Appendix A – List of objections received and Leeds City Council response

Details of the Objection:	Highways Response
Objection One Objector states that a 50mph speed limit would be a more suitable speed limit given the nature of the road. Objector states that no collision statistics have been noted [in the Statement of Reasons for Making the Order] and they believe it would be low especially when taking into account the number of vehicles that use the road.	As indicated in the Department for Transport guidance Setting Local Speed Limits, either a 50mph or 40mph speed limit on this section would be appropriate. However, we are aware that a lower 40mph speed limit is strongly sought by residents and as the national guidance does make a point that Highway Authorities need to consider quality of life benefits for local residents during the process of consideration, we have taken on board a number of factors in deciding to agree to this lowering: ○ There have been a number of injury (4 injury collisions classified as 'slight' in the last five year period) and damage only collisions along the length that may have been avoided through lower vehicle speed. ○ Through vehicle mean speeds are generally adequate for a 40mph section of road (36.9/36.9/37.3mph in the three locations recorded) and we would not be placing an unreasonable burden on the Police for enforcement, which has subsequently meant the Police have lodged no objection during our consultation with them. ○ There are a number of evidenced vulnerable road users along this route, such as cyclists, walkers and runners. ○ Leeds City Council is actively seeking to support active travel, and this does not necessarily have to be confined to more urban areas. A reduction in speed limit may encourage the use of this route by cyclists, walkers and runners, supporting the Council's push towards a more healthy city; and ○ There are other roads in the local area such as Dean Lane and Bayton Lane where a 40mph speed limit has been applied and these limits are seen to work successfully.