

Adam Reynolds statement

The council's Traffic Regulation Order Team released a report reference 16-026 on 2nd of November 2016. This report relates to the speed limits that will be implemented on new road infrastructure at the Enleigh North Development up on Lansdown, Bath. A new residential area with a new school.

The officers presented two scenarios to the, then member for transport, Cllr Clarke. One where all the new road network and the existing Granville Road would be made 20mph, and one where the new road network would be made into 30mph.

Cllr Clarke chose to implement 30mph and stated within the TRO, and I quote: "I will not support 20 mph in Granville Road, and at most would only allow advisory 20 mph on the estate, with green roundels, and even that would require a degree of coercion."

In May 2017 B&NES Council released a report on their recent 20mph area schemes. This report has been roundly criticised for its exceptionally poor statistical methodology and complete bias, ignoring health and community benefits that 20mph zones bring.

"20's Plenty analysis (available here <http://www.20splenty.org/banes-report>) states: Whilst we believe that assessing the results of 20mph limits is important in order to better implement ongoing schemes and formulate local authority policy, this must be done in a reasonable, balanced and objective manner.

20's Plenty for Us refute the findings and conclusions in the report and advise members that the report is so compromised that it would not be reasonable for them to make any decisions based on the report."

It should be noted that the government is undertaking a national analysis of 20mph zones and their impact on collision rates, health, and community cohesion which should be available by the end of the year.

In 2011 the residents of Bath were consulted and the premise of Bath having 20mph residential zones was established. I would have hoped that Cllr Clarke would have respected that consultation. I would have had no problem if the council had consulted the people of Bath and a new policy of 30mph residential zones was established.

However we are in a bright new era, with Cllr Shelford at the helm. So I would ask him to do three things:

- 1) Recognise that the council's 20MPH report is flawed and should not be acted upon, and to await the national report due by the end of the year.
- 2) Recognise the will of the people of Bath. They chose to have 20mph zoning in 2011 and without consulting them again, this should be the defacto standard for all new residential developments.
- 3) Recognise that Traffic Regulation Order Team presented an option to Cllr Clarke that went against the established 20mph residential zoning requirement. Officers should be strong enough to go against the political ideology of the cabinet member for transport IF this goes against current policy.