

# Ugborough Parish Council

## 20mph Consultation.

### 1. Methodology

Virtual documents were placed on the Ugborough Parish Council website and physical documents in Ugborough Church and Village Hall.

Posts were placed on the Bittaford and Wrangaton Facebook Group page and the Ugborough Parish Matters Facebook Page on 27<sup>th</sup> September and a reminder regarding the closing date on both pages on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Chair of Council had a consultation stand at an Ugborough Sustainable Saturday event

### 2.1 Results

#### 2.1.1. Support

Likes on Facebook with no comment = 33

Dislikes on Facebook = 1

Sustainable Saturday = 12 expressions of support

1. There is nothing to dislike about this \_finally\_ happening! Thank you council! 😊
2. Totally support this
3. as someone living on Lutterburn Street I can absolutely confirm that some people drive at excessive speeds through the village! Completely support the new signage proposal, if it makes just a few people think & cut their speed then it's going to be worth it.
4. I see plenty of people driving at well over 30 down Fore Street (school parents included!). It's about time this happened. Some speed bumps would help too, but at least this is progress after inaction for many many years.
5. I feel sorry for the councillors trying to sort this out! It's been discussed for about 10 years!! All fingers crossed it happens ☐let's hope they can do something through Bittaford!!!
6. Very happy with the proposal!
7. as someone living on Lutterburn Street I can absolutely confirm that some people drive at excessive speeds through the village! Completely support the new signage proposal, if it makes just a few people think & cut their speed then it's going to be worth it.
8. Great idea it's plenty fast enough through our village
9. Go for it.
10. All village centres should be 20 mph to protect the community on my opinion. Why can't Bittaford also have this? It's been campaigned for all the time I've lived here - 18 years! And we're on a main road. In a rural village, people should be able to wander about. There are few pavements and those there are, are narrow. The reality is rural villages are not designed for the traffic used, and so reducing speed right down is the only way to maintain any safety for the villagers to just go about their business.

11. Agree with this. .... there may be careful drivers but plenty who are not.
12. Absolutely support the published proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Ugborough. We live on Lutterburn street which doesn't have a footpath for pedestrians all the way down and it can be really dangerous for walkers/buggies/dogs who have to walk in the road.
13. I'm not naming & shaming a particular group publicly but please can parents/carers at the school be made aware of speed limits in the village (even if this proposal doesn't go through). School pick up & drop off times are horrendous for speeding down Lutterburn street. A few months ago my parked car was badly damaged & it's only a matter of time before a child is hurt. Thanks for making the effort to address this problem!
14. I support the proposal.
15. I am writing to express my support for the 20mph scheme as a parishioner, parent, and pedestrian. There is overwhelming evidence that a 20mph limit is safer for all road users.
16. I would like to express my support for the scheme as a resident and local business owner.
17. Further to the proposed 20mph speed limit in Ugborough village, we wish to express our support for the proposal and look forward to it going ahead.
18. I would agree with proposals
19. Support - Whilst we live in the parish rather than in the village, we regularly visit Ugborough and with the dangers from speeding motorist to pedestrians and school children created by its narrow streets, we fully understand the need for the lowering of the speed limit.
20. We fully support the proposed 20 mile and hour limit in Ugborough. We have spoken to many neighbours in the village and all of them are in favour of the scheme. We hope it goes ahead.
21. I fully support the proposals. Most cars drive at a sensible speed in the village, but there are a number of regular drivers who come through far too quickly. Our children and their friends play on Lutterburn Street, Undertown and round the square, and some cars come down the hill at a dangerous speed. The 20mph zone should be introduced now, before there is a serious incident. Let's close the door before the horse bolts, not after.
22. I am writing to express my support for the 20mph scheme as a parishioner, parent, and pedestrian. There is overwhelming evidence that a 20mph limit is safer for all road users. Please could it be extended to Bittaford and Wrangaton, and especially the stretch of road between them which is incredibly dangerous for pedestrians accessing the swimming pool, Monksmoor bus stop, or Forder Lane footpath.

### **2.1.2. Against**

1. Just seems a waste of money. For something that will most likely never be enforced. There are more things this village need for children to go and do..... might it be better to put the money and time spent getting signs changed into doing something that will actually do more to the community than just raising

people's blood pressure as they shout at everyone drive past "it's a 20 don't you know!!!" **The roads within the proposed 20mph area should be pretty much self-enforcing due to their geometry. There are little or no suitable footways within the village. Therefore, most pedestrians (including children) walk in the road.**

2. I'm all for keeping the village safe but would the efforts not be better put towards something that will make a difference other than just a sign? Maybe like trying to sort out parking issues and painted walk ways to make a safe way for people to walk? I don't know how but it would make the village safer than some signs to be ignored. **Painted walkways (aka Virtual footways) are no longer County Council policy. Slowing motorists down in a village where pedestrians regularly walk in the road would seem to be a sensible safety measure to "keep the village safe".**
3. Now if this was Bittaford I would completely understand putting it down to 20 due to the road being a long straight enough lay of tarmac where everyone is doing 30mph but as you have to properly flooring it then slamming on the brakes because of a sharp corner or junction in ugborough village I can't think of any viable road that would benefit when it comes down to safety. The roads long enough like fore street and ugborough road (past the school) that if your a knob enough to drive up them at 30mph they have foot paths already so I don't see what the point of the funds and effort would be – **There aren't any raised kerbed footways outside the school, only a virtual one (which are no longer Council policy). Schools in particular are areas where 20mph speed limits are universally accepted, the remaining comments do confirm that the rest of the Ugborough road network is likely to be self-enforcing.**
4. to be honest if you say they already drive over the 30 in place why is anyone going to drive at 20? I'd rather see money spent better, more things for the children to do, an update in the park, or something for the older community. No one will enforce this so it's pointless... people obviously don't understand how much this will cost to do this, for something that won't change the speed of people's driving! 90% of the people driving around here don't know it's give way to the car coming up a hill so probably don't know about speed limits either 😊 **The works have been costed and as previously mentioned the proposed speed limit should be self-enforcing.**
5. In our opinion it would be a waste of time and money, because if you're doing more than 20 through Ugborough you are a crazy Person/Driver. Unfortunately that sort of Driver would take no notice of Signs. Also with all these things who will enforce it and for how long. Good sensible Drivers like myself (ex A'D'I') are a better deterrent as we hold the possible speeders up. We drive through Ugborough regularly potential problems we do find is bad Parking(making it hard to see at junctions and People/Children wandering even standing in the Road(at School turning out time. I as said are very careful and aware but others especially visitors may not know where the School is(maybe more signage for that would be good?). **Comments confirm that the proposal is likely to be self-enforcing.**
6. No. Terrible idea. It causes more localised pollution, is terrible for any modern diesel with a DPF and is another example of an anti-car policy when cars are so important in the SW. Outside of schools during term time and teaching hours, yes. Anywhere else, no. Don't be like Wales. **The distances involved are short**

and the geometry of the roads and pedestrians walking in the road are likely to dictate a speed around the proposed 20mph speed limit. The compact nature of the village is completely different to Wales.

7. They have 20 mph in Bittaford but it's completely unnecessary as it's self policing due to the layout of the village like Ugborough. You won't stop people speeding if they always drive like a T??T so Why do we have to legislate for something that is not needed and no one will ever be prosecuted. It's just a waste of time effort and money which could be utilised for something worthwhile in the community. Comments confirm that the proposal is likely to be self-enforcing. So, if this is the case why not match the signing to reflect this. Hopefully then, the road safety message of a reduced speed limit in the village will get through to the minority of motorists that are reportedly driving in an inappropriate manner.

### **2.1.3. Neutral**

1. My Landy struggles to get above 20
2. I completely understand why but who on earth is able to go above 20 through the village? And if they are heavy footed and stupidly driving enough are they going to care what the sign says? ..... I have nothing against it I'm just pointing out how much it would actually do that is all. As like I said previously people who are the ones driving like that are the ones who won't take a sign into consideration. Same as 7 above.
3. I'd say 5-10 max 15 maybe. Roads are too narrow and blind to do more than that. Same as 5 above.

### **3. Questions and other comments / requests**

1. I thought it might be useful to do a quick follow up explanation, but it depends on why you are doing it and your document only contains the detail of the changes, not the rationale for them. If it is safety, that gives one set of reasons completely different from environmental ones. If it is safety, then outside of schools 20 is plenty. If it is environmental, the evidence of reduced speed limits in residential areas shows no real impact on reducing pollution since cars are most efficient at speeds of around 40mph. Reducing speeds from 70 to 50 can save as much as 25% of emissions, but reducing speeds from 30 to 20 doesn't. In fact, where cars are moving slowly, localised pollution can actually build up (although this wouldn't happen in a village location). Furthermore, sub 40mph speeds for prolonged periods are damaging to cars with diesel particulate filters installed (and now modern petrol cars with petrol particulate filters) as they clog up more quickly resulting in higher bills. Switching to electric solves the problem at a local level, but can be seen as a NIMBY response as it shifts the environmental impact to the places that the raw materials were sourced from and the places they are produced and indeed charged. Planet-wide, it's more environmental friendly to drive a Euro6 diesel at 40mph than it is to drive an electric car at 20. It takes

years before the environmental benefits of electric are realised. HTH. **The scheme is based upon road safety benefits not environmental aims.**

2. Please could it be extended to Bittaford and Wrangaton, and especially the stretch of road between them which is incredibly dangerous for pedestrians accessing the swimming pool, Monksmoor bus stop, or Forder Lane footpath.
3. Comments: 1. Extend Site no. 5 out to Toby Cross. **The proposal is being restricted to the "village area" to achieve the best possible compliance and comply with speed limit policy. Trying to provide speed limit repeater signs at 200 metre intervals within hedges on narrow lanes is very difficult, which is why most country lanes are derestricted.** 2. Extend Site 6.1 out to Hillhead Cross. **Same as above. Additionally, motorists are more likely to understand the instruction to slow down when they enter a "built-up area".** 3. Question whether Site 6 New Sign is required? Existing sign is fit for purpose and replacing it will incur unnecessary costs. **The existing sign has lost its reflectivity and displays a road safety message (Please drive slowly) that is no longer used. The Highway Regulations and County Council policy is "Please drive carefully". The new design will also provide continuity with the other signs.**
4. You don't say that the school's parents association has been contacted for comment specifically but that might yield useful points. **PC to confirm (if required).**
5. you say it will never be enforced it's being talked about a lot of places being 20mph so the chances are most 30s will turn into 20s like they have already started in Wales. A nation-wide conversion of 30s to 20s in England is unlikely to happen in the near future. **This scheme will bring the benefits to Ugborough long before any national scheme is introduced.**
6. The speed check carried out prior to promoting the scheme showed that 85% of people drive at about 20 mph or less. We are therefore changing the signs to reflect what the large majority of us already judge to be the safe speed. Whilst I understand the argument that if we are already observing the new limit why spend more money, 20mph signs will inform people who do not know the village, and will also enable enforcement if speeding becomes a problem. I certainly do not support blanket 20mph Zones across the region, but in Ugborough it makes sense and we have been promoting it for several years. The most significant cost is the Traffic Regulation Order. **Comments confirm that the proposal is likely to be self-enforcing. So, if this is the case why not match the signing to reflect this. Hopefully then, the road safety message of slower speeds in the village will get through to the minority of motorists that are reportedly driving in an inappropriate manner.**

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