Newton le Willows Parish Council

Ref; Village Speed Signs

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The Parish Council has been approached repeatedly concerning speeding vehicles within the village during the seven years of my tenure.

Earlier this year the Council decided to carry out a consultation with the residents of the Parish regarding this matter. We called for feedback through Newton News, our Parish Newsletter. Having considered the responses the Council then drew up a short list which included:

possible resiting of the 30mph signs on the village perimeters
30mph signage painted on the road surface
consideration into joining the Community Speed Watch programme
consideration into speed data collection to establish speeding 'hot spots'

You will be aware that some of the traffic through the village is associated with Aysgarth School. It was decided that it would be helpful for Parish Council representatives to meet with Mr R Morse, the school's Headmaster. We discussed our concerns and the School's concerns about speeding and our respective approaches to address this issue. This meeing was fruitful and we found that we shared a number of ideas.

We have also been in consultation with North Yorkshire Police about vehicle speed in the village.

Following the meeting the Council then produced a 'joined up' action plan to put to Highways for their consideration and advice and a site meeting was arranged for 12th December 2018.

The Council would seek to resite the 30mph on the village perimeters as follows:

Sinks Lane: to the Village Sign

Masham Road: beyond Sinks Lane towards the Village Sign

Patrick Brompton Road to A684: leave as is

Station Road: leave as is but 40mph extending up hill past school entrances to village sign

The Council would also seek to have 30mph signage painted on the road surface at each entrance to the village, and 40mph road surface signage beyond Aysgarth School.

Peter Olsen Chairman Newton le Willows Parish Council

Email from: Ian Beighton, Project Engineer, Highways North Yorkshire, Area 1 - Richmond Office on Friday 14th December 2018

(This follows from site meeting on Wednesday 12th December 2018)

Dear Teresa.

I refer to past correspondence which related to the above matter and to the recent site meeting. I would comment as follows:

Proposed Amendments To Speed Limits

Please find attached a copy of a draft map which identifies the locations where it is suggested that the existing 30 Mph Speed Limit may be able to be extended and where a new 40 Mph Speed Limit may be able to be introduced.

As discussed at the meeting, when giving consideration to the extension of an existing Speed Limit or the introduction of a new Speed Limit, careful reference has to be made to the 'qualifying' criteria published by the Department for Transport. The support of the Police is also required and to this end I will now approach our liaison officer in the Traffic Department and ask for initial comments.

Speed Limit Carriageway Markings

Once the issues with regard to the proposed extension of the existing 30 Mph Speed Limit and / or the introduction of a new 40 Mph Speed Limit have been finalised, we can make arrangements for an appropriate numeric carriageway marking to be introduced adjacent to any of the Speed Limit Terminal Signs. On the busier / 'faster' approaches to the village, the markings could be supplemented by the use of countdown bar markings if the Parish felt that this would be appropriate.

Junction Carriageway Markings

An issue was also raised at the meeting about drivers turning right into Station Road cutting the corner. Just to confirm that we could make arrangements for an amended junction layout to be marked out in white paint as per the attached sketch. Please note that this sketch is however not to scale and is simply provided to generate discussion.

In deciding whether or not to pursue this amendment I would respectfully ask the Parish to give due consideration to how this amount of white paint would look. I would further add that if agreed, in the interest of cost we may need to put the proposed amendment on hold until such time as there are resurfacing works in this part of the village.

Speed Survey

Mention was made at the site meeting that the results of the Speed Survey undertaken in the village previously are probably now out of date. Just to confirm that I have been in contact with the Traffic Bureau at the Police and been advised that the Survey is to be repeated.

When I receive comments from the Police with regard to the issues relating to Speed Limits, I will get back in touch.



