

Agenda item no. 14.1	
Report to	Burwash Parish Council
Subject	Traffic Calming – 20mph update
Date	10 th September 2019
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1. Summary

Extensive consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan and continuing feedback to Parish Councillors confirms that the speed of traffic through our community is of major concern to residents. A key issue that has emerged – not least from a 600-signature petition – is the safety of residents at the so-called *pinch point* at High Street at the west end of the village.

Burwash Parish Council (BPC), through its Traffic Strategy (10.7.18) resolved to investigate and implement a number of traffic calming measures.

This paper details next steps on the first of the traffic calming measures to be pursued – a 20mph speed limit on the High Street in Burwash village.

2. Progress to date

BPC commissioned an independent traffic feasibility study and sought advice from East Sussex County Council's road safety team. Subsequently, data from automatic traffic count speed tests at the east and western end of the village satisfied East Sussex County Council Highways that the introduction of a 20mph limit through Burwash village was feasible.

3. The Plan

The Parish Council's independent consulting engineer (Lawrence Stringer) of GTA Civils) has drawn up a draft plan for the start and end points of the 20mph zone.

The attached sheet shows the extent of the 20mph limit in red. It includes provision for two Gateway features. The removal of the 40mph zone at the west end of the village going out towards the BP garage, and extending the 30mph limit out to the 50mph start point is part of the proposal.

4. Next Steps

The Parish Council needs to update the community on this traffic calming measures, and give residents an opportunity to comment on the siting of the 20mph limit and gateways and the proposed removal of the 40mph limit and extension of the 30mph zone.

The council also needs to look at funding options and consultations with statutory bodies.

5. To resolve:

- To update residents and local interested parties about the 20mph limit and traffic calming plan:
 - Use the two local parish magazines¹ and the Website & App² to announce a public meeting for residents to view and comment on the plans in the **Village Hall, Burwash High Street, on Saturday afternoon 5th October**. (2.30 – 4.30 pm)
 - Write to local interested parties – the school, churches, local businesses and pubs, residents associations, Village Hall and pavilion committees – with details of the plan and inviting comments.
 - Prepare an information sheet to distribute at the meeting, alongside the map of speed limit changes.
 - The info sheet and traffic calming plan will be available in the week before the open meeting, at the Internet Café with a comments box, and via the Website.

- Council to consider retaining the services of GTA Civils to review comments arising from the consultations and produce a final proposal. (Clerk to get costs for this)

- That Councillor O'Neill and members of the Traffic and Transport workstream identify, cost and recommend to Council the type of village gates to be used.

- The Clerk to:
 - Ascertain from East Sussex County Council³ the next steps required of us and the extent of any further costs the Parish Council is likely to incur
 - Assist in drafting an application for Community Match Funding, and,
 - Confirm with East Sussex County Council that they will be consulting with statutory bodies such as the police and fire services following the making of a TFO (Traffic Regulation Order).

¹ The copy deadline for magazines is likely to be around Friday, 13 September.

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² Magazine article copy to davidecowell@aol.com for the Website and App

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