

RE: Request for statutory 20MPH limits

- We are Shoscombe Parish Councillors requesting statutory 20mph limits on the approaches to the village school. The school has 105 pupils, 76% of whom are not from the Parish. There is no school bus and no possibility of having one in the future, given the 3 mile policy.
- Therefore, the majority of those travelling to and from the school arrive by private transport and there is no off-road parking available. The 1.2 miles from the main road to the school is along narrow single track lanes without pavements
- Three mornings a week the school operates a walking bus from the Village Hall to the school to help alleviate the parking issue near the school. On these mornings thirty children are walked the half mile to the school down a single-track road, again without pavements.
- During the school day children leaving or entering the school gates are at risk from vehicles speeding past the school.
- Our request for statutory 20mph limits within the school environs is supported by 86% of Parish Plan questionnaire respondents. Requests were also made by some respondents that this limit should extend to the whole Parish. The lanes which connect the five dispersed hamlets which make up the Parish of Shoscombe are also used by heavy farm machinery, delivery vans and cyclists following the 2 mile on road section of the Collier's way cycle route from Shoscombe Vale, past the school and on through Stony Littleton to Wellow. At times, due to inadequate road signage, large HGV lorries also attempt to negotiate our narrow single track roads where there is a weight restriction.

Our question to the panel: How will the Council help us to ensure the safety of Shoscombe school children?

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