2	1		
Cycle into Ardingly	1	1	3		8	
15. How often do you or members of your family drive from your home / drive back to home?	Every day	Couple of times a week	Couple of times a month	Less than once a month	Never	Don't know
During peak periods or the rush hour	10	2		1		
Outside peak periods or the rush hour	13		1			1
16. Where do you, members of your family, and visitors park your vehicles at your home? (multiple options permitted)	Garage	Private off-road drive	Space in front of home	On the verge / pavement	On the road	Not applicable
	2	5	4	8	1	

D. Please add further comments relevant to this survey

Commuters, lorries and motorcyclists seem to think speed limits don't apply to them
 I don't think traffic takes much notice of the speed limit change
 I feel the council have washed their hands of us. They're not interested in us now but things have not got better
 I feel unsafe getting into / out of my car when I park on the road
 I have been hit turning right into my drive and both cars were written off and the police did nothing
 I think there are more lorries now
 I would like to see a pedestrian crossing put in even though people say it's not possible
 It could have been a more effective scheme
 It's not an effective scheme
 Last week I signalled at the Gardiner's Arms and braked to turn right into my drive when I was overtaken (on the right). Think I am lucky to be still alive
 Lots of deer / wildlife gets killed on a regular basis, particularly now that the fencing has been improved at Wakehurst. One deer is killed a week during high season. It could be a child killed
 Motorbike speeds are outrageous
 Parking is generally appalling. It needs to be sorted out
 Rumour has it that you are the stupid idiot who objected to the 40 mph speed. So I suggest you either slow down, or better still use a different road or best of all get caught speeding and be banned for life
 Thankfully it has stopped 'idiots' using the road as a racetrack
 The 40 mph signs are too small and obscured by vegetation
 The new signs don't work. Motorbikes whizz past
 The number of HGVs has increased considerably
 The road is too / so wide that traffic goes too quickly
 Traffic is much the same as before. The 40 mph doesn't deter them
 Traffic wouldn't slow down when asked to because of a dog loose on the road. It was pure luck the dog wasn't killed
 We feel the speed limit should apply to above Wakehurst
 We park in the pub car park because crossing the road is so dangerous and because the verge gets so boggy in the winter
 We're happy to see the signs go up. We now want someone to enforce the new speed limit
 When there are events at the showground it's very difficult to cross the road
 Would be much better if speed limit was 30 mph
 You've got to be very careful when crossing the road

Questionnaire history:

27 questionnaires were delivered by hand on 25th April 2013
 6 questionnaires were returned by post
 8 questionnaires were completed during door-to-door interviews on 10th May 2013
 During the 10th May 2013 site visit a further 6 residents declined to comment or reply to questions. No-one was in (or answered the door) at the remaining properties