

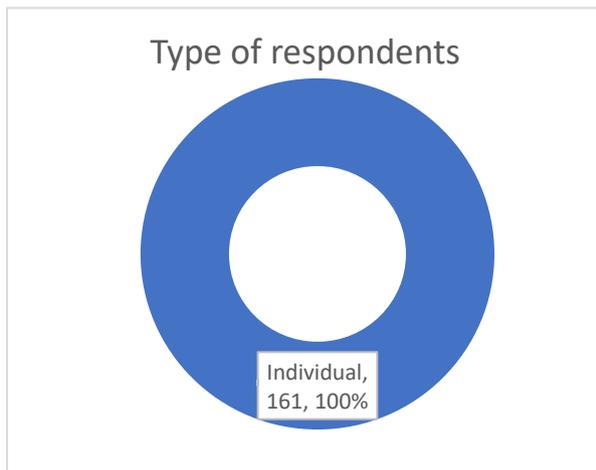
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Pill, Easton-in-Gordano and Ham Green 20mph area: Engagement Summary

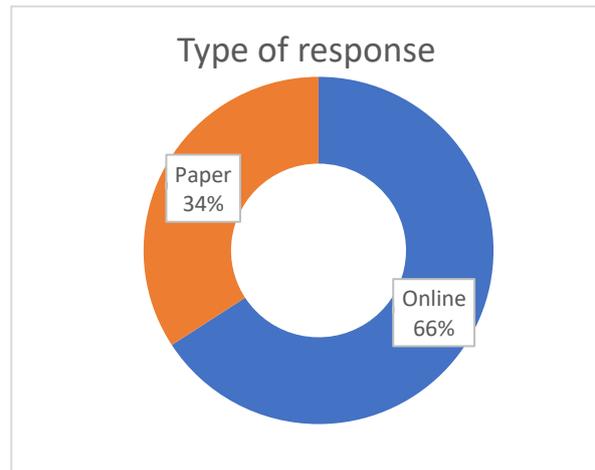
As part of the consultation around the proposed 20mph area in Pill, Easton-in-Gordano and Ham Green, we held an engagement event on 21 July 2022 as well as our online platform which was open from 18 July to 18 August 2022. To notify people of the in-person event and the consultation webpage we sent out a letter to 2,508 addresses in Pill, Easton-in-Gordano, and Ham Green.

Survey results

In total we collected 161 responses across both types of events. We gathered information whether people replied on behalf of a business or an individual (see Graph 1). We also counted the number of responses on paper and digitally (see Graph 2). People who filled out a reply on paper may have also replied digitally.

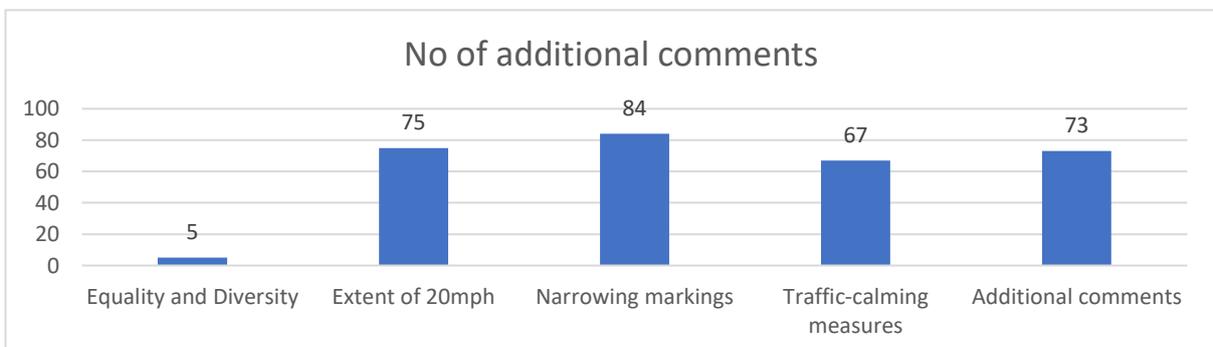


Graph 1: Business or individual replies



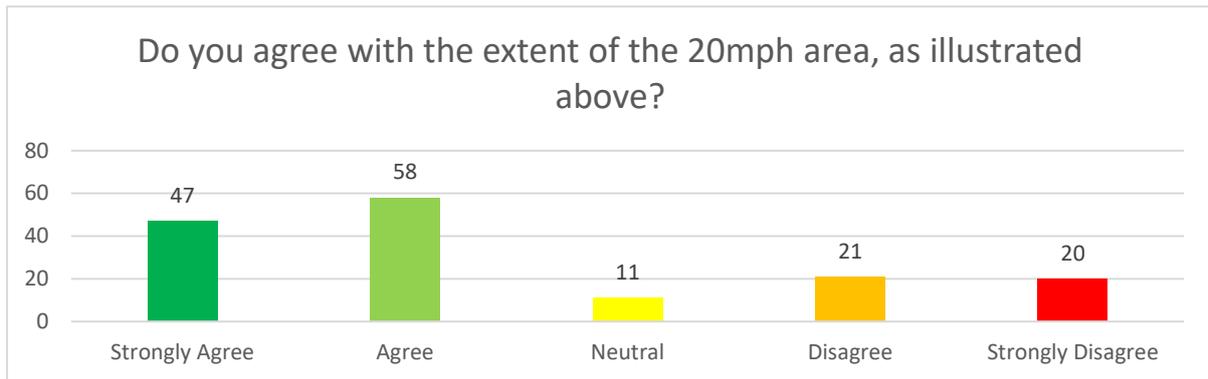
Graph 2: Digital or paper replies

In total we asked six questions online, some of which overlapped with the answers on paper, these have been collated into the same graphs. Next to providing an agree or disagree, respondents were able to provide additional comments, the number of additional comments are outlined in the graph below (Graph 3).

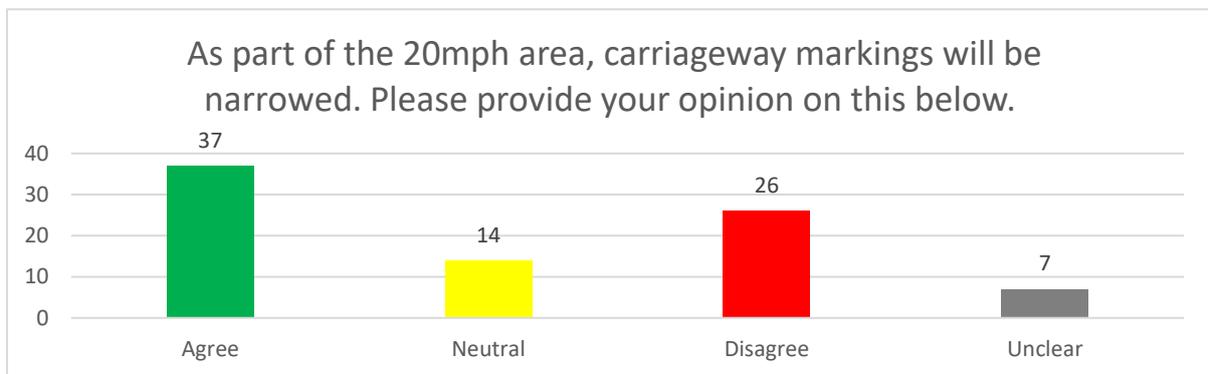


Graph 3: Number of additional comments per question

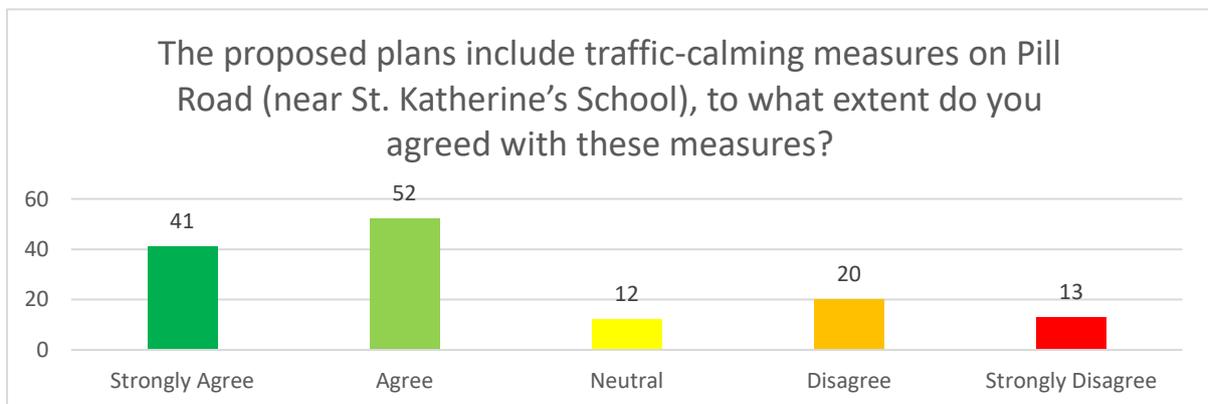
We asked respondents to fill out how much they agreed or disagreed with certain aspects of the proposed 20mph area. The results can be found below (see Graph 4, 5, and 6).



Graph 4: Extent of the 20mph area



Graph 5: Narrowing carriageway markings



Graph 6: Traffic-calming measures on Pill Rd

Feedback and frequently asked questions

In total, we received 359 written comments in all text boxes, handwritten forms and emails. In the comments certain topics and questions were repeatedly asked. We have provided information on those questions in the tables below.

Locations and extents

	Question	Answer
1.	Why does the proposed 20mph area not include Chapel Hill Lane ?	Thank you for your suggestion. After review, we have decided to include Chapel Hill Lane in the 20mph area.
2.	Is it possible to extend the 20mph limit toward the end of St. George's Hill ?	Unfortunately, the end of St. George's Hill does not meet criteria for a 20mph speed limit, as there are no active frontages on both sides of the road. This would likely put vulnerable road users at potential risk, as drivers would not be inclined to slow down, but pedestrians would still expect motorists to be driving at a slower speed.
3.	Is traffic-calming necessary on the main road through Pill? (Priory Rd, Lodway, Heywood Rd)	We have done extensive speed surveys on the 'main road' through Pill and have found that the average speeds are generally lower than 24mph. This means that traffic-calming measures would have limited benefits for the amount of resources they would cost. We have therefore chosen to only apply traffic-calming measures on a part of Pill Road where the speed measurements were higher, but the community would benefit from a 20mph limit.
4.	Why is Lime Tree Grove not included in the proposed 20mph area?	Lime Tree Grove is a privately owned road, and North Somerset Council therefore does not have the authority to apply a speed limit here. We are proposing traffic-calming on the connection to Pill Road to minimise any potential situations.
5.	Is there a possibility to extend the 30mph limit on Pill Road all the way to the A369 ?	Unfortunately, this situation does not meet the national guidance for 30mph limits. It's unlikely that we have vehicle speed compliance with a 30mph speed limit on this section. And therefore, additional measures would be required to bring actual speeds down, increasing the cost of the scheme.
6.	Is it possible to also include Macrea Rd and to the business park ?	After review, the full extent of Macrea Road up to Eden Office Park is now included in the 20mph speed limit proposal area.
7.	Is it possible to include any traffic-calming on Marsh Ln ?	Unfortunately, Marsh Lane does not meet the criteria for a 20mph speed limit, as there are no active frontages on both sides of the road. This would likely put vulnerable road users at potential risk, as drivers would not be inclined to slow down, but pedestrians would still expect motorists to be driving at a slower speed.

20mph speed limits and traffic-calming measures

	Question	Answer
8.	What are the areas included and excluded in the proposed speed limits based on?	Areas included are based on a number of factors, including the current speed and if there's active frontages on both sides of the road. In places that should be included but current speeds are not suitable, we will consider using traffic-calming measures, such as on Pill Road.
9.	How will the new 20mph speed limit be enforced ?	Avon and Somerset Police are aware of the change in speed limit and will enforce when necessary. The area of the proposed 20mph limit currently has speed compliance, so we expect the necessary enforcement to be minimal.
10.	Will the lower speed limit cause air or noise pollution ?	This is a very common concern, and luckily this has been thoroughly researched. There is no evidence to suggest that air and noise pollution becomes worse when introducing a 20mph speed limit. Additionally, hybrid cars often switch to fully electric engines around 20mph.
11.	Are there any safety measures included for cyclists and horse riders ?	By changing the speed limit to 20mph, the conflict between motorists and non-motorists is reduced, which creates a safer space for all road users. Following this and national guidance, cycle lanes are not included as these are not deemed necessary at lower speeds.
12.	Are extra safety measures for pedestrians included?	Pedestrian safety will be enhanced by the change in speed limit, and regular behaviour like crossing roads and walking along pavements will benefit, as the environment will be more conducive to pedestrian traffic.
13.	Cars are already driving 20mph in these areas, why should we make this an official 20mph area?	If traffic is already moving at around 20mph, making this official will help pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. Introducing a 20mph speed limit will create a safer and more pleasant living environment in general. On top of this, a 20mph speed limit is enforceable at that speed making people more inclined to follow it. It is also likely to bring higher speeds down.
14.	Will the speed cushions cause damage to my suspension or my car?	If driven over at a reasonable speed, they will not cause damage to normal vehicles. Speed cushions will be installed to government specification.
15.	Is it possible to include flashing speed signs to limit speeding?	As a standard, flashing signs are used for areas which have historically had accidents. Community speed signs are available via North Somerset Council. Please contact the parish council for this.
16.	Is there anything we can do about missing dropped kerbs or pavement parking ?	These issues are not part of this 20mph speed limit project, but this doesn't mean we can't do something about it. Please get in touch with the parish council and collated responses will be addressed by North Somerset Council. When pavement is causing obstruction, please report this to the local police for enforcement at https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/ .
17.	Why is the narrowing of the road markings included?	Narrowing the road with markings will force drivers to drive closer to each other, which in turn will bring their actual speeds down. They will also move vehicles away from the edge of the carriage way, providing a better environment for cyclists and horse riders.

18.	Will the narrowing road markings enable HGVs to pass safely ?	Yes, the actual width of the carriage way will not be changed. The markings can be overrun if necessary and safe to do so.
19.	What kind of safe crossing will be implemented near St. Katherine's School?	The detailed design has not been finalised yet, but we will implement measures to make it easier for pedestrians to cross the road.
20.	Will there be any monitoring of the new traffic-calming and speed limits?	Yes, we will be carrying out monitoring as necessary once the scheme has been completed.
21.	Are emergency services being consulted about the traffic calming measures?	Yes, we will be including the emergency services within the consultation for the traffic-calming measures.