

ITEM 8: ARINGDON: TOWN CENTRE: PROPOSED 20MPH ZONE

COUNCILLOR BETHIA THOMAS, FARINGDON DIVISION

I am writing to add my support for the item on the agenda for the decision meeting this Thursday regarding the proposed 20 MPH Zone in Faringdon Town Centre.

Having seen the results from the consultation I can see that the majority of respondents were in favour of the action and I would like to add my support to this.

For many years residents have wanted a change in the speed limit in Faringdon Town Centre. One of the roads that would be affected is home to a junior school that in September will become a full entry primary school, with many more children walking along the pavements and crossing the road in the vicinity. It is an appropriate time therefore to reduce the speed there and throughout the town.

I understand that Faringdon Town Council is fully in support of this action, and I endorse their views as well as those residents who have written in support of the proposal. Of those people who questioned the reduction in the speed limit in the consultation, I believe many were concerned that it may not be adequately enforced. This is a concern, but I believe that this proposal would be advanced if officers in charge did not think this change was a viable option and would like to see the results of the initial installation of signage and any other measure that have been suggested. If it appears that the new measures are not adequate and the speed limit is not being adhered to, perhaps we could explore actions into the future.

At this point in time, I fully endorse the sentiments of the town council and residents in support of this action and ask that Cllr Bearder approve the proposal at the decision meeting this Thursday, the 27th of Jan.

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SALLY THURSTON, TOWN CLERK, FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council fully support a 20pmh zone and believe slowing traffic will improve safety for all residents using the town centre roads and pavements. The Junior School in the town centre will soon become a primary school which makes this even more important with more younger pedestrians.

We look forward to a positive outcome and seeing the zone implemented.

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