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1	whether the speed limit is changed or not, there should be proper speed cameras or some other measure to clamp down on those drivers who go ridiculously fast on this bridge, even when there are cyclists around. The same is true for all of the junctions up Castelnau and towards Barnes Common. There are some absolute nutters. I nearly got killed a few months ago by an idiot in a white van who didn't break in time. If I'd had headphones on and not heard the screeching of rubber, I'd've been dead. When I got up to the next junction the same idiot missed the green light because he was combing his hair and looking in his mirror.	Nov 8, 2010 12:35 AM
2	I must be statistically unlucky, as I can't believe that just 15% of motorists are exceeding the 30mph speed limit. I have repeatedly been cut up by speeding motorists when crossing the bridge. If the council is at all reluctant to consider introducing further measures, perhaps it and the police should consider further monitoring of speeds.	Nov 8, 2010 6:23 AM
3	Make 20mph the Borough-wide default and reap the benefit to the local taxpayer of fewer crashes, less damage to infrastructure and growing the capacity of borough roads without further impinging on the inheritance air quality of their children and mine.	Nov 8, 2010 7:36 AM
4	Sadly, I question the value of a 20mph speed limit: as drivers do not respect the current 30pmh limit (and I've NEVER seen the police doing anything) then why would they respect a 20mph limit. An always-on camera is the only solution.	Nov 8, 2010 8:11 AM
5	The main issue it would deal with is motorists overtaking in an unsafe manner. There are currently double white line which mean cyclists doing over 10 mph shouldn't be overtaken, but this is continually done by motorists who then swerve back in to the lane in a dangerous manner.	Nov 8, 2010 8:58 AM
6	This is a very badly designed survey, slanted, & truly worthless. The reason the bridge is dangerous is because the carriageways are too narrow.	Nov 8, 2010 9:50 AM
7	I am also a driver but still support this proposal.	Nov 8, 2010 9:52 AM
8	Crossing the bridge north to south is easy peasy compared to the approach when you have perhaps gone round H'smith Broadway and then along H'smith Bridge Road. Overtaking on the bridge is tricky, because it is narrow, even at greater speeds and I would argue that the faster the speed limit the wider the berth needed to overtake which discourages drivers from making the manoeuvre.	Nov 8, 2010 11:00 AM

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9	Unless its policed properly the percent of people going above the speed limit would increase if the speed limit reduced. I think it would be good to have cycle lane painted onto the carriage way but one that stays straight right across the the length of the bridge and doesn't hug the side as that is the most difficult part of the bridge.	Nov 8, 2010 2:19 PM
10	I think question 2 should be multi answer as it depends on whether for oneself or when cycling with others.	Nov 8, 2010 3:32 PM
11	There really needs to be category for Q 1 on this page between 'sometimes very scary' and 'no problem at all'. I've experienced driver aggression when crossing the bridge in free-flowing traffic. I didn't really find that scary (as I'm a regular cyclist) but I did find it unpleasant, and many less confident cyclists would naturally find it intimidating.	Nov 8, 2010 4:21 PM
12	Reducing speed beenefits ALL, cyclists, pedestrinas and driver plus residents and businesses. It's a no brainer and it's cheap.	Nov 8, 2010 4:38 PM
13	I think the high tech engineering solution would be very expensive and a bit of a sledge hammer to crack a nut. Better markings around the points where it narrows should be tried first.	Nov 8, 2010 11:06 PM
14	I am a confident cyclist, and know to take primary position on the bridge where the carriageway narrows. This does require some assertive riding as many cars will try and overtake at these points. I've seen less confident cyclists become victim to very close passes from vehicles on this bridge because they didn't ride in primary	Nov 9, 2010 5:30 PM
15	this bridge is particularly difficult outside of rush hour as vehicle speeds are higher. In the evening it can be very intimidating with high speed vehicles on clear roads.	Nov 9, 2010 6:26 PM
16	These figures highlight what happens across London: drivers break the limit at any opportunity even if it's only in order to wait longer at the next junction.	Nov 10, 2010 12:28 AM
17	speed is not so much of an issue in the rush hour when there is heavy traffic. safe sharing the road space is the problem	Nov 10, 2010 12:10 PM
18	20 mile an hour is an excellent idea which means it won't be implemented! SUPER CYNICAL ME. In Germany/Japan and advanced countries they make simple easy decisions and IMPLEMENT THEM. In the UK we flap around in hand-wringing angst. PROOF ME WRONG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Nov 10, 2010 12:24 PM
19	The Buses are the bullies.	Nov 10, 2010 12:45 PM
20	How about a marked cycle lane each side?	Nov 10, 2010 2:47 PM
21	The obsession with speed (and whether or not it can be measured, and at what cost) is an irrelevance. The issue is that (i) merging with moving traffic and (ii) accidents with motor vehicles are dangerous whatever the speed. Government bodies focus on these irrelevances as they can be used to justify inaction. Please maintain focus on the real issues, i.e. the danger to cyclists.	Nov 10, 2010 3:29 PM
22	I am strongly in support of a 20mph limit on the bridge.	Nov 10, 2010 5:19 PM
23	question 1 - more options - i.e. whilst I don't find it scary i don't find it pleasant.	Nov 10, 2010 7:16 PM
24	My main concern is the changing width of the carrageway across the bridge due to the supports, this causes traffic to try an push past cyclists. What is needed is some kind of traffic calming that allows cyclists to travel easily within the flow of vehicular traffic, a 20mph limit and better road markings that encourage cyclists to take a assertive road position would be a good thing.	Nov 10, 2010 8:52 PM
25	20mph would certainly be a big improvement. Perhaps some slower cyclists might still be unable to comfortably keep up with the flow, resulting in some pushy motorists trying to squeeze past on the wider sections. How good are timing systems at encouraging compliance with the speed limit - better than 85%?	Nov 10, 2010 9:25 PM

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26	At peak times the traffic never moves at >30mph has it is slow moving in any case. Twice a week I cross it at 14;45-15:00 and it is absolutely fine. The only time one feels in any danger is at peak time but this is due to narrow nature of bridge and NOT traffic speed	Nov 11, 2010 8:11 AM
27	Again, the optional replies to Question i do not precisely cover my own case - although I seldom have problem, very occasionally there has been one.	Nov 11, 2010 11:52 AM
28	Good quality enforcemnt of 30 mph	Nov 12, 2010 12:35 AM
29	why not say no overtaking of cyclists?	Nov 12, 2010 8:37 AM
30	20 mph would be sensible, those corners are potentially dangerous projections. For a long time bus drivers have been ok, but some have been less accomodating lately.	Nov 12, 2010 8:42 AM
31	Once a 20mph speed limit is introduced, the issue becomes enforcement.	Nov 12, 2010 9:51 AM
32	Any road where there isn't room for vehicles to overtake cyclists safely should automatically be 20mph. I'm surprised this isn't already a 20mph road.	Nov 12, 2010 12:15 PM
33	For question 1 you need an option between 'Sometimes very scary' and 'No problem at all'. I would say 'Something that I do cautiously because there are risks' rather than the 2 slightly extreme options that you have given	Nov 12, 2010 12:44 PM
34	The pinch points are the main worry. There is always the potential for cyclists and motorists - particularly buses to clash.	Nov 12, 2010 1:48 PM
35	A 20mph limit would make a big difference.	Nov 12, 2010 1:56 PM
36	What they would do in The Netherlands with a bridge of this width would be to reduce the carriageway down to one lane for motor traffic (with traffic signals to alternate the flow) and allocate the rest of the space to bikes.	Nov 13, 2010 6:25 PM
37	Some signage to make it clear that the space is very tight and to be mindful of cyclists might also help reduce the danger of the bridge.	Nov 13, 2010 8:24 PM
38	i am an experienced cyclist - but i have to pay a lot of attention crossing the bridge on the carriageway. for most cyclists with less experience it will most likely be a somewhat scary experience. in particular if cars try to pass cyclists at the (currently allowed) 30mph speed limit.	Nov 13, 2010 9:52 PM
39	I'd support 20mph!	Nov 14, 2010 12:28 PM
40	Question 1 - actually find it a little un-nerving (and my son a little more so) rather than any of the options given. We tended to stay out level with the narrower bits (stopping motor vehicles trying to squeeze past) rather than weave in and out, so a lower speed limit would give them less reason to try.	Nov 14, 2010 9:00 PM
41	The bridge is too narrow, the pillars and overtaking is the problem. Buses are allowed under the Highway code to cross double white line to overtake bicycles, At 20 mph it will prolong the overtaking time and the danger, for safe overtaking 30mph is better.	Nov 14, 2010 10:28 PM
42	I don't necessarily see the need for average speed cameras or other enforcement measures but clear signage about a 20MPH speed limit and regular enforcement would be enough.	Nov 23, 2010 1:46 PM
43	It really feels very dangerous at the moment - especially as the road narrows and widens which means you either have to move in and out of traffic or you get beeped by motorists for being in the middle of the road.	Dec 2, 2010 11:43 AM
44	cars dont give way as you pass through the sections of the bridge that narrow leaving no room for cyclists.	Dec 2, 2010 10:45 PM
45	why there is no question regarding having an outlined route marked on the road/bridge for cyclists	Dec 3, 2010 3:55 PM
46	I think the problem is more that occasionally wide vehicles try to overtake in the narrow sections, or drivers get too close. I am not convinced that reducing the speed of the traffic will affect this. I try not to "leave" the flow of the traffic in the first place, so I do not then have to "rejoin" it. If cars want to overtake me they must have sufficient room. A cycle path (on the bridge, not the footpath) would be of more interest to me than a speed limit I think (though I am not an expert!)	Dec 3, 2010 4:31 PM

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47	I find I am generally faster than the traffic and the only problem is the narrowings, esp when behind a bus. On the main span of the bridge there is plenty of room and the main problem is loose gravel and an uneven surface.	Dec 3, 2010 4:59 PM
48	As long as the 30 mph limit is followed, then there is not a bit problem. I am a 61 year old female, not a 'racer' but try to keep up with the general flow of traffic moving clearly out into the flow in good time for the narrowing parts. As long as you are not being aggressive as a cyclist nor 'dreamy' then it is not too bad. I definitely think the 30 mph speed limit should be strongly enforced, but 30 mph as a general rule seems unfair on the motorists.	Dec 3, 2010 5:18 PM
49	Impatient cars sometimes accelerate unreasonably hard very close when passing	Dec 3, 2010 5:38 PM
50	The picture above sums the scariness up very well	Dec 3, 2010 6:00 PM
51	A reduction in average speeds would extend the life of the bridge too.	Dec 6, 2010 7:46 AM
52	cars really do not make their journeys faster by going fast over this bridge, just a little bit of consideration would make a difference.	Dec 6, 2010 8:45 AM
53	there need to be some signs to give way to cyclists. the bits that jut out into the rotad make it very dangerous	Dec 7, 2010 11:13 AM