

Analysis of Speed Indicator Device (SID) data for May & June 2023

The SID was located on Somersham Road, facing towards Somersham, for 28 days from May 13th until June 5th. (The SID collects data not only from approaching vehicles but also from those departing in the opposite direction; in the case of departing vehicles the speed is not displayed to the driver.)

Over the 28 day period, one in four of all vehicles were recorded exceeding the 40 mph speed limit. The average speed was 37 mph with 15% of vehicles travelling at 43 mph or faster. The highest speed recorded was 105 mph for a vehicle heading towards Somersham at 10.09pm on Wednesday May 31st.

These figures are slightly worse than those recorded at the same location in December 2022 when just under 22% of vehicles exceeded the limit. However, the figures are still better than those from last August when 30% of vehicles were recorded at over 40 mph.

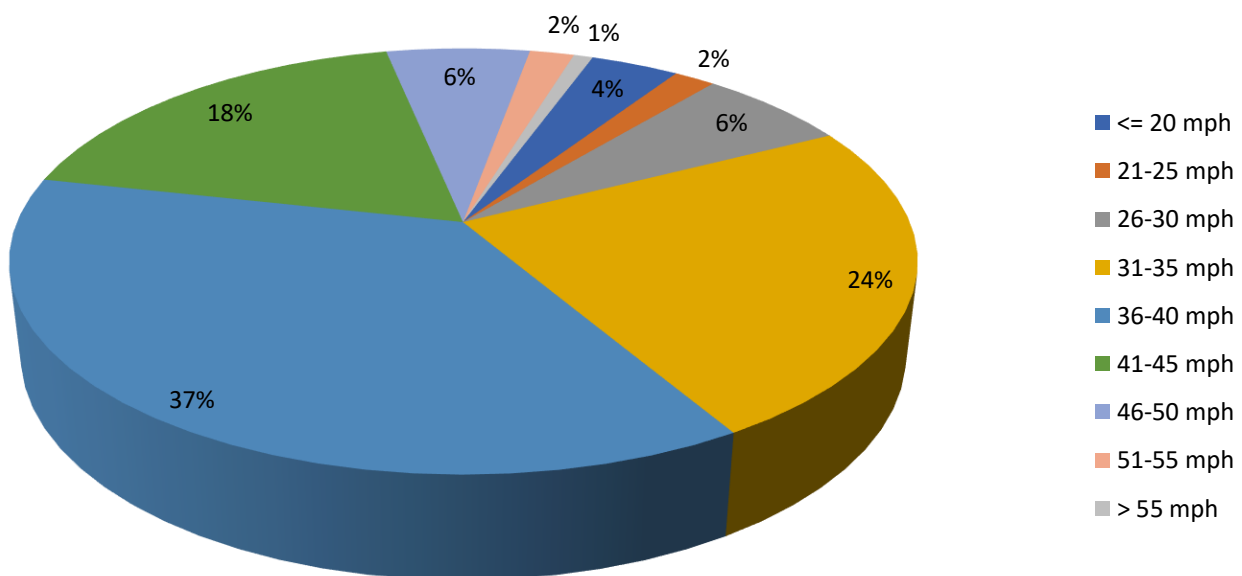
However, the problem on this stretch of road remains the same. While the average speed is below the 40 mph limit, there is a significant percentage (6%) of vehicles travelling at speeds greater than 55 mph and a small percentage travelling extremely fast with 17 vehicles recorded at over 85 mph over the 28 day period.

Vehicles approaching from Somersham

27% of vehicles were recorded as travelling in excess of the 30 mph limit with almost one in six (15%) recorded travelling at a speed greater than 43 mph. The average speed was 37 mph.

Again, these figures show a slight deterioration on those recorded in December when 25% of vehicles arriving from Somersham exceeded the limit.

The diagram, below, shows the distribution of vehicle speeds arriving from Somersham:



Vehicles departing towards Somersham

(The speed of vehicles travelling in this direction is not displayed to the driver and so the presence of the SID is likely to be less of a deterrent.)

23% of all vehicles were travelling in excess of the 30 mph limit with almost one in six exceeding 42 mph. The average speed was 36 mph.

Again, we see the same slight deterioration from the December figures when 19% of vehicles were travelling at over the 40 mph limit.

This diagram shows the distribution of vehicle speeds departing towards Somersham:

