

Bridget,

I attach the note sent today to Mark Stansby by the Chairman of Burbage PC relating to the proposed 20mph limit area in Burbage.

I strongly support the views set out in the note that we need to move forward with the present scheme which the PC are prepared to support with a significant financial contribution.

Having attended the PC meetings where this has been discussed I can confirm that the views about the 50mph limit on the Hungerford road are clearly expressed as concerns and not as a reason to delay the implementation of the current scheme. In my view the possibility of extending the limit to whole or part of the High Street merits consideration but should not again delay the current scheme.

I am happy to discuss if you would like but would urge you to support the current scheme.

Kind regards.

Stuart Wheeler.

Sent from my iPad

11th June 2019

Cllr S Wheeler
Wilts Council Highways – fao Mark Stansby

Internal:
Parish Council Members (thru Parish Clerk)

Burbage 20 MPH Zone

Following a meeting of CATG last week, I understand there have been a number of objections to the Parish Council's plan to implement a 20mph zone on village roads East of Burbage High Street resulting from concerns that the plan does not include the High Street and possibly part of the Hungerford Road.

Having searched this evening online, the Consultation appears to have been removed from the Council website.

You will be aware that concerns were raised over 4 years ago about traffic travelling at unreasonable speeds on the roads leading to Burbage Surgery, Burbage Primary School and the roads that form a 'rat run' to Great Bedwyn Railway Station. Our plan was designed to address all of these concerns. The Parish Council has pursued the matter through the CATG and the Pewsey Area Board, has contributed towards the survey costs and has budgeted £10,000 towards the implementation costs.

The plan has been briefed at Annual Parish Meetings over the last 4 years and in the Parish Magazine. The Parish Council has received no objections but much verbal support.

However, we are aware of additional new concerns over:

- Traffic and speeding on Burbage High Street is an emerging issue. The recent development on Bourne Way and adjacent parking on the High Street and on-street parking on the High Street North of the West Court turning are potential accident black spots.
- Traffic entering the village from the Hungerford Road travelling from the Burbage Roundabout appears to be travelling too fast as it follows the turn into East Court Road. CATG has advised¹ that there's no evidence to suggest it merits a reduction in speed from the current 50mph limit.

If, following formal consultation, it is now necessary to reconsider the scope of our project, to include these new issues there will be a delay and a significant increase in cost. The scheme may become unaffordable. You will be aware that CATG has an annual budget of circa £12,000, which puts the Parish Council commitment of £10,000 into perspective. Indeed a revised plan covering larger

¹ CATG Pewsey Council Office 5 June 2019.

'zone' might have to be split into several phases and take many years to deliver to be affordable.

The Parish Council view is that residents want the 20mph zone as proposed. We recognise that many would support an enlargement of the zone to include the High Street. Our preferred way forward would be to implement the proposed 20mph zone East of the High Street immediately and consider the High Street as a separate project. That will give us time to plan it properly without jeopardising our existing proposal.

We understand that our proposal and the objections received will be reviewed by the Cabinet member responsible, and ask that you put our case for a common sense approach. Please let me know if there's any more I can do to argue the case.

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Burbage Parish Council

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