

## MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

Our request to have the 30mph sign moved and the speed limit extended to the other side of the railway bridge, has finally been ACCEPTED!  
This is our third time asking for this and it has finally been agreed by the Speed Limit Review Panel for maintaining highway safety.



Unfortunately, our request to have the Towcester Road speed limit reduced to 30mph has been turned down. We have received the following comments:

*“The Speed Limit Review Panel has now considered your request for a reduction in the speed limit on the Towcester Road to 30mph. As you may be aware the review involves a panel of relevant officers including your Community Liaison Officer, Road Safety Officers, Engineers and the Safer Roads Team Leader for Northamptonshire Police. He has delegated authority from the Chief Constable in speed limit consultations. This is therefore a consensus response from both organisations.*

*In terms of setting appropriate speed limits we take the pragmatic view that if they do not command driver understanding or respect, not only will they be frequently contravened but they undermine the whole road safety regime. In other words the road environment should provide a clear illustration as to why a particular speed limit has been imposed and encourage self-compliance.*

*I have attached the latest speed monitoring results for your information . You will see for the results that the 85th percentile speed is recorded at 42mph, this is the speed at or below 85% of the vehicles were travelling. The vehicle average is 36mph. This data indicates that 40mph remains appropriate for this section of road.*

*The Towcester Road through Milton Malsor has dwelling frontages on one side of the road, with open countryside on the other. These characteristics remain relatively consistent right up to the confines of the village where the road environment changes and higher limits are entirely appropriate. It is universally accepted that every section of road network represents a risk to one type of road user or another and it is impossible to totally eliminate those risks.*

*The overall consensus from the Panel is to decline this request. Given the nature of this road the view of the Panel is that reducing the speed limit to 30mph restriction is unrealistic and non-compliance would become an issue.”*