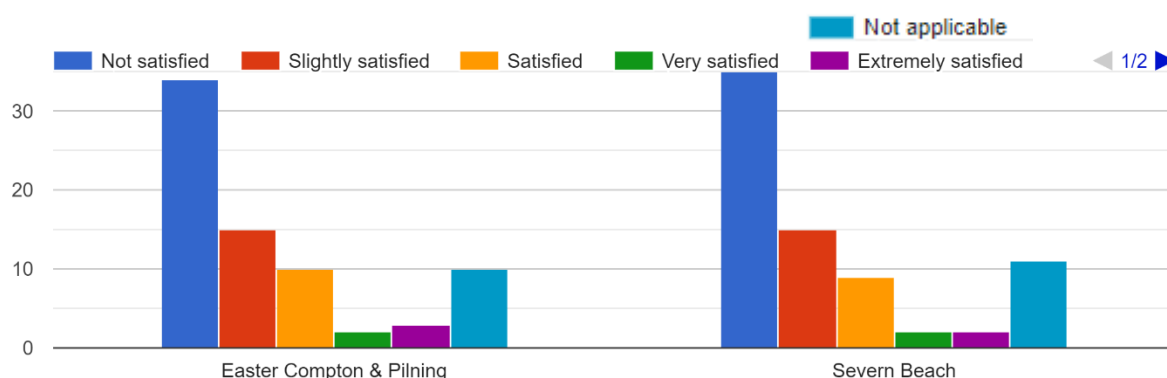


## Traffic Calming Measures at Easter Compton, Pilning and Severn Beach – Parishioners' Feedback

How satisfied are you with the way South Gloucestershire Council ran the consultations about traffic calming?



### Why do you say so?

#### Not satisfied / Slightly satisfied (49) –

Not publicised well enough
Wasn't aware of any consultation
Views were not taken into account.
I didn't know it took place
The speed bumps put in place don't do anything.
Was not aware of any consultation for the Pilning traffic measures.
Wasn't aware it was on
I wasn't aware of any consultation
Insufficient information and options
Opinion not addressed properly
I am completely unaware of any consultation having been performed.
Our views were not listened to at all. As a resident I felt i didn't have a say at all. Outrageous considering it's my money being spent on these schemes.
Was not consulted
Because I did not see any consultation details/information.
No justification of the survey.
views were ignored in favour of the pet project
It started well, no they building what they like :-)

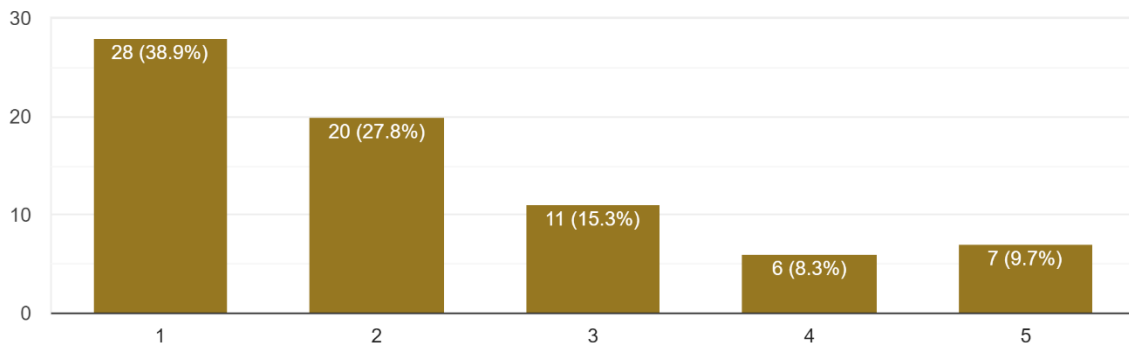
Very difficult to navigate/comment
Haven't seen anything at all
Not widely published
I found out about it through a facebook page
I don't remember any consultation, and this one closes on 3rd October, we only received our In View today so that gives very little time to respond
I was not aware of any consultation
I made positive suggestions that were welcomed at the exhibitions but ignored and no feedback
I was not aware of any consultation
The system of traffic calming proposed is a cheap and ineffective one. Look at Easter Compton and note that near 50% of vehicles are still travelling at or close to 30mph. A system of speed cameras, properly monitored and policed, would be a far better system. And if monitored and processed correctly should also create an income to support its administration.
They didn't listen to common sense! Me.....
I wasn't aware of any consultation process undertaken by South Glos Council
did not know about it poorly advertised
I am not convinced residents opinions were given due consideration
I don't think you will take any notice of what I think.
I believe it was an exhibition at the village hall. Those running it did not have an open mind and were determined to press their point I was told that their plan was to make Severn Beach like Copenhagen
I ask you who do they think they are
You didn't seem to take much of it on board.
Not heard a thing about it till now !
I wasn't very aware of being asked about the problems and changes in traffic in the area

#### **Satisfied / Very Satisfied / Extremely Satisfied (7)**

They wrote to me about that about a year ago.
Because I am registered to receive all consultations concerning Severn Beach, Pilning and Easter Compton from S/G council. As such I have read them through several times and responded to the council.
The measures have reduced speed noticeably
Information about the development has been provided and a chance to oppose the scheme was made available.
Had no consultation

How would you rate the Easter Compton traffic calming scheme on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (excellent)? (Please skip this question if you have no opinion)

72 responses



### Why did you give it this rating?

#### Ratings 1-3 (59)

My answer is the same as for the proposed systems for Pilning and Severn Beach

As the new speed limit is 20mph, by South Glos's own data, the average speed is over the legal limit. If the average speed recorded is illegally high, how can that be a 'success'?

I am generally on my cycle when I go through Easter Compton, but when I have driven, I find that, bar the one continuous speed hump, the spacing of the humps is such that even in my small car, the wheels sit either side and therefore the humps are completely ineffectual. Further, gas guzzling 4x4 type vehicles designed with off road capabilities can drive over the humps with impunity.

There are two annoyances to myself, my neighbours and presumably fellow residents in Redwick/Pilning/EC and SB. The first is noise and the second is large lorries thundering along our B roads.

A significant proportion of cars and motorbikes/mopeds have illegal silencers and those travelling over say 30mph exacerbates the issue. Quite a few vehicles come through either/or at such speed and volume they are taking the mickey! The standard issue, poor man's option of speed humps does nothing to control this problem. Vehicles just slow then accelerate, causing extra noise - And pollution. Plus of course extra congestion. Outside my house we usually have a lot of cars parked on the road/pavement, this just makes the noise situation worse. As I work from home I get used to repeat offenders with race style exhausts and doing maybe 70mph. Yes, really! Come and do some speed monitoring down here....

The second problem us NiMBYs moan about is trucks over the 7.5T weight limit - That is the posted legal limit - But with 'Except for Access'. We get everything regularly from 7.5T up to full sized 'artic's - My house, like many here, is very close to the road and these large trucks literally shake the house, totally inappropriate for the village/road! I have lived here ('Redwick', the West side of the A403) since 1974 and I have NEVER seen any police roadside law enforcement of speed/noise/weight, EVER! I appreciate that we have the Severn rail tunnel/Severn bridge etc that needs heavy plant, but there are many other heavy traffic that appear dubious. Whatever, with no police presence, people can do what they want.

The biggest serial offender for over 7.5T is Avon Commercial Recovery, based in the middle of a housing estate in Severn Beach. They have a 24/7 operation and the majority of their fleet is over 7.5T. They regularly shake our houses as they rumble through and often in the middle of the night. They are not always within the 30mph speed limit either, which doesn't help. I appreciate

their business predates even the housing estate and that their operation is probably legal (when they don't break the speed limit) but although they are within the letter of the law they are certainly not within it's spirit. Perhaps they should be 'encouraged' to find new premises on the Western Approaches say, which would be far more appropriate for their business.

As regards what funds SHOULD be spent on, the budget for some speed humps is unlikely to cover what is needed to be effective, but here goes:

Policing of speeding - And noise! Obvious really, but now that this and the previous government have eviscerated the policing budget as part of 'austerity', that's not going to happen anytime soon - It's not happened so far since 1974! Failing that, speed cameras of course. Again, third world UK can't afford them and existing ones have mostly been turned off. Please don't install humps, chicanes or any other worse than useless stuff that will exacerbate the noise problem! Funds would be better spent on say, improving the cycle track infrastructure. It would be better to admit there isn't the budget to do anything effective rather than waste money on measures that make matters worse.

I note that the speed limit has been lowered to 20mph in EC. I would suggest that 30mph is perfectly acceptable for safety and residents alike - As long as it's observed and vehicles are properly silenced. As far as I'm aware there has never been an accident along my stretch of Redwick Road as long as I have lived here.

Ineffective. You can drive over the bumps at 40mph and hardly feel a thing. Average speed has only decreased because average driver obeys the speed limit.

From the article I was surprised to see that the pre calming average speed was 31mph, the then speed limit-I'd imagined calming was needed because of excessive speeding through the village. If the reason was to allow easier crossing of the road rather than excessive speed, then a pedestrian crossing would have been a better solution. On a practical level the individual speed humps are offset and not even wrt the road centreline

its ok was it needed NO

The speed hump at the top of the village near Bow St Ln is too severe in height and being the same colour as the tarmac is dangerous to negotiate in the dark or in weather conditions with reduced visibility. The speed cushions are ineffective for motor cyclist and larger vehicles with a wider spacing between wheels.

So unnecessary.

The average speed before was only 31mph which is reasonable for a major link road .The measures put in are very excessive expensive and out of date for the small improvement as we drive in a low gear with higher acceleration using more fuel an d creating more pollution

I always try to stick to the new speed and take the traffic calming bumps slowly also and am constantly tail gated and have people overtake me. It is very stressful. I want to stress however I think it should be 20 mph zone

## Ratings 4-5 (13)

It has slowed traffic

Traffic is kept to an acceptable speed

It has reduced the speed through the village.

Traffic much calmer and the position of the cushions make drivers think about the road/ their surroundings.

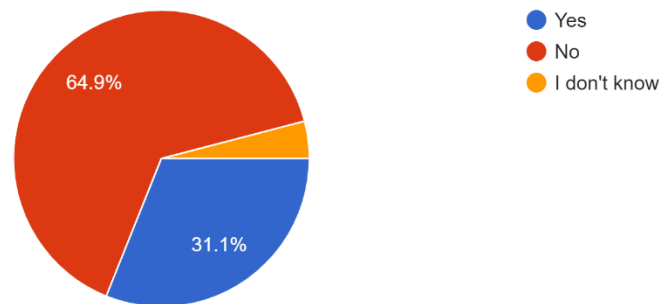
I think the large bump at the beginning should be at the middle and end as well.

The pads encourage drivers to slow down as they negotiate them, plus act as a reminder of the speed limit. It doesn't stop determined speeders but I think it will lower the overall average.

I think it has had some effect.
Speeding has always been a problem and this was long overdue.
Parked cars near bumps make it very hard to use bumps properly between wheels
With minimal disruption the speed of vehicles has reduced
Those that want to speed still do and claiming reduction of speed to 25mph is still breaking the law

Would you like to see a similar scheme in Pilning?

74 responses

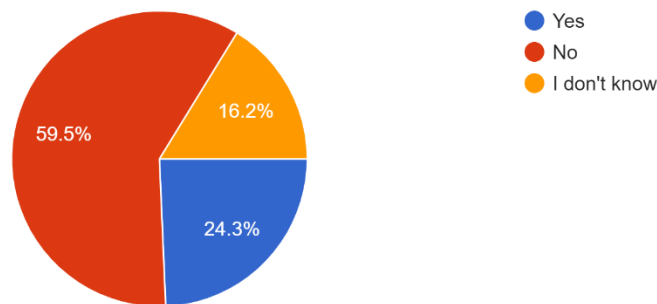


**PILNING - If your answer was "No", what would you like the allocated funds to be spent on?**

Judiciously sited system of speed cameras, properly administered.
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This might send more traffic into Northwick, already busy with large tankers / lorries and speeding cars and vans.
Provision of cycle lanes or installation of speed camera retaining present speed limits
More police speed cameras
I* believe 30 mph is a reasonable speed to drive through Pilning Any allocated money should be spent on road and foot path repairs and keeping trees and hedges in check to avoid blind visibility spots

Would you like to see a similar scheme in Severn Beach?

74 responses

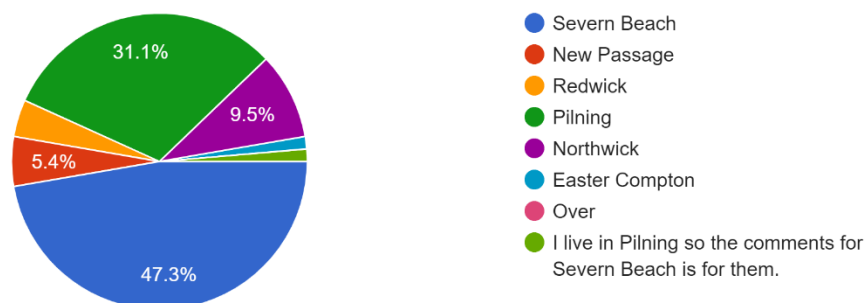


**SEVERN BEACH - If your answer was "No", what would you like the allocated funds to be spent on?**

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Severn Beach needs space allocated for car parking for the train users and those walking on the sea wall as at present we are overrun with off street parking which creates its own dangers Also maintenance of road ,footpaths and keeping junctions clear of overgrown trees and vegetation

What area do you live in?

74 responses



**Do you have any further comments?**

Would be happy to discuss or contribute further. Feel free to contact me.  
(Details left for the Parish Council)

The biggest local traffic issue is the great increase in the volume and speed of traffic the A403, this has changed markedly in the last couple of months, not only with more trucks, but more importantly cars speeding to overtake on the short stretches of dual carriageway between Pilning and Aust. There have already been a number of near misses trying to cross the A403 to access the public footpaths to the Severn.

I would have appreciated the opportunity to feedback comments directly to SGC had myself as a resident of the area been aware consultation had taken place. The first I was aware of this scheme was via the community Facebook page.

I am concerned that the proposed traffic calming scheme at Pilning might make the traffic use alternative routes into Easter Compton (e.g. The Wave) from the M48 - these would be vehicles travelling through Northwick and then via Bank Road, potentially speeding through the village's narrow road and past the school. This is particularly concerning, as Pilning, Severn Beach and Easter Compton where the scheme is going to be implemented, all have pavements. If due to traffic calming in these villages more traffic was to come through Northwick, the fact that we have no pavement and a lot of people (often with young children) walk and cycle through the village, should be seriously considered.

No scheme will stop the problem of increased vehicles and speeding. Marginal improvements are the very best you can hope for

Considering residents in Redwick Road restrict traffic to single lane most of the time I cannot believe speed is an enormous problem.

Please don't do any more traffic calming measures, if people are going to speed they will.

I question why especially Severn Beach is singled out for such excessive measures when it is not a rat run or through road is very quiet .In my travels throughout South Glos I do not see any evidence of other village communities being treated like this the vast majority have 30mph limits except of outside schools where speed humps have not been added

I think all 3 areas have been massively impacted with hugely increased traffic volumes but if new zones to be introduced they need to be policed and people speeding need to pay penalties. People are driving dangerously through Pilning and when I'm walking my dog I sometimes fear for our safety. Ridiculous. And what is going on with the huge lorries!

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