

‘Campaign 40’

Report & Petition

For

The Committee Of

Traffic Regulation Task And

Finish Group

Meeting On The 23rd February 2016

The Speed On Lyndhurst Road To Be

Reduced

From 40 mph – 30 mph

&

The Speed On Roeshot Hill To Be Reduced

From 60mph – 40mph

Dear members,

My name is Wendy Hill, I started this campaign November 2015 because of the first three accidents that happened last year, the residents and manager from The Toby Carvery felt something had to be done about the speed and how people drive along this stretch of the A35. Local businesses and residents have had a petition board with their support we have collected signatures from the public who feel the same way that something needs to be on about Lyndhurst road & Roeshot Hill.

The number of accidents since June 2015 were:-

- 1 15th June which myself and my sister had to be cut free from our vehicle by fire fighters the emergencies services all attended
- 2 8th July a lady was involved in a head on collision which the air ambulance was needed because of her serious injuries
- 3 August when a collision happened just outside the toby carvery in which six people were hurt and the air ambulance was needed for one of the children involved
- 4 September was a member of staff from toby carvery going to work at 6.30 am started to turn in to the car park and was hit by a car into their big sign and was taken to hospital
- 5 December when a young man was knocked of his bicycle by a van early morning and the air ambulance was needed because of his serious injuries.
- 6 One night, a driver went into the sign at the Toby Carvery as a result of speeding.

The A35 is a very busy road which sees all types of vehicles using it ranging from cars, vans, tractors, motor bikes, coaches and very large sand and ballast lorries and vehicles carrying skips.

We have seen a temporary increased usage of this road recently because of road works on the Spur Road. Many heavy goods vehicles are using this route and an increased volume of general traffic.

Not all but many motorists travelling downward of Roeshot Hill are travelling at such high speeds, already exceeding the current speed limit, that when they approach Lyndhurst Road they just can not slow down in time.

We are currently awaiting an updated report of accident statistics from Dorset Police Freedom of Information Office. The statistics we currently have are only up to 11th May 2015.

These accidents have an enormous impact on local residents and businesses on Lyndhurst Road. Please see the attached letter from one of those businesses - Toby Carvery - and the impact it has on them.

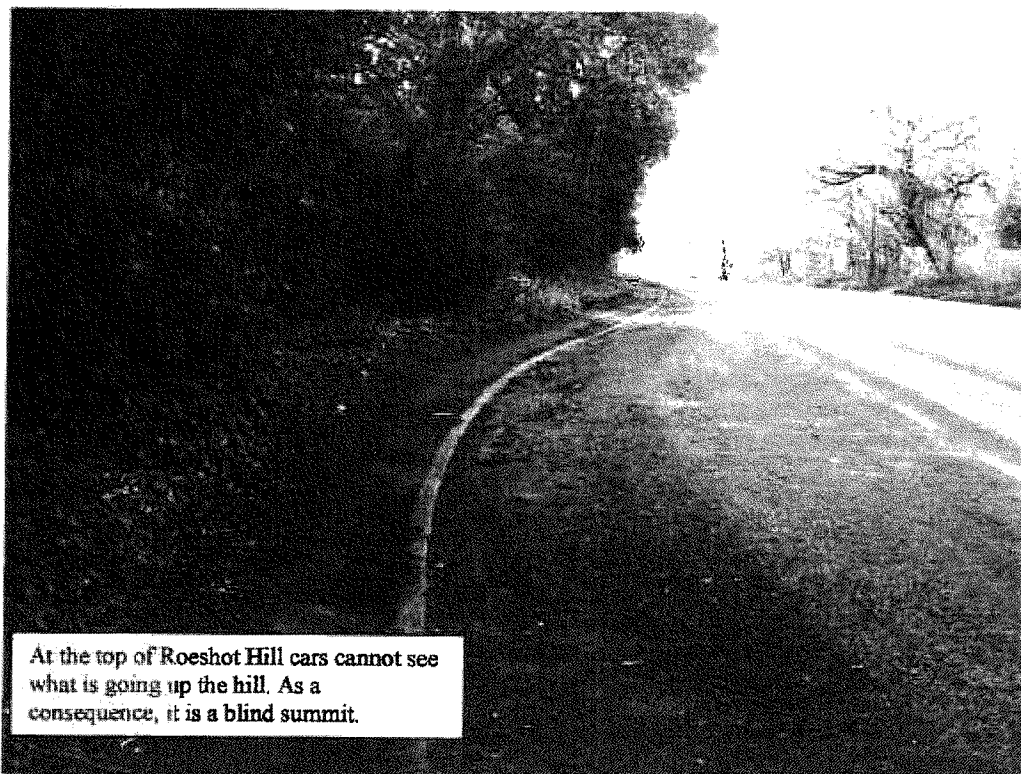
- **Lyndhurst Lodge** was developed on the site of a private dwelling. We believe this property to have been a Bed & Breakfast previously but now has many separate permanent dwellings housing local residents.
- **Roeshot Mews**, which used to be a petrol station, has now been developed into more permanent dwellings.

Rather than being a semi-rural business area with a speed limit of 40mph we have to now focus on the fact that many families are now living on this road which is quite simply not safe for domestic use. Hence the structure and purpose of this road has changed significantly over the years to an urban road.

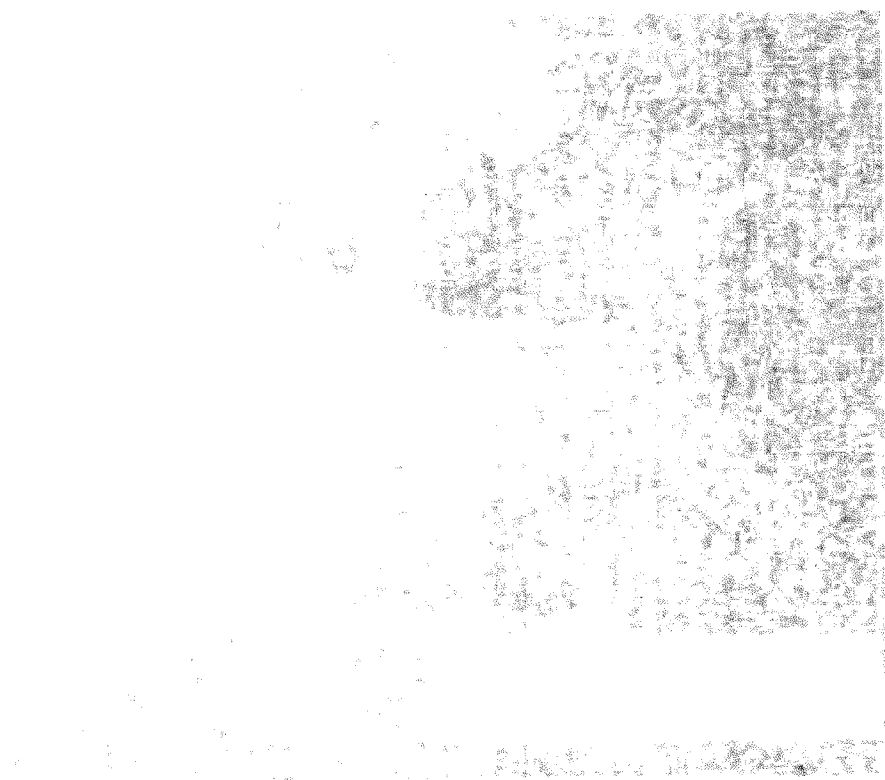
We are told by members of the Allotment Association that, whilst tending to their allotments, on Lyndhurst Road, that on leaving instead of turning right onto Lyndhurst Road, they are instead, turning left and using the car park of the Toby Carvery to turn around because it is “much safer”.

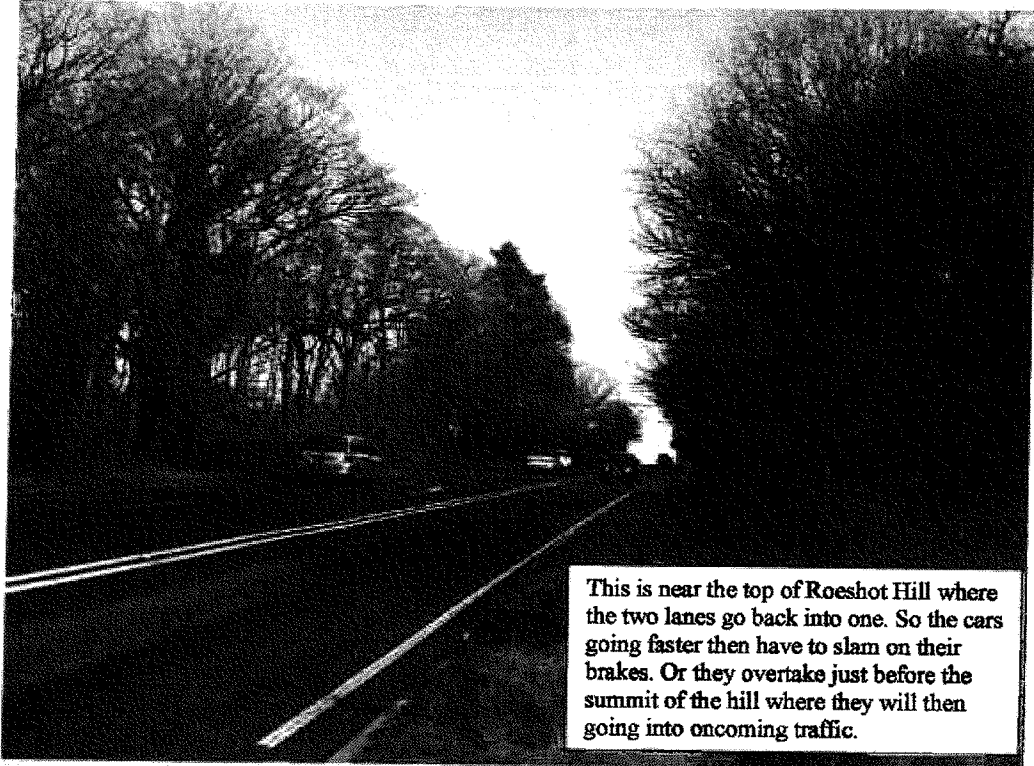
We have made contact with Andrew Morton at Community Speed Watch who suggested we contact Dorset Road Safe which we have done. They have offered to place a ‘mobile enforcement vehicle’ if they could “find a safe place to park”. We do not know whether they have done so but we have asked them if they could put in place a average speed camera or a flashing ‘SLOW DOWN’ sign when vehicles are going too fast. As yet they have not responded to this request.

We have spoken with the ‘Planning and Policies’ department of Christchurch Council regarding a proposed new development of dwellings on Lyndhurst Road. We were told that between 950 - 1,000 dwellings are planned. They also pointed out that during the development of these that “a change to the roads will be inevitable but the completion of these dwellings would take around ten years”.

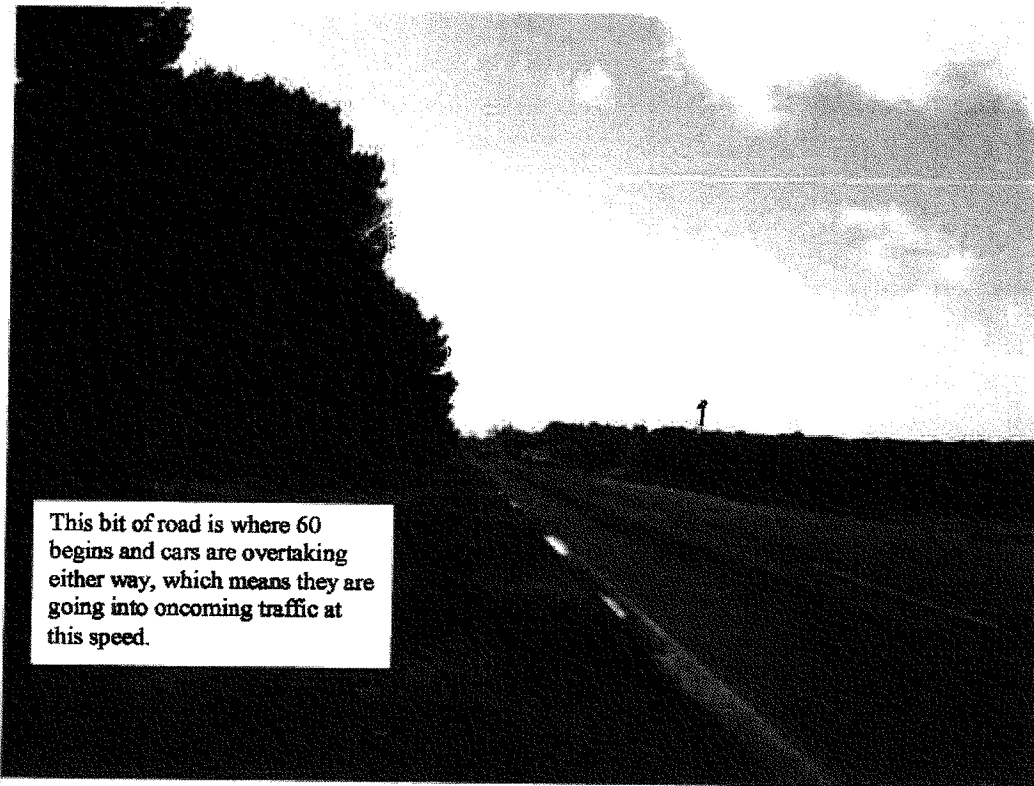


At the top of Roeshot Hill cars cannot see what is going up the hill. As a consequence, it is a blind summit.



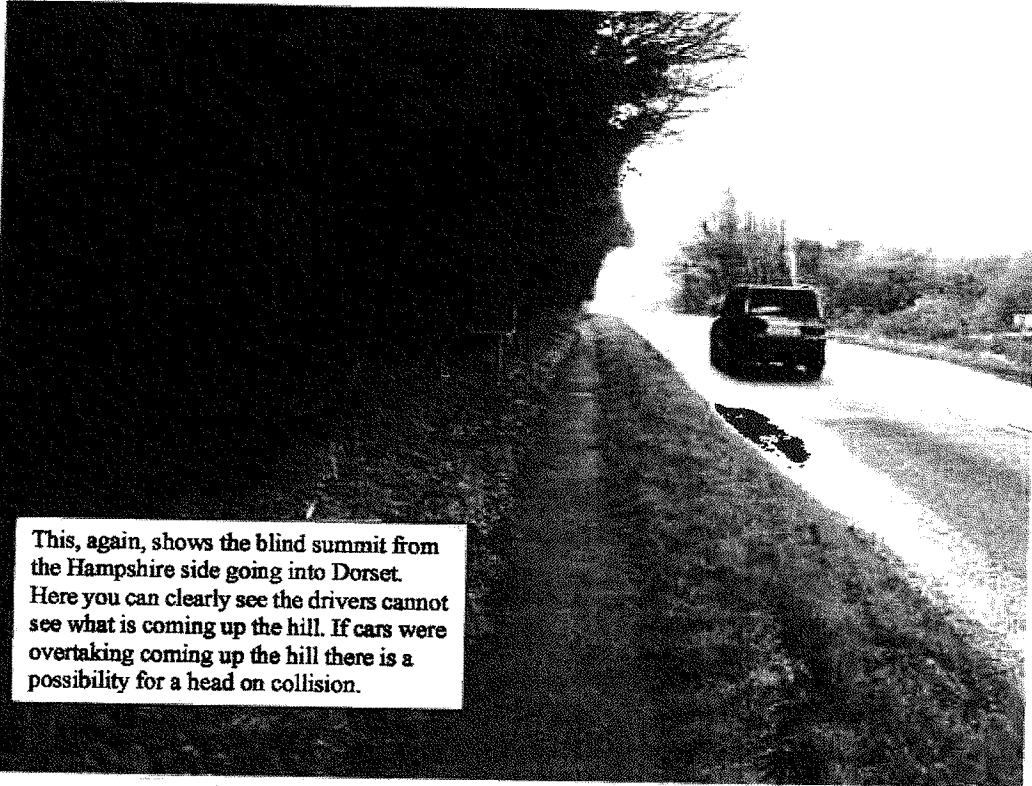


This is near the top of Roeshot Hill where the two lanes go back into one. So the cars going faster then have to slam on their brakes. Or they overtake just before the summit of the hill where they will then going into oncoming traffic.

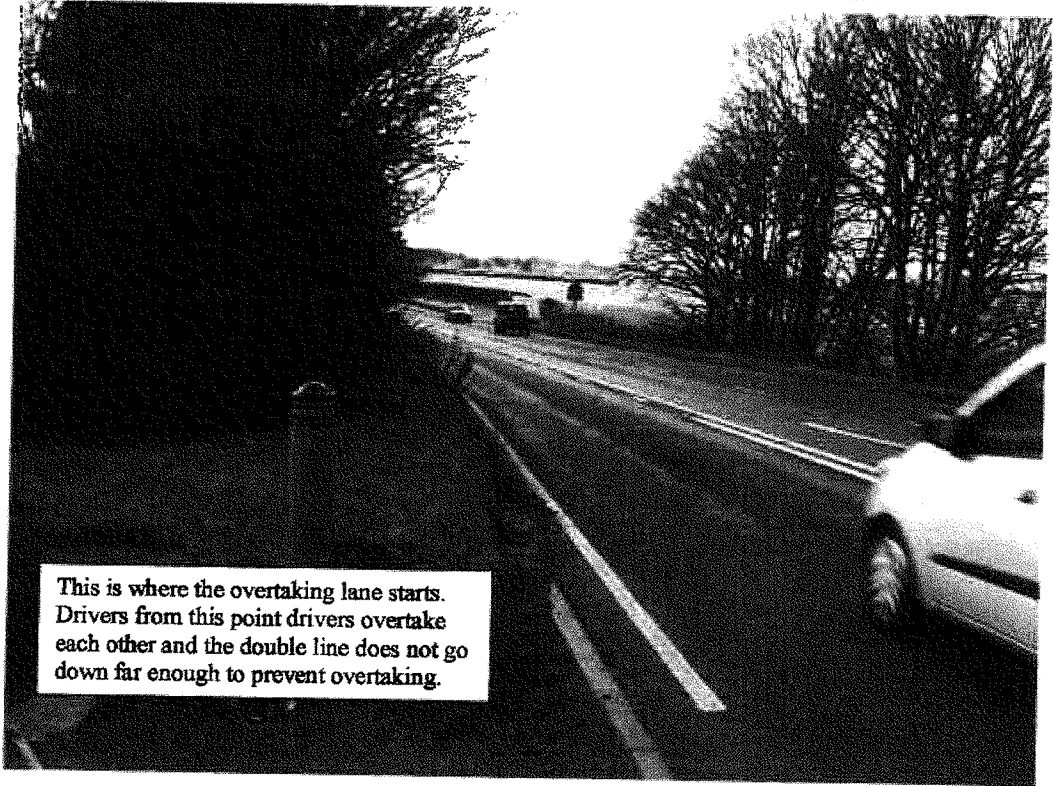


This bit of road is where 60 begins and cars are overtaking either way, which means they are going into oncoming traffic at this speed.



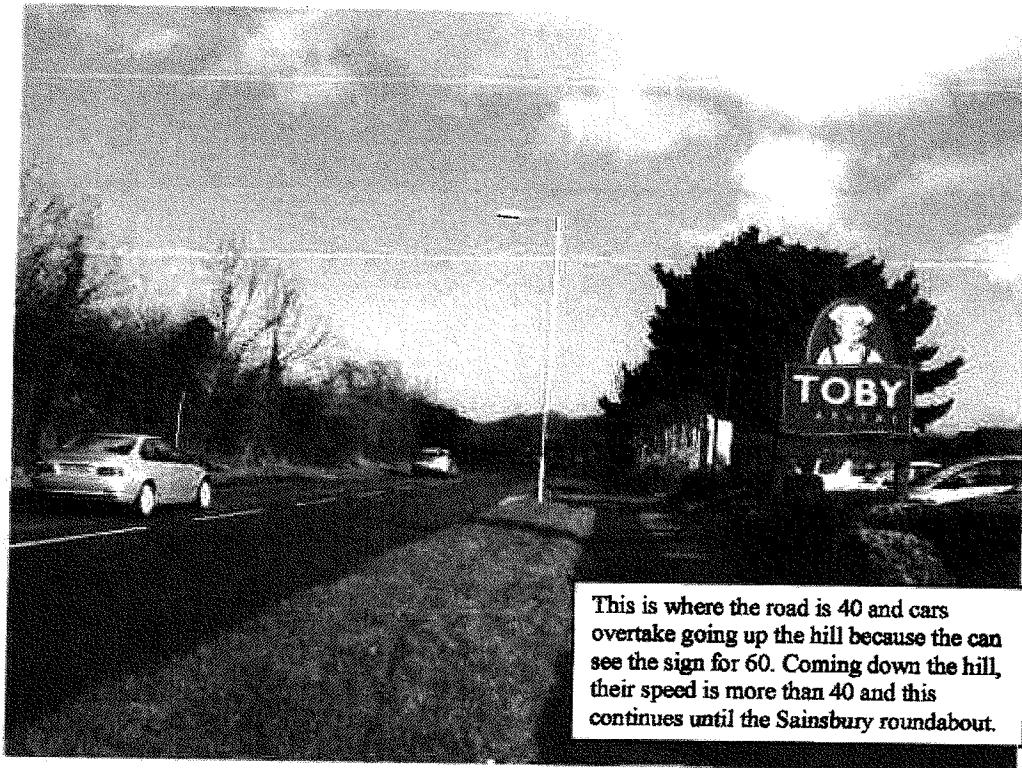


This, again, shows the blind summit from the Hampshire side going into Dorset. Here you can clearly see the drivers cannot see what is coming up the hill. If cars were overtaking coming up the hill there is a possibility for a head on collision.



This is where the overtaking lane starts. Drivers from this point drivers overtake each other and the double line does not go down far enough to prevent overtaking.





**We at 'Campaign 40' believe:-
Why should residents and businesses on Lyndhurst Road and
Roeshot Hill have to wait for a new development (with a 10 year
building schedule) in order to make a dangerous road SAFE?**





HOME OF THE ROAST

Toby Carvery Hinton

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9/2/16

To:

Christchurch Council

Traffic Regulation Task and Finish Group

I am writing to you with great concern over the current road safety between Stewarts Garden Centre and the Cat and Fiddle Harvester on Lyndhurst Road.

In 2015 the road had to be closed several times due to major accidents as a result of speeding. There is no form of traffic regulation in this part of the road. As a result some motorists use this as an opportunity to test the capability of their vehicles and reach speeds of up to 100mph.

There is also an issue where motorists overtake cars that are attempting to make a right turn into the Toby Carvery car park. My Kitchen Manager was involved in an accident like this where the driver overtook him (as my employee was turning right into the car park with his indicator on) at a great speed, clipped his front right side and ramped his car into the bushes. Thankfully no-one was hurt but I see motorists doing this regularly and there have been a number of near misses.

I have also had someone crash into my Toby Carvery sign in the middle of the night as a result of speeding, thankfully they were also relatively uninjured.

I fully support the campaign to get the speed limit changed to 30mph and I would strongly recommend that a speed camera gets put up along this stretch. It would also benefit from a greater traffic police presence with their mobile speed camera units.

A lot of peoples lives have changed now as a result of the accidents they have been involved in on this stretch of the road. I hope that you can see from the signatures that this has the full support of the community behind it and we implore you to do something about it.

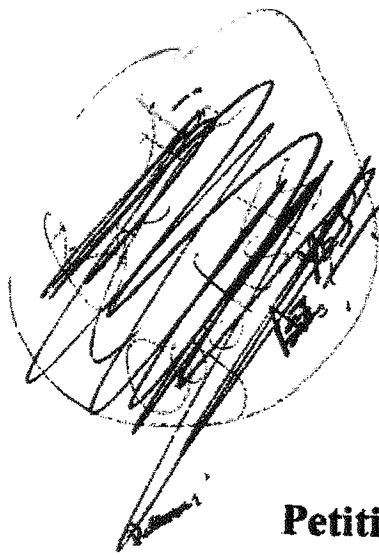
Yours faithfully

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Petition to reduce speed limits on our local roads

Dear Sir/Madam,

During the 15th June 2015 I was involved in a very serious road traffic accident whilst travelling along Lyndhurst Road which caused many injuries to both my sister and I in my vehicle.

a SOMERFORD ROAD

It is because of my accident, and that of others, that I made contact with and gained the full support of Councilor - Mrs Pat (Trish) Jamieson who is backing the campaign to:

Reduce the speed limit on ~~Lyndhurst~~ Road from 40 miles per hour - 30 miles per hour.

+ REDUCE A35 TO
50 MPH - few to
many accidents.

Reduce the speed limit on Roeshot Hill from 60 miles per hour to between 40/50 miles per hour.

S.M. Stride

too many
people x

Janet Greaves

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