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Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: 50mph sign on slip into BP station, nearside A20 Sidcup bypass, Kent Bound

Me & Met Police pass on their thanks for the quick response

Thanks!!

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Please see the photos attached, our IRU as attended, removed, and changed. The job hasn't been raised on Maximo yet as waiting for ATO which was advised from day staff.

Kind regards,



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Thanks everyone for the swift response to fixing this for us.

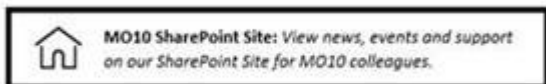
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Thanks [REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED] – this issue has now got the press / [REDACTED] / City Hall involved - can we please chase Conways ASAP to confirm they have removed the offending sign?



Call me any time
Cheers

[REDACTED]
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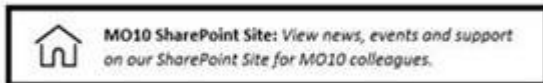
[REDACTED]
Can you update me when the sign has been removed please?
Kind Regards

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Will make sure it gets fitted when they receive it

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Hi [REDACTED]

I'll get an order in for one, doubtful we have any in the yard

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] - Met have asked if a 40 repeater can be installed where the 50 is?

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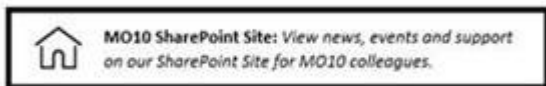
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Perfect thanks for the swift action [redacted]

Kind Regards

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Subject: Re: For approval - A20 Eastbound speed limit change/News Shopper - Reactive line

Thanks both, that's worrying to hear. Don't think it affects our line at this stage as I assume we can't confirm any of this publicly yet.

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Thanks [redacted]. We will pick up with you separately.

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@tfl.gov.uk>
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Hi [redacted]

Literally just come off the phone with [redacted] from MPS about this. They have been receiving calls from members of the public about the issue.

Based on info they have had they assumed a member of public has deliberately put this in the midst of the 40 zone.

The concern is that NIPs have been issued when this incorrect signage has been in view. We are managing that issue and RSS are advising

I understand provision is being made to remove the 50 sign

Will update as necessary

Thanks
[redacted]

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Subject: RE: For approval - A20 Eastbound speed limit change/News Shopper - Reactive line

Thanks [REDACTED]. Has this be shared with Met?

[REDACTED] can you please make MO8 aware of the situation please? Thank you

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@tfl.gov.uk>
Sent: 24 January 2024 15:36
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Hi [REDACTED]

We have been contacted by a journalist writing for local newspaper News Shopper about a 40mph speed limit on the A20 Sidcup Road.

Residents have claimed that a lack of awareness, and possible confusing signage, have led to them receiving fines for speeding here.

We are looking into the attached photo of a 50mph sign which may have been erroneously placed on the road. Otherwise the limit has been in for some months and the below statement uses lines we've used when asked about this before.

Please could you let me know if you have any comments on this? Deadline is 12pm tomorrow.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

A Tfl spokesperson said: "Safety is our number one priority and we have temporarily introduced a 40mph speed limit on the A20 Sidcup Road due to ongoing surface water flooding and water sheeting which has caused a number of safety concerns. This presents a serious risk to road users and this reduced speed limit will stay in place until permanent drainage measures can be installed.

"We want to ensure that all drivers are treated fairly and speed limit signage, compliant with traffic sign regulations, was installed to reflect the new limit. We are reviewing the signage along the A20 to confirm that this remains the case."

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 January 2024 11:14
To: TfL Press Office <PressOffice@tfl.gov.uk>
Subject: A20 Eastbound speed limit change - statement request

Good morning,

I am a reporter for the News Shopper in south east London, I hope you are well.

I have been in contact with multiple people who have received NIPs after 'speeding along the A20'.

The issue relates particularly to the **A20 Eastbound, West of Sandy Lane, east of Cookham Road.**

Drivers have said that before December 28, this area was a 70mph road which changed into a 50mph, but it has now dropped down to 40mph.

Despite this, drivers were not made aware of the sudden change, and have since received speeding tickets.

Some of these drivers could face losing their homes, jobs, going to court, bans, financial hardship and much more, so I would really appreciate someone could look at this issue and get back to me.

Here are the main issues surrounding the road:

- Only one side of the carriageway is 40mph
- There has been no layout change since the signage
- Sat Nav's and Google Maps are still displaying a speed limit of 70mph
- There has been no "grace period" once it went live on December 28
- There is a '50mph' sign located on this part of the road, which could be confusing to drivers.

Many people have reached out to me regarding their concerns. Here are a few stand out quotes: "It has also been brought to our attention that a 50mph sign has been erected in between two 40mph signs, which is extremely confusing for drivers and does not make it explicitly clear which speed we are supposed to be driving (please see image attached).

"Not to mention, the drastic change in speed limit is incredibly unsafe for that type of road."

"This is affecting a majority with clean licences, jobs, careers, children etc who all need their licence to work and ultimately survive if they're looking at disqualifications and being made unemployed as a result - It'll affect the mental and the physical health of those involved."

"I have had a clean license for the 12 years I have been driving, so you can imagine the stress and upset this has caused. I thought given I have no previous convictions I could do a speed awareness course for my first NIP I received however I was travelling 53mph so I think this means I will be punished with points and a fine, I have two other NIP's and a possible one other coming. I will also lose my job, my home and will not be able to financially take care of my 2-year-old. I have worked hard all my life, bought my own home, and kept a stable job throughout my adult years for this all to be taken away from me because of poor signage."

Please could you provide a statement regarding the above by **12pm tomorrow (January 25)**.

I understand that this is a complex case so please let me know if you need more time.

Many thanks,





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Thanks [redacted] Will remove for now

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Hi [redacted]

I'm uncertain if this has been the case to date but I can look into it.

Kind Regards,

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Thanks [redacted] that's good to know and I think we should keep the statement high level now if we're not 100 per cent sure what the issue is yet.

I was hoping/asking if anybody here could confirm the sat nav point! As it would be good to say we've done this. But can remove if not.

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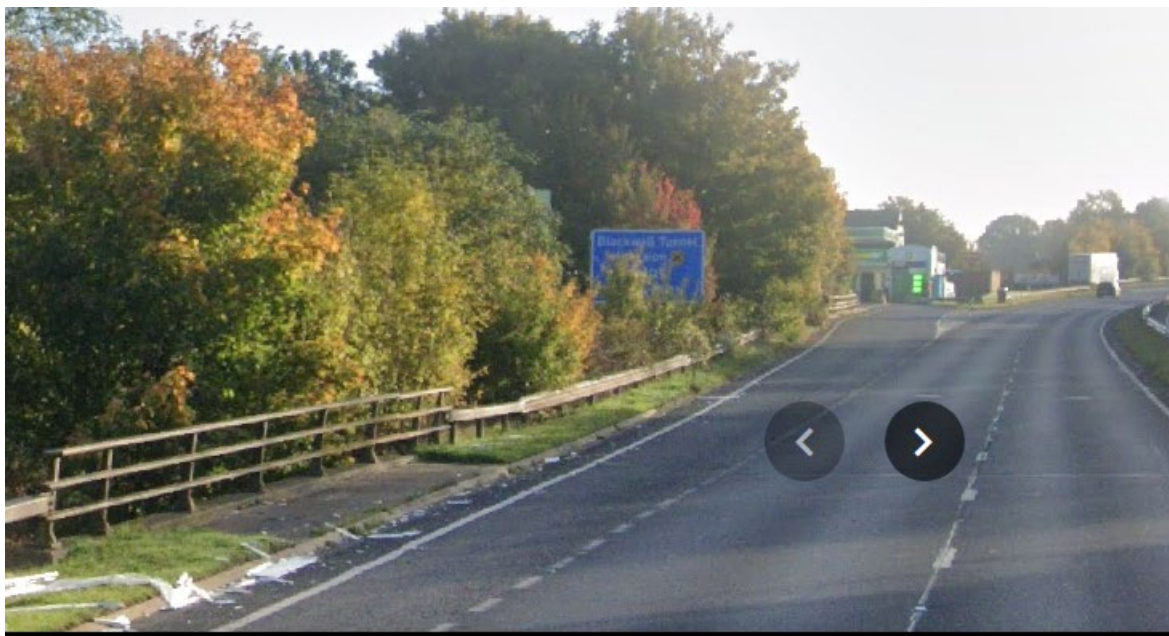
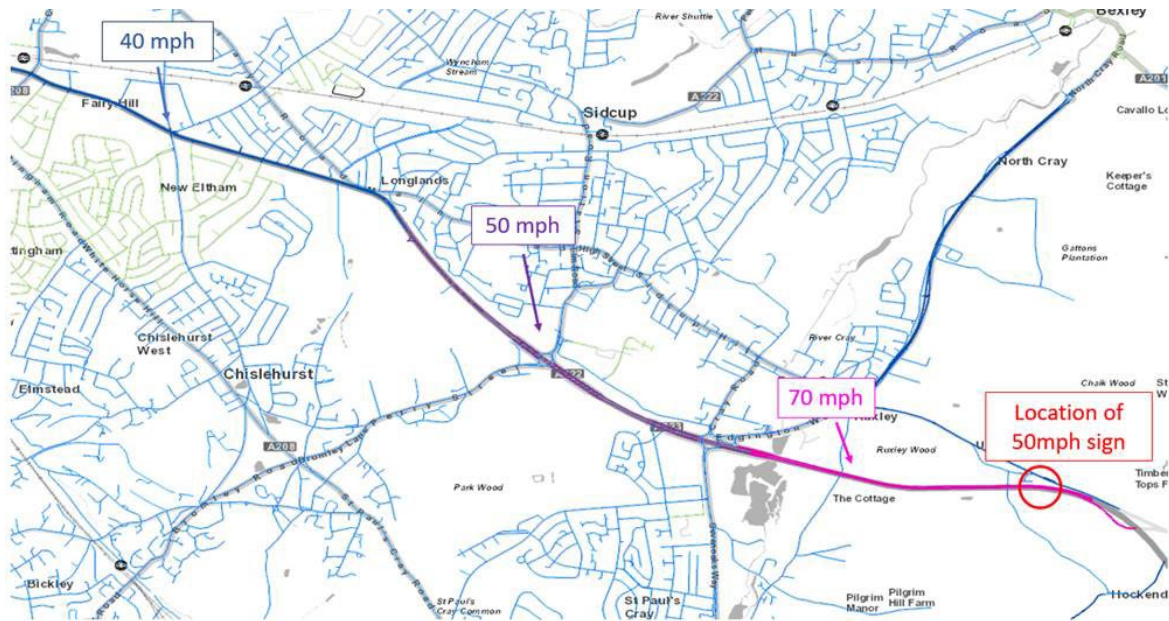
Hi [redacted]

The location of the 50mph sign, is located in where it was previously 70mph (as shown below). It doesn't appear to be the case that this could be a legacy sign due to the difference in speed limits and also from the google street view below where no sign is shown at this location.

This also doesn't appear in the drawings for the installation of the new 40mph signs. There could be the assumption that is a unauthorised sign.

Just to add to the below and as included in previous communications regarding the signs:
The new speed limit signage is compliant with the traffic sign regulations, and has been approved by the Metropolitan Police Service.

Has there been confirmation that this was provided to Satnav companies?



Kind Regards,

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Thanks very much both - I assume that means we can say something like the below in red? And can I please confirm that satnav companies were made aware of the new limit (or is there anybody we could ask if we're not sure)?

Thanks

[redacted]

A Tfl spokesperson said: "Safety is our number one priority and we have temporarily introduced a 40mph speed limit on the A20 Sidcup Road due to ongoing surface water flooding and water sheeting which has caused a number of safety concerns. This presents a serious risk to road users and this reduced speed limit will stay in place until permanent drainage measures can be installed.

"Speed limit signage was installed to reflect the new speed limit which complies with the traffic sign regulations. We are reviewing the signage along the A20 to confirm that this remains the case."

Additional information

- Tfl has supplied satnav companies with information about the new speed limit

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Hi [redacted]

I'm not aware of any 50mph signs in the 40mph area, and we have not erected any new ones, but am on site tomorrow and will check. If one has been missed I'll get it removed asap

Thanks

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■ – that doesn't look like something we would have installed, first because of the design, secondly because the height this has been installed at.

■ – can you confirm that this shouldn't be here and that you can get this removed please?

■

From: [redacted] <[redacted]@tfl.gov.uk>
Sent: 24 January 2024 12:16
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Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@tfl.gov.uk>
Subject: For approval - A20 Eastbound speed limit change/News Shopper - Reactive line

Hello,

We've been contacted again about the 40mph speed limit on A20 Sidcup Road with complaints from local residents.

We have a previously approved statement on this below which I think still works, but I think we need to respond to the questions about the 50mph sign and satnavs.

Should the 50mph sign be there and do we have an explanation for this? And I assume that we have told satnav firms about the changes and that any discrepancy is due to people not updating their devices?

The deadline is tomorrow so would be good to get this over to City Hall today.

Thanks very much



A TfL spokesperson said: "Safety is our number one priority and we have temporarily introduced a 40mph speed limit on the A20 Sidcup Road due to ongoing surface water flooding and water sheeting which has caused a number of safety concerns. This presents a serious risk to road users and this reduced speed limit will stay in place until permanent drainage measures can be installed.

"The new speed limit signage is compliant with the traffic sign regulations, and has been approved by the Metropolitan Police Service. Additional temporary signage has also been installed to ensure drivers are aware of the change in speed limit."

Additional information

- TfL has supplied satnav companies with information about the new speed limit
- 50mph signs?

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 January 2024 11:14
To: TfL Press Office <PressOffice@tfl.gov.uk>
Subject: A20 Eastbound speed limit change - statement request

Good morning,

I am a reporter for the News Shopper in south east London, I hope you are well.

I have been in contact with multiple people who have received NIPs after 'speeding along the A20'.

The issue relates particularly to the **A20 Eastbound, West of Sandy Lane, east of Cookham Road.**

Drivers have said that before December 28, this area was a 70mph road which changed into a 50mph, but it has now dropped down to 40mph.

Despite this, drivers were not made aware of the sudden change, and have since received speeding tickets.

Some of these drivers could face losing their homes, jobs, going to court, bans, financial hardship and much more, so I would really appreciate someone could look at this issue and get back to me.

Here are the main issues surrounding the road:

- Only one side of the carriageway is 40mph
- There has been no layout change since the signage
- Sat Nav's and Google Maps are still displaying a speed limit of 70mph
- There has been no "grace period" once it went live on December 28
- There is a '50mph' sign located on this part of the road, which could be confusing to drivers.

Many people have reached out to me regarding their concerns. Here are a few stand out quotes: "It has also been brought to our attention that a 50mph sign has been erected in between two 40mph signs, which is extremely confusing for drivers and does not make it explicitly clear which speed we are supposed to be driving (please see image attached).

"Not to mention, the drastic change in speed limit is incredibly unsafe for that type of road."

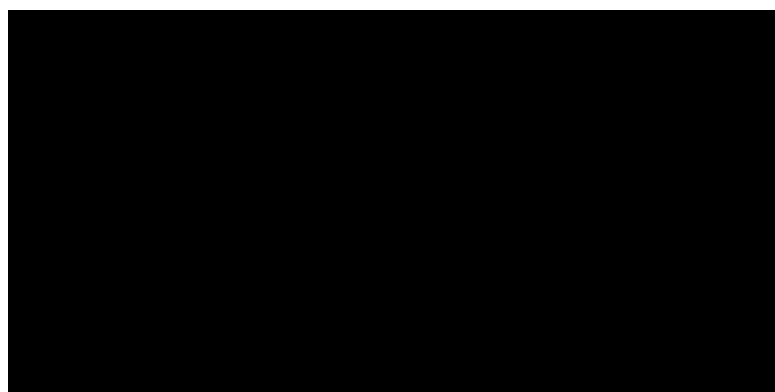
“This is affecting a majority with clean licences, jobs, careers, children etc who all need their licence to work and ultimately survive if they’re looking at disqualifications and being made unemployed as a result - It’ll affect the mental and the physical health of those involved.”

“I have had a clean license for the 12 years I have been driving, so you can imagine the stress and upset this has caused. I thought given I have no previous convictions I could do a speed awareness course for my first NIP I received however I was travelling 53mph so I think this means I will be punished with points and a fine, I have two other NIP’s and a possible one other coming. I will also lose my job, my home and will not be able to financially take care of my 2-year-old. I have worked hard all my life, bought my own home, and kept a stable job throughout my adult years for this all to be taken away from me because of poor signage.”

Please could you provide a statement regarding the above by **12pm tomorrow (January 25)**.

I understand that this is a complex case so please let me know if you need more time.

Many thanks,



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