At The Public Meeting on 4th June some residents asked if Highways could supply some data on the B197 which could be used as evidence in their representations. Woolmer Green Parish Council put in a request to Highways for information that could be published and it supplied the following details.

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We have some data - a speed and volume survey collected in July 2018 from just north of the Red Lion. As with most of the type, the survey equipment was on site for a seven day period.

I'd not be able to provide the full survey due to commercial considerations, HCC charge developers and planners for access, but I can provide a summary as below.

* Around 13,000 vehicles a day use the section, with a roughly even split between north and southbound journeys.
* The survey window included only one weekend, but volumes are down 23% to around 10,000 per day on Saturday and down 46% to around 7,000 per day on Sunday.
* The mean average vehicle speed for all journeys recorded was 35.1 mph.
* The 85th percentile – that is, the speed at which 85 percent of vehicles were travelling at or below, was around 40mph. There was a single exception, Sunday, where the 85th percentile was found to be 43 mph.
* The vast majority of vehicles were found to be travelling between 30 – 40 mph (on average, 10, per day). The next highest grouping were vehicles between 40-46 mph, with another 1500 or so per day.
* If we consider any vehicle above 46mph to be deliberately breaking the speed limit, then on average 263 vehicles a day were found to be breaking the speed limit. This represents around 2% of the total journeys.