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To His Worship and City Councillors, especially Mr Jefferies.

I am writing in to voice my concerns about the motion to raise the speed limits near the Northeast Swale. I do not support the motion and would like them to remain at 50 kph.

Why I'm concerned:

- The Northeast Swale is an important diverse ecosystem and we need to respect that through action and proper protection
- If they are enforced and respected, lower speed limits save animals lives and reduce animal-vehicle collisions so they keep people and cars safe, too.
- 50 kph was chosen based on the 2012 Northeast Swale development guidelines which states "Posted maximum speed should be 50 kph to reduce wildlife interactions."
- The sections of road at 60 kph & 70 kph have seen animal mortality while the 50 kph zone has not, showing both the effectiveness of a lower speed limit and the presence of wildlife. I think the speed limits should be lowered in these areas, too.
- If Council approves the speed limit change, it will be yet another decision about the Swale based on politics rather than science. And so much of the Swale habitat has been separated by the roads and made even more isolated that it is deeply disappointing that this small mitigation for wildlife could be removed.

Thank you, Christine Varnam

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