

EVERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Agenda Item 12

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Dear Sir

Speed Limit through Everleigh, A342

I am writing as a member of the Everleigh Parish Council in response to the recent Wiltshire Council Speed Limit Review. This review is an excellent piece of detailed work. However, the Everleigh Parish Council were disappointed that the review recommends no change to the current speed limit of 50mph along the A342 as it passes through Everleigh (Road Section A342 – 19 of your Review).

Although there have been a relatively low number of collisions in the past 6 years on this stretch of road (a total of nine), the majority of our residents feel that vehicles are driving too fast on the A342 in Everleigh and that a speed limit of 40mph would be more appropriate. This road section contains numerous bends and road junctions; these are all key underlying principles identified in your report.

This issue was first raised by the Parish Council 10 years ago and a petition was submitted to the Wiltshire County Council in 2006; no response was received.

Vehicles moving at speeds in excess of 40mph pose a hazard for several categories of people: pedestrians moving by foot along the A342; Everleigh residents whose property entrance/exit is along the A342; motorists entering the A342 from the 2 main T Junctions or Goa Balti Restaurant/Farm Shop junctions; and slow moving, large farm vehicles entering the A342 from the track leading to Pigleaze Dairy.

The Everleigh Parish Council therefore feel strongly that the speed limit on the A342 in Everleigh should be reduced from 50mph to 40mph, and would welcome an opportunity to discuss our proposal on the ground with you or your team in order to reconsider this issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Denis Bottomley
Councillor, Everleigh Parish Council

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