

20 mph response from the Parish representative.

Sir/madam,

I'll try to keep this brief.

We are trying to be pragmatic about what will work and what won't.

The offer made by OCC to apply to adopt 20 was democratically agreed by our 2022 Parish meeting.

The proposal made by the Highways representative was originally for only the residential roads to adopt 20 and the through road left intact at 30.

That limit was only imposed as a result of a fatality and we would not have otherwise qualified with it remaining at the national speed limit.

There is no street lighting.

That proposal was put to most if not all parishioners and was supported by 85% as minuted in 2023.

That is the mandate I have.

Your offer now before us is not acceptable.

Why?

Adopting a partial 20 on the through road makes no sense, and not something we asked for.

The general arguments are well aired by both the Police and other pundits, but that is not the issue..

If you are aware of the topography Lyneham like Shipton commences with high ground from the A361 and descends down to near river level.

Accordingly traffic arrives with excess speed and almost without fail breaches the 30 limit.

Changing numbers on a sign will not make a difference.

Speedwatch has demonstrated that the characteristic speed of traffic has been well above 30 limit with many exceeding 36 leading to reports.

All this despite the limitations that the overt scheme rules dictate.

We've moved on.

By donation we have purchased a SID which is dealing with this issue better than we could have hoped, and keeping motorists on side.

If we adopted 20 aside of it being ignored it could only be deployed tackling northbound traffic in what would remain 30 as proposed.

Southbound with again a downhill approach motorists would rapidly lose patience and probably accelerate beyond the SID to make up time.

This is not the solution for the High street junction and I'm quite clear under the legislation is a misapplication open to challenge, it is not supposed to be used to deal with specific issues (except at schools with time limits)

The separate issue of existing incorrect warning signs is not helping.

I have also been requested for a "pedestrian in the road" warning sign for connecting between the high street and priory road.

Regards

Peter

Parish chairman

