

Wolfhampcote Parish Council

Speed of traffic 7th December 2020

In response to an enquiry in regard to the speed limit in the village of Flecknoe, the Parish Council received the following statement from the Warwickshire Traffic and Safety Team.

The 30mph speed limit which currently exists is appropriate for the environment. The Police are responsible for enforcing speed limits - if you believe there is an issue with inappropriate driver behaviour, then it is the Police you would need to approach.

Please note that the Police state in their Speed Limit Policy :

"In order for a speed limit to be successful it must be appropriate, consistent and enforceable. It is generally accepted that for an imposed rule, such as a speed limit, to be acceptable it must be seen as reasonable and appropriate and therefore tends to become, to a large extent, self-enforcing. Reducing speed limits without self-enforcing measures will not necessarily lead to a reduction in overall speed. In fact, there have been some occasions where a reduced speed limit has led to an increase in overall speed. A proposed speed limit that places additional and/or unnecessary pressure on Police resources and that is unlikely to have a significant effect on accident reduction and should not be supported"

We could only consider lowering the limit at this location, if it complies with The Department for Transport Circular 01/2013, which Warwickshire County Council uses as the base for setting speed limits.

A link to this circular is provided here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-local-speed-limits>.

The Circular 01/2013 states that speed limits should encourage self-compliance. The speed limit should reflect the function of the road and the road environment. For it to be effective, the reasons for a limit need to be apparent. If a speed limit is set unrealistically low for the particular road function and condition, it may be ineffective and drivers may not comply with the speed limit.

It is clear from the statement that the Warwickshire Traffic and Safety Team do not believe that there is a case for lowering the speed limit at this time.

If you witness dangerous or careless driving in the parish, please report the incident using the following link <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/ro/report/rti/rti-b/report-a-road-traffic-incident/>