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STANTON FITZWARREN COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR 20MPH LIMIT

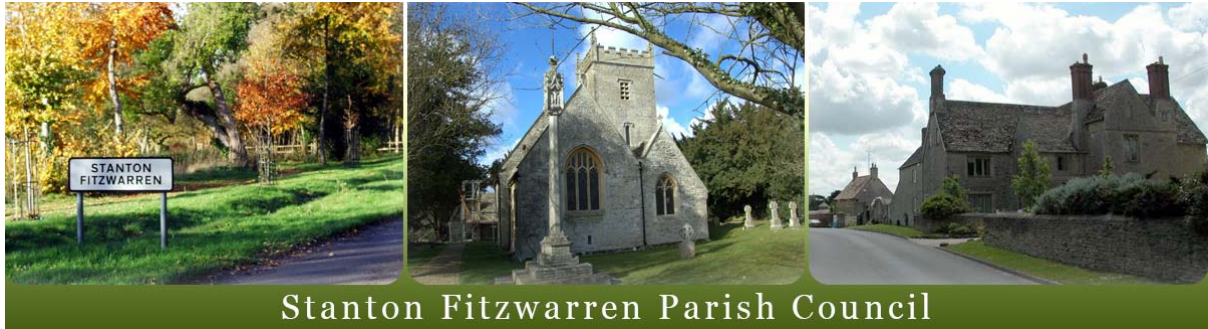
Stanton Fitzwarren Parish Council requested Swindon Borough Council on 3 August 2021 to introduce a 20mph speed limit in the village as soon as possible (see attached).

One of the conditions for making a change is that the local community should support it.

The Parish Council conducted a survey within the village between 17-23 March 2022 to assess the extent of community support for reducing the speed limit from 30mph. Parish councillors were able to contact 69 of the 82 households in the village (or 84%), all of whom gave their support. 106 residents indicated by signature or email that they were in favour of the change.

This is a striking demonstration of the community's solid support for making the change.

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Stanton Fitzwarren Parish Council is requesting Swindon Borough Council to introduce a 20mph speed limit in the village as soon as possible.

The Parish Council welcomes Swindon Borough Council's draft Road Safety Strategy for 2021-2023 and its 20mph Schemes document. The Government has committed the UK to introduce by 2030 limits of 30kph (approx. 20mph) in areas where vulnerable road users and vehicles mix in a frequent and planned manner (in the Stockholm Declaration, 20 Feb 2020).

The current environment

Currently there is a 30mph limit. Within the village limits, Trenchard Road, The Avenue and Mill Lane are all residential with houses fronting the road. There are two blind bends, with the road narrowed to one lane in many places due to parked vehicles. Pedestrians, including group organised ramblers and dog walkers, are obliged to use the road as there is no continuous pavement available. School buses let children on and off unattended into this environment. A livery stables in the middle of the village means there are regularly horses being ridden along the road. Apart from residents who cycle, the route through the village is frequently used by cycling clubs. The Parish Council wants to adopt a 20mph limit to minimise the risk of the accident waiting to happen.

Community support

Residents have raised their concerns about speed through the village with the Parish Council since November 2019. The Parish Council has been engaging with Swindon Borough Council since then, resulting in a traffic survey conducted in May 2021 after postponements at our request during periods of Covid lockdown. Following the traffic survey, a poll taken on the village Facebook page resulted in 32 votes in favour and two against. More extensive consultation can be conducted if Swindon Borough Council is minded to take action on this request.

Traffic survey results

The traffic survey conducted in May 2021 by Swindon's Traffic Management and Road Safety team showed that mean speeds through the village were less than 24mph. This indicates that a 20mph speed limit would be feasible without the need for creation of a 20mph zone with traffic calming measures.

3 August 2021