

Overall there is widespread support for the proposed changes to the speed limits in our community to increase road safety, particularly for children, cyclists and pedestrians. We had an excellent response to our consultation plus wider discussions within the community and at community council meetings and as part of the development of our Local Place Plan. Having discussed this at our March Community Council we have the following points:

- The overwhelming response from our consultations is for support for additional speed limits throughout the parish, broadly in line with the proposals from the council, with a few changes noted below. These proposals were :
 - A8003 south entrance to Tighnabruaich:
60mph-40mph-30mph staggered at entrance to the village
 - A8003 school area 20mph e.g. from Kyles Court to B8000/Shore junction
 - 20mph limits on 'side roads' i.e. those not on main arterial A8000/B8000
 - B8000 northward 20mph zone approaching shops to RNLI base
 - Kames Shore road/back road – 20mph, 30mph limit to extend past Blairs Ferry
 - B8000 eastwards into Kames – NSL to stagger 60-mph-40mph-30mph on approach
 - B8000/unclassified road at Millhouse crossroads and Millhouse entrance – 30mph through area, again a potential staggered 60-40-30mph
 - From 60mph down to 40mph at Carry Farm, Kilfinan and Otter Ferry areas

- Generally there is concern that staggered speed limits could be confusing and could create excessive signage, distributing the character of the parish. Staggered speed limits may be appropriate on the approach to Tighnabruaich from the north along the A8003. It was felt that staggered speed limits were not needed in other areas although there was some support for staggered speed limits coming into Millhouse (see below).

- Speed limits should generally be 20mph rather than 30mph including in Tighnabruaich, Millhouse, Carry Farm, Kilfinan and Otter Ferry.
- The speed limit coming into Tighnabruaich along the A8003 should begin before the entrance to the footpath/cycle path ('The Green Lane).
- Renewing road markings are important as well as signage from new speed limits.
- The community in Millhouse has been campaigning for a speed limit for many years. The speed of traffic racing to and from the ferry, the number of houses, the village hall with limited visibility and the complex junction at Millhouse crossroads all add to the urgency of speed limits in this community.
 There are a number of views, but the rough consensus is that the speed limit in Millhouse should extend from Millhouse Cemetery along through Millhouse up the Portavadie road until passed the last house in Millhouse (half way up the hill) and from the Auchgoyle farm on the Ardlamont Road to passed Ard Mhor on the B8000. 20mph speed limits should be in place for most of this area, particularly round the crossroads and the village hall, with 30mph limits on the approaches. With sufficient signage further staggered speed limits may not be needed.
- To improve road safety there is also a need to invest in pavements, paths and the cycle network.
- There could be a need for a crossing point to allow safer access to the school.

Consultation Response

Below is a summary of the consultation responses, followed by all the comments received.

80% of respondents to our community survey supported the idea of additional speed limits in our community.

“I think the proposed changes would be extremely positive for our village. As a parent of three children, I find it terrifying how fast some cars drive past pedestrians and cyclists.”

“These are much needed. Especially the staggered limits. E.g. on entering the village on the A8003 a lot of traffic does not slow down until well passed the first few houses, which is significantly beyond the 30mph sign. “

“An excellent proposal. Vehicles travel far too quickly on these narrow and often single lane roads.”

“I think these speed limits should have been put in place many years ago .”

“Get these speed limits put in place asap!”

Many responds had further suggestions for further restrictions:

“Great progress. Would like to see the speeds lower further in busier, populated areas, especially around holiday parks where many children cycle and walk dogs on the B8000 road. “

“Speeds should be reduced to 20mph throughout the residential areas”

There were also suggestions for other measures that were needed:

“The absence of publicly adopted footpaths and potholes also add to the perils”

“Traffic calming measures will support cyclist and in particular young cyclists feel safe on the roads”

“Needs the give way repainting and better signage for it”

“People who break the speed limit are going to do it anyway, if there's no enforcement or measures to effect reduction in the speed being done. “

Of those who didn't support the idea of speed limits the main reasons were a belief that lower speed limits can cause accidents, that there haven't been any fatalities so speed limits are not needed and that money would be better spent repairing potholes and that speed limits wouldn't be enforced.

“20mph within village area is going to cause crash, as the speed is too slow.”

“Complete waste of tax payer funds, no pedestrian has ever been hit by a vehicle in these areas so no viable case to introduce further speed limits”

37 people responded to the online consultation. The comments submitted broadly match the discussions that we have had with members of the community. We are waiting for organisational response from a number of local organisations.

Full responses :

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes?

1. *Speeds should be reduced to 20mph throughout the residential areas*
2. *Fully support proposals*
3. *Traffic calming measures will support cyclist and in particular young cyclists feel safe on the roads*
4. *Great. Have been communicating with ABC over the years about speed past the Millhouse Crossroads. Have managed to get a speed box across road in past. But the put it at bottom of Portavadie Hill! Which will be slower as waiting for cars to come down or slowing down to change into 3rd gear to go up hill. It logged 500 cars and an average speed of 35mph! I replied to them it needed to be just past Crossroads Pet & Garden! That's where they gather speed across the Crossroads. Did not manage to get a 30mph put in place. We now have 9 children living in Millhouse. More than ever for the 25 years I've been here. Kids getting off their daily buses and having to cross the road. It's an accident waiting to happen. Also speeds of farm machinery is horrendous. But this is not all farm machinery operators.*
5. *20mph within village area is going to cause crash, as the speed is too slow.*
6. *Not thought through properly*
7. *Complete waste of tax payer funds, no pedestrian has ever been hit by a vehicle in these areas so no viable case to introduce further speed limits*
8. *People who break the speed limit are going to do it anyway, if there's no enforcement or measures to effect reduction in the speed being done.*
9. *These proposed speed limit changes are unnecessary, there are too many of them. Staggered limits just litter the countryside with unnecessary signage.*
10. *I think these speed limits should have been put in place many years ago. Now with ever increasing holiday lets it's important to have them put in place asap.*

11. *I think the proposed changes would be extremely positive for our village. As a parent of three children, I find it terrifying how fast some cars drive past pedestrians and cyclists.*
12. *I am not aware of road injuries or fatalities that would be addressed by these changes ie what is the problem you are trying to solve? An earlier slow speed coming into Tighnabruaich from the new road would have some merit to improve traffic flow, but otherwise I fail to see the point.*
13. *Happy to support. This was discussed at the meeting and it's something that people have been calling for for a number of years. It will make the roads safer for everyone.*
14. *The cost of signage would be better spent on improving the quality of the road surface. Many of the proposed areas already act as a speed limiting factor due to the number of potholes. Additionally signs make no difference to the anti social behaviour of irresponsible drivers. The visual clutter of yet more signs is equally undesirable. The only effective self governing system for speed limiting is the installation of speed bumps at either end of a section such as the entrance to the primary school.*
15. *I live in Millhouse beside the main road and I have small children. I do not understand why that road isn't a 30. People drive very fast past my house and the public hall next door even though it is built a up and there are streetlights. I worry for any children running out on the road.*
16. *The absence of publicly adopted footpaths and potholes also add to the perils*
17. *These are much needed. Especially the staggered limits. E.g. on entering the village on the A8003 a lot of traffic does not slow down until well passed the first few houses, which is significantly beyond the 30mph sign.*
18. *I would like to see a 20 MPH limit on the road from the village entrance (from Dunoon) to at least the Doctors surgery as no pavement and a narrow road*
19. *Great progress. Would like to see the speeds lower further in busier, populated areas, especially around holiday parks where many children cycle and walk dogs on the B8000 road.*

20. *I would not have any 20mph speed limits anywhere in the village.*
21. *Please consider extending 20mph zone from end of pedestrian kerb on way into Tighnabruaich to royal hotel. From where kerb ends and intersects with junction, the main road is often used by young cyclists, walkers and pram users. With zoning in place, this would ensure safer active travel to access the shops in Tighnabruaich and the many access paths at edge of village..*
22. *An excellent proposal. Vehicles travel far too quickly on these narrow and often and often single lane roads.*
23. *No problems with any of it, subject to my comments on Millhouse below.*
24. *See below*
25. *They are important!*
26. *Get these speed limits put in place asap!*
27. *All of these changes seem sensible to me.*
28. *over-elaborate*

Do you have any specific comment on the proposals in Millhouse?

1. *I would like to see a 30 mph limit from the graveyard through to bottom of Portavadie Hill.*
2. *Needs the give way repainting and better signage for it, rather than a speed limit*
3. *In over forty years there has never been a serious accident in this area*
4. *Sticking a sign up with a speed change isn't going to ensure people adhere to the limit*
5. *Traffic is so fast through Millhouse it's very much needed!*
6. *As a mother of 2 young children who live in Millhouse. I welcome these changes as they would make our community safer for the children who have grown in numbers in recent years. Children need to be able to cycle and walk to friends homes along a road without. 60mph limit. The lack of pavements make reducing the speed limit a necessity*
7. *I am aware that the residents of Millhouse have been trying for this for a long time. I would fully support this change as there is no way that you should be driving any faster than 30mph so close to all those houses.*
8. *It should be a 30. The staggered limit would likely mean that the 30 would start too late coming from Portavadie. It needs to be a 30 before the hall (kids party's are frequently held there as well as numerous clubs across the week).*
9. *A particularly dangerous area especially for the young and vulnerable*
10. *Super important in this little hamlet- children, wildlife, pets etc.*
11. *60, 40, 30 to help motorists prepare and be slower on the bridge approach.*
12. *It's not clear to me what is being proposed. I would like to see a 30mph limit covering the whole of Millhouse, i.e., on the B8000 from before the cemetery bend until the gate to Auchoirk Cottages, on the Portavadie Road as far as the last house in Millhouse, and on the Ardlamont road as far as the Auchgoyle farm entrance.*
13. *Yes the speed restriction is important, vehicles drive much too fast and there are children and animals at risk.*

14. *The 30mph speed limit is desperately needed before someone is injured or killed especially as our village is growing and we have more children. I am horrified it has to go to consultation- it should be done asap- we must be the only village in Argyll and bute without a speed limit, possibly in Scotland!!!*
15. *The complete lack of speed restrictions Millhouse always felt like an oversight and I would be very pleased to see this addressed.*
16. *good plan to have 30, but I don't see the need for staggering.*
17. *I am supportive of the proposed 30mph limit through the crossroads section and where there are existing streetlights from all 4 approaches but not outside of the main hamlet house cluster (houses that are immediatly adjacent to the road) as I think this adds an element of urbanisation to a very rural landscape. There are also no known high speed issues outwith the house cluster area so I don't consider additional signage is necessary here.*

Do you have any specific comment on the proposals in Tighnabruaich?

- 1. Particularly agree with the 30mh limit at the entrance to the village - there is a local pathway here that uses the side of the road and the speed of the cars coming into the village endangers users*
- 2. Great idea*
- 3. 20mph within village area is going to cause crash, as the speed is too slow.*
- 4. Should be 20 mph from Tide and Thyme through to petrol station. Also needs white centre lines painting at top and bottom of the brae.*
- 5. It is already impossible to speed in this area due to the terrible state of the road surface, money should be spent on repairing the road not unwarranted signage and policing*
- 6. Sticking a sign up with a speed change isn't going to ensure people adhere to the limit*
- 7. "There are already speed limits in place in Tighnabruaich.... they just require to be adhered to.*
- 8. No requirement for additional limit on Kames Shote Road. "*
- 9. I think 20mph is very important in the village.*
- 10. I work in the village and would welcome anything that would make residents and tourists safer in our community*
- 11. I definitely feel that this change is needed. After the 60mph limit, cars are still travelling far too fast when entering the village and this is extremely dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.*
- 12. The most dangerous section of road in the village is on the main road where there is no pavement and multiple blind corners. Ideally there should be a pavement the full length of the A8003 through the village, to serve all the residents living on this stretch of road. Ahead of building a pavement, the 20 mph speed limit should include the stretch of road where there is no pavement ie extending the proposed 20mph zone from kyles court to the north village entrance. We have 2 young children and have to walk in the road to get to the school. It is particularly dangerous at night for anyone walking along that road.*

13. *On the stretches where there is a pavement, the pavement is narrow and you are still in close proximity to the traffic; vehicles passing close by at 30mph feels quite hazardous and a 20mph limit would help address this. It would also help raise awareness for the possibility of pedestrians being in the road. "*
14. *"I live in one of the first houses as you enter the village on the A8003 and need to walk along this road to the school and back with my 3 year old daughter to reach nursery 5 days a week. I often witness people over 30mph on this stretch, and even where there is a small stretch of pavement, it feels dangerous due to the road being so narrow and vehicles being so close. Bigger trucks and vans travelling at 30mph are frightening.*
15. *I feel that pedestrian warning signs should be positioned at the entrance to the village here, prior to reaching the first houses. "*
16. *Do not have 20 mph limits. They are unnecessary and unenforceable*
17. *Please consider extending 20mph zone from end of pedestrian kerb on A8003 at north end of main road to school area 20mph from Kyles Court to B8000/Shore junction into Tighnabruaich to royal hotel. From where kerb ends and intersects with junction, the main road is often used by young cyclists, walkers and pram users. With zoning in place, this would ensure safer active travel to access the shops in Tighnabruaich and the many access paths at edge of villiage..*
18. *Seems sensible*
19. *Good plan; but no need for staggering on approaches from north, south and west.*

Do you have any specific comment on the proposals outside Tighnabraich Primary School?

1. *This is really important, and should include signage.*
2. *20mph esp at beg and end of school day - young people are walking and cycling*
3. *20 mph for school start and end is important.*
4. *20mph should only be at start and finish times*
5. *This road is in dire need of repair, the road should be repaired not waste tax payer funds on unnecessary signage, no one drives fast on this access road; it is full of pot holes and impossible to speed*
6. *It's a dead end road, it's not like you can go that fast there anyway!! It'd be better to have rumble strips on the main road to make people more aware of the speed.*
7. *Not required.*
8. *Definitely a 20mph*
9. *It should be 20mph it's a school and it's next to a GP surgery*
10. *20mph during school drop off/ pick up times would definitely help protect our local children.*
11. *Should be extended from kyles court to the north village entrance to serve residents and school pupils walking down the A8003 (where there is no pavement) to reach the school.*
12. *I fully support a 20mph limit around here, but think the zone needs to be extended to begin at the first house on the A8003 as you enter the village. I feel that pedestrian warning signs should be positioned at the entrance to the village here, prior to reaching the first houses. This is for the safety of these residents who need to walk on this narrow and twisting road to access the village.*
13. *On this stretch of road, there is only one small stretch of pavement. Beyond that, there are 3 blind corners to navigate with no pavement or adequate side verge. I walk to nursery with my 3 year old daughter (wearing a high-viz vest), and we need to cross the road at least 4 times to try to ensure safe visibility at these corners, yet it still feels hazardous. We often feel unsafe due to the speed of the traffic. I will soon need to walk this route with a pram and another baby too.*
14. *Introducing a 20mph limit here would certainly help.*

15. *Please consider extending 20mph zone from end of pedestrian kerb on A8003 at north end of main road to school area 20mph from Kyles Court to B8000/Shore junction into Tighnabruaich to royal hotel. From where kerb ends and intersects with junction, tthe main road is often used by young cyclists, walkers and pram users. With zoning in place, this would ensure safer active travel to access the shops in Tighnabruaich and the many access paths at edge of villiage..*
16. *Definitely agree 20*
17. *Important*
18. *Good.*

Do you have any specific comment on the proposals in Otter Ferry?

1. *No I don't live there but I'm sure 30mph would be welcomed*
2. *The road is already slow due to the pot holes, stop wasting tax payers cash on ridiculous, unnecessary vanity projects*
3. *If you're doing more than 40mph through this area, you have a screw loose already....*
4. *I think on the approach to carry farm should be 30mph and passing through at 20mph or less.*
5. *I think there should be a 20mph limit whilst passing Largiemore holiday park/the entrance to the fish farm & Evanachan Farm due to increased pedestrian activity & vehicle access for these places.*
6. *Pleased to see that it is lowering. Would like to see the speed decrease further between Oystercatcher and Largiemore holiday estate. We run the holiday estate and there are often young kids on bikes, with and without parents at the entrance to the estate and on the B8000 cycling to the Oystercatcher. Would appreciate that section of road being lowered further for safety.*
7. *Agree with proposed measures.*
8. *Want 30mph*
9. *This should be 30, but it's for a very short distance.*

Do you have any specific comment on the proposals in Kilfinan?

1. *I don't but sure the residents would prefer a slower speed limit than the current one.*
2. *Yet another wasteful vanity project*
3. *Improved signage and potential use of rumble strips down the hills would be better than blanket speed limits.*
4. *Kilfinan 20mph and approach at 30mph*
5. *30 mph going through the village would seem more appropriate. Crossing from Kilfinnan Hotel to the Kilfinnan Hall can be quite dangerous.*
6. *Agree with proposed measures*
7. *Want 30mph dangerous crossing from church to village hall*
8. *Important to curb speed here*
9. *The complete lack of speed restrictions Kilfinan always felt like an oversight and I would be very pleased to see this addressed.*
10. *This should be 20, for a very short distance (Old PO to Bridge). The road is narrow with a blind bend. No need for staggering.*

Do you have any specific comment on the proposals at Carry Farm?

1. *This measure will help people feel safer walking and cycling to carry farm - the track is a shared walking, cycling and car users*
2. *40mph is too fast past Carry Farm. There are holiday home owners ,animals,a cafe and sailing school children. Very busy in summer. Should be 20mph here as it's right on the road.*
3. *20mph from 100m before Carry Farm to 100m after Carry Farm. More "no parking on verges" signage*
4. *This piece of road goes through the middle of a farm yard and should therefore not be considered for tax payer funded signage*
5. *Has there actually been a speed survey to see how many people are doing 60mph here, I would suspect that's a highly unusual speed in this location?*
6. *Possibly 40, due to presence of Sailing School. No staggered signage required.*
7. *Carry farm is a busy place for animals and pedestrians and as the road literally passes through the homestead it's essential the approach to be 30mph and passing through at 20 mph or less!*
8. *"I think that there should be a 20mph limit whilst passing Carry Farm itself. People are often on the road here whilst visiting carry farm/sailing school. Pedestrian signs would be helpful too.*
9. *Similar to ourselves at Largiemore holiday estate, there are lots of children around the road here at Carry Farm site. Lowering the speed at that section of road would help increase safety.*
10. *Agree with proposed measures. Consideration could be given to consulting residents and business at Kilbride farm as to similar measures; this is a highly popular destination for visitors.*
11. *Agree 30*
12. *Children and animals cross from camp site to main reception area*
13. *Important to curb speed here*
14. *This should be no higher than 30.*