

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, TAUNTON AND VARIOUS ROADS, WELLINGTON)
(PARISHES OF BRADFORD ON TONE, BISHOPS HULL, WEST BUCKLAND
AND WELLINGTON)
(50 MPH SPEED LIMIT AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT AND REVOCATION)
ORDER 2018

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL in exercise of its powers under Section 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1984") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order: -

1. This Order shall come into force on the 11th day of April 2019 and may be cited as the "Somerset County Council (Various Roads, Taunton and Various Roads, Wellington) (Parishes of Bradford On Tone, Bishops Hull, West Buckland and Wellington) (50 mph Speed Limit and 40 mph Speed Limit and Revocation) Order 2018".
2. The provisions of any other Order are hereby revoked but only in so far as they are affected by the restrictions imposed by this Order.
3. No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule 1 to this Order.
4. No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule 2 to this Order.

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GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Council this 5th day of April 2019

THE COMMON SEAL of the)
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COUNTY COUNCIL of SOMERSET)
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was hereunto affixed)
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in the presence of)



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STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER

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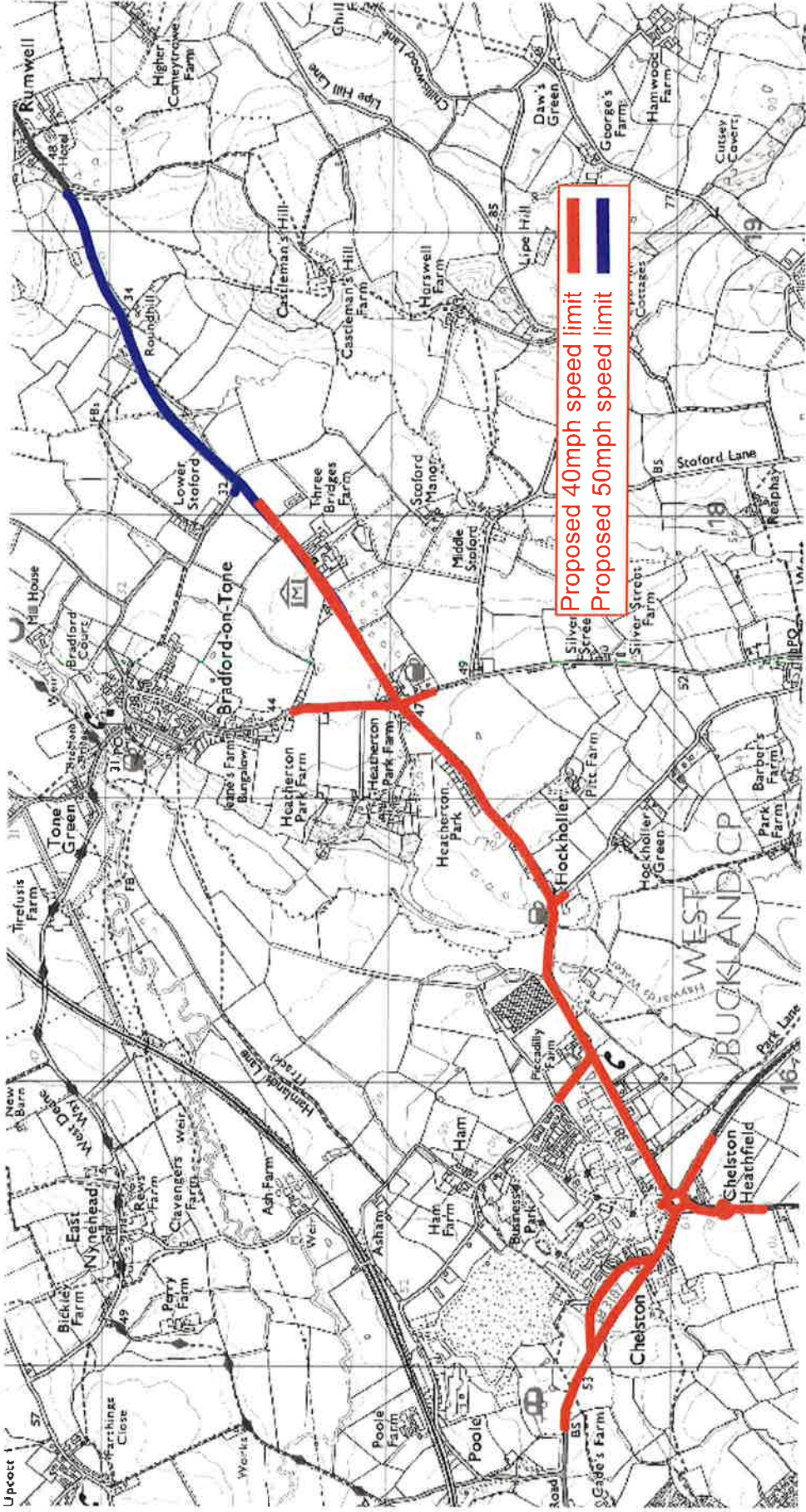


SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL intranet MAPPING

Proposed 40 and 50 mph speed limit A38 Wellington to Taunton
(Plan 1 of 2)

Scale - 1:20,000

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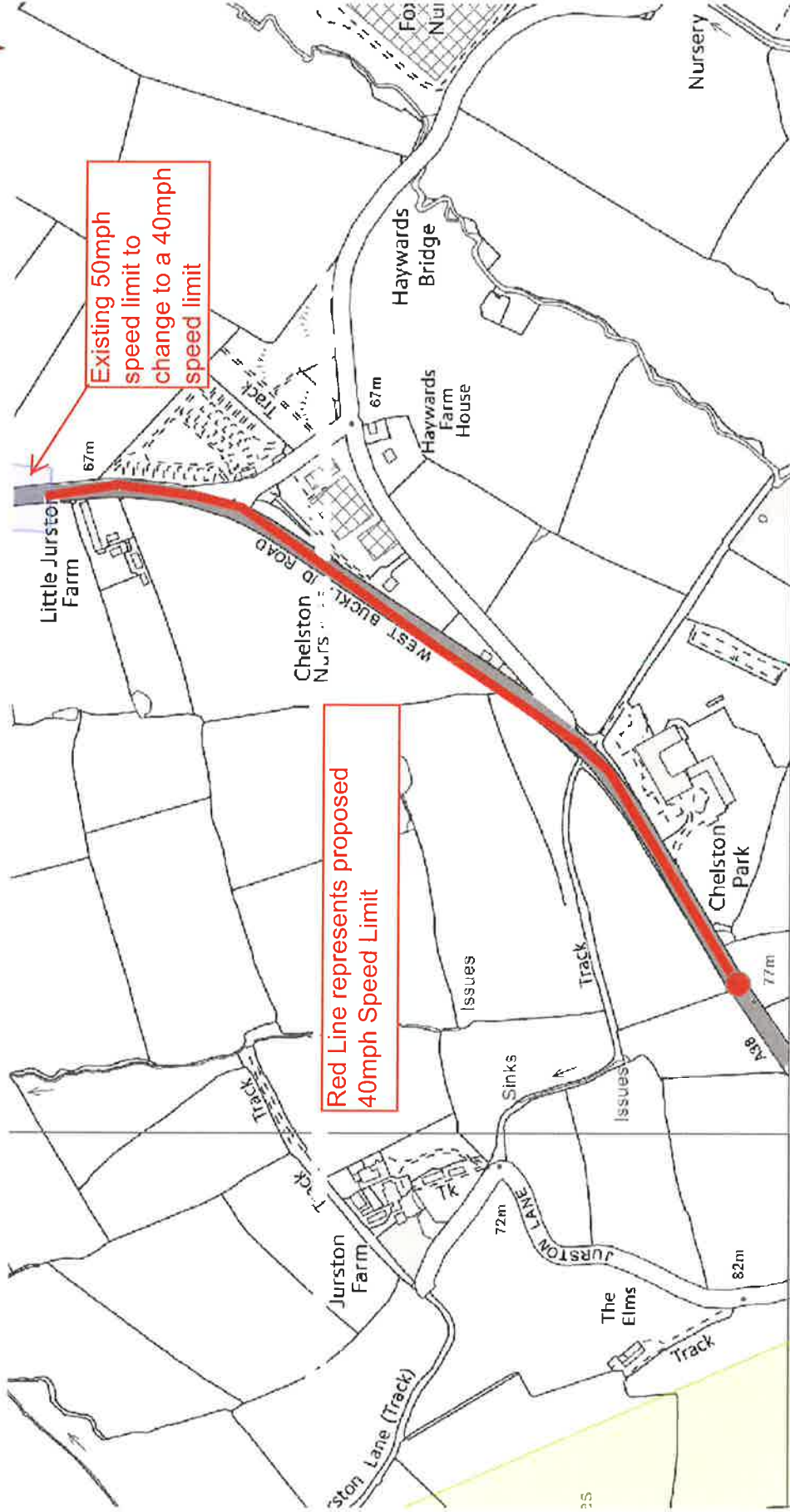


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(Plan 2 of 2)

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Item no. 001

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, TAUNTON AND VARIOUS ROADS, WELLINGTON) (PARISHES OF BRADFORD ON TONE, BISHOPS HULL, WEST BUCKLAND AND WELLINGTON) (50 MPH SPEED LIMIT AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT AND REVOCATION) ORDER 2018

Determination Report:

Executive Portfolio Holder: John Woodman, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

Division and Local Member: Upper Tone, James Hunt.
Blackdown and Neroche, John Thorne.
Bishops Hull and Taunton West.

Lead Officer: Jo Sharp, Traffic Management

Author: Jo Sharp, Traffic Management

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1. Summary

Proposals for the revocation of the existing National speed limit and 50mph speed limits and the introduction of a 50 mph and 40mph speed limits on various roads on Taunton and Wellington were advertised on the 22nd March 2018.

The proposal for these speed limit changes was initiated following the receipt of a petition from residents of West Buckland. This petition contained 662 signatures. It outlined the difficulty of vehicle movements onto the A38 Wellington Road from the Worlds End/ West Buckland/ Bradford junctions.

This petition may be viewed on the following web link:

https://www.change.org/p/somerset-county-council-making-the-worlds-end-junction-safer/w?source_location=notifications_page

A copy of this petition can be seen in Appendix 3

Following the receipt of this petition, The Traffic Engineer requested a Speed Profile and Accident Investigation report to be carried out by the Somerset Road Safety team. This report is titled "A38 from Heatherton Grange to Blackbird PH near West Buckland" and was carried out in October 2016.

A copy of this report can be seen in Appendix 4

This report highlighted several safety improvements on the A38 road, specifically the sections between the Heatherton Grange junction and the Blackbird Inn near West Buckland. One of the considerations was to review the 50mph speed limit currently in operation on this route.

The decision was therefore taken to reduce the 50mph speed limit from Heatherton Grange to Chelston roundabout.

Concerns were also identified at this time around the high number of personal injury collisions along the length of the A38 Wellington Road from Rumwell to Heatherton Grange. A decision was therefore taken to reduce the National speed limit from Rumwell to Heatherton Grange to 50mph.

These speed limit change proposals are in accordance with Department for Transport Guidance. Circular 01/2013 - 'Setting local speed limits)

The proposed Traffic Regulation Order and Notice are shown in Appendix 1.

A copy of the plan of the proposed parking restrictions is shown in Appendix 2.

One objection was received during the consultation period.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the **(A38 WELLINGTON RELIEF ROAD, WELLINGTON) (PARISHES OF WEST BUCKLAND, WELLINGTON WITHOUT AND WELLINGTON) (REVOCATION OF 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AND 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2018** be approved to ensure safety along this route following concerns about the numbers of collisions and speeding traffic.

3.0 Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders

- 3.1 The Traffic Regulation Order (shown in Appendix 1) was advertised in the Somerset County Gazette on the 22nd March 2018. As part of this process, all of the statutory consultees, local County and District

Councillors and the Town Council were consulted.

3.2 Following the statutory advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order Amendment, one letter objecting to the proposal was received. during the 21 day statutory advertising period. SCC has sent a response to the objector explaining our position but the objection still remains. This objection along with the response is available for inspection at the Authors Department

3.3 Objection reasons include:

- Existing speed limits on the A38 and B3187 are appropriate for this type of road
- The proposed changes are unnecessary and inappropriate for the A38 and B3187
- The proposals do not sufficiently accord with Department for Transport guidance on the setting of speed limits
- The correct balance between 'the need to travel and quality of life for local communities' will not be achieved by the proposals
- The proposals mask a need to address specific locations of concern on the A38 and will therefore defer necessary safety works

Response: A response was sent on the 17th October 2018 to the objector explaining the reasons behind this proposal.

The proposed reduction in speed limit on the A38 is in response to community requests and a petition to reduce the speed limits on the A38 following concerns about the numbers of collisions and speeding traffic.

This proposal is also supported by the Road safety team who carried out a Speed profile and accident investigation report. I have attached this report for your information.

A full consultation was carried out with all our statutory consultees and no other objections received.

SCC has the support of the Parish Council and the police as well as members of the public to progress these reduction in speed limits on the A38.

Evidence has shown that the existing speed limits warrant a reduction due to the high number of collisions that have been recorded along this route. Our records from the Police show that there has been 22 slight personal injury collisions and 6 serious injury collisions along this length over the last 5 year period. This figure is high and this is why we looking into changing the speed limits to reduce the likelihood of these accidents occurring.

The speed data collected by the road safety team shows that existing vehicle speeds are close to 40mph and that this is an appropriate speed limit to introduce on the section of the A38 between Heatherton Grange and the Blackbird Inn.

Slower traffic speeds on the A38 will make it easier for drivers pull out of the side roads as cars travelling at lower speeds are more likely to slow down and allow cars to pull out onto the A38. A good example of this is in Stoke Road, Henlade where cars turn right onto the A358 towards Thornfalcon which is a 30mph speed limit.

4.0 Resolution of Objections

4.1 For the reasons above it is recommended to:-

A38 Wellington Relief Road ; - **approve as advertised.**

Approval for Construction:

The objections received during the consultation period have been given due consideration and I hereby confirm that the scheme **(A38 WELLINGTON RELIEF ROAD, WELLINGTON) (PARISHES OF WEST BUCKLAND, WELLINGTON WITHOUT AND WELLINGTON) (REVOCATION OF 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AND 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2018** be approved.

I authorise sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order

Signed 

**Bev Norman,
Traffic Manager,
Somerset County Council**

Date: 15th February 2019

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 -Traffic Regulation Order, Notice
- Appendix 2 - Plans showing initial proposals
- Appendix 3 – Petition from residents
- Appendix 4 – Speed Profile Report (Oct 2016) (A38 from
Heatherton Grange to Blackbird PH near West
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Background Papers:

Objection letters and responses (available for inspection at County Hall –
contact author)

Appendix 1 - Traffic Regulation Order, Notice

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NOTICE is hereby given that Somerset County Council proposes to make the above Order in pursuance of the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which is to introduce a 50 mph and 40 mph Speed Limit on the lengths of road as specified in the Schedules to this Order.

The provisions of any other Order are hereby revoked but only in so far as they are affected by the restrictions imposed by this order.

A copy of the draft Order, the maps showing the lengths of road affected and the Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected at Somerset Highways, A Block Reception, County Hall, Taunton and online at www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO. If you are unable to access either please contact 0300 123 2224.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed Order may do so in writing, quoting reference number KT22122017 and specifying the grounds on which it is made to Somerset County Council, Traffic Management, County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY. To be received no later than the 12th April 2018.

The names and addresses of anyone writing in may be made available for public inspection and will be included in a report that may be published on the Somerset County Council website, unless the individuals concerned state, in writing, their objection to their names and addresses being made so available or being included in the publication.

PATRICK FLAHERTY
Chief Executive
Dated: 22nd March 2018

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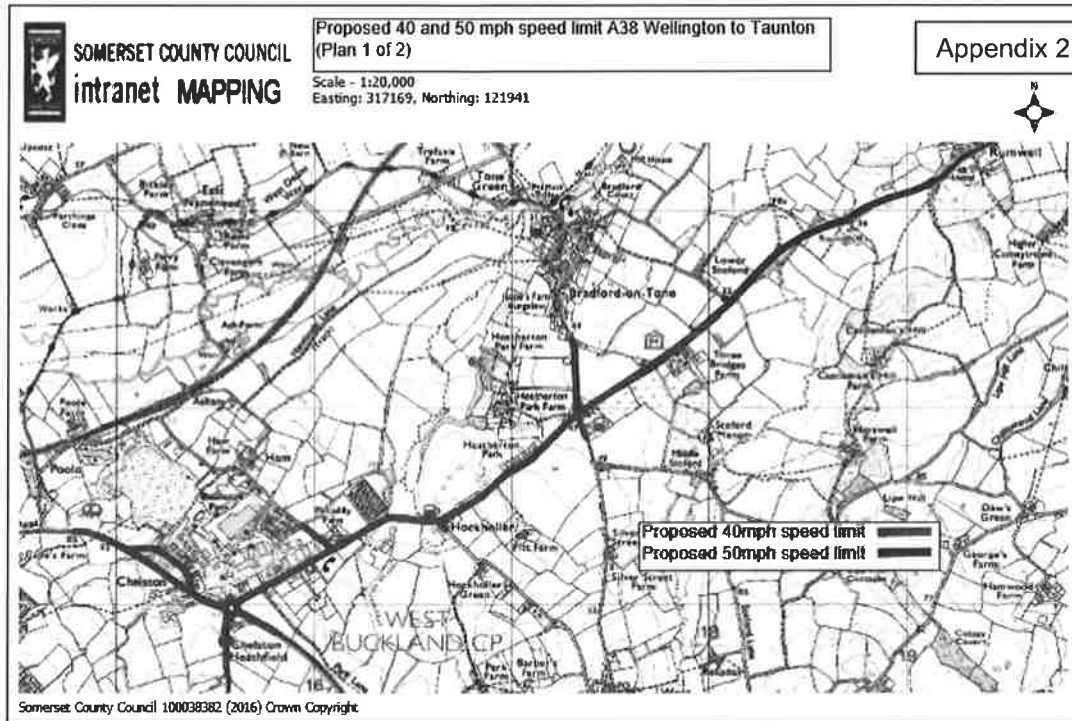
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Appendix 2 - Plans showing initial proposals

The A38 Wellington Road.

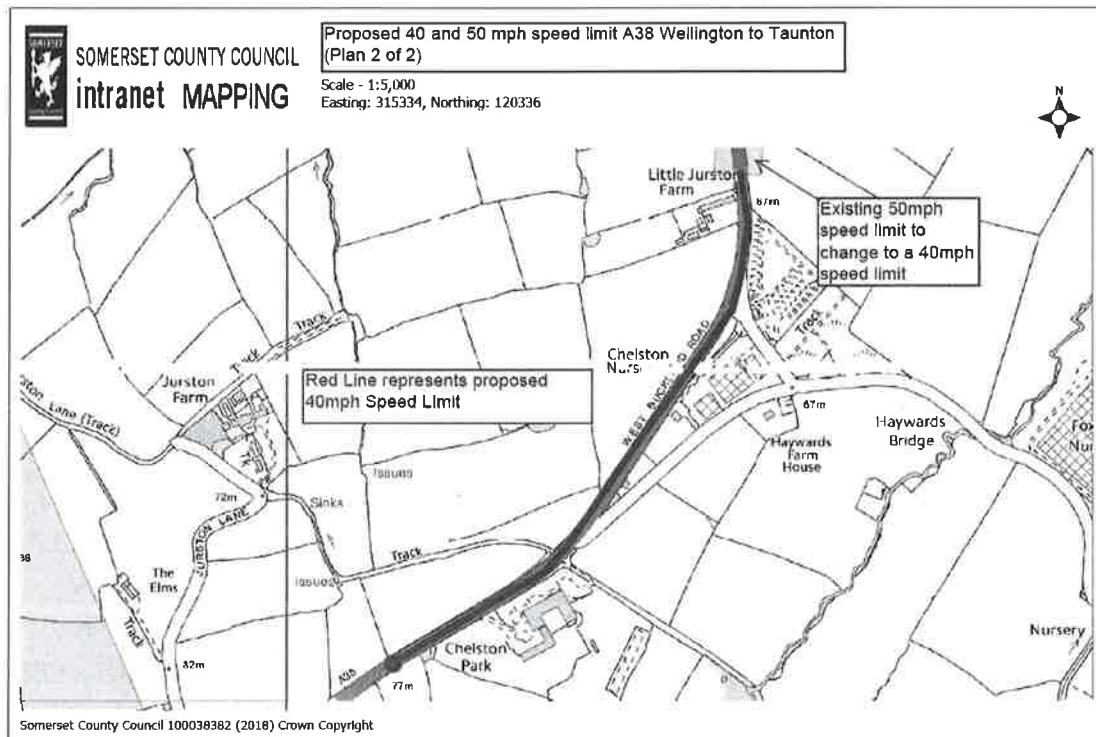
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Appendix 3 - Petition from residents

Making the worlds end junction safer

Anybody that lives in Wellington or Taunton will know how notorious the worlds end/west Buckland/Bradford junction is- we are taking our lives into our hands getting out of it and onto the A38.

Just this morning the person behind me took that chance and as I heard the screech of her tyres her brakes and the smash of the glass it brought back terrible memories of the two accidents I have had there myself in ten years.

I personally battle daily with driving because of my accidents at the junction, I have four children to get out of the door in the morning and in my rush have to make the choice whether to take a chance at the junction or be late for work. Most of the villagers here in West Buckland choose to go the long way round, adding on three miles and around 7 minutes to our days to avoid this junction.

I wrote to the council many years ago, after my first accident and they stated that their hadn't been enough fatalities-just because people do not physically die at the scene doesn't mean that their lives aren't ruined in an accident. My mental scars are much worse than any physical but yes I am still alive. My children were in my car and also suffer car journeys now.

I don't know what the answer is here- a little roundabout or lights? But it just needs to be made much safer.

The trees to the right of the junction could be cut further to give more visibility along the A38 and incoming traffic, the drain in the middle of the road could be moved so nobody else has to skid on it-this is a huge problem. If enough people sign it then at least it can be looked at finally.

This petition has now closed

This petition had 1,275 supporters

Appendix 4 – Speed Profile Report (Oct 2016) (A38 from Heatherton Grange to Blackbird PH near West Buckland



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