

20mph Motion for Chichester District Council Meeting 15th March 2022

Proposed by Bill Brisbane

Seconded by Sarah Sharp

This Council notes that:

West Sussex County Council is promoting a revised policy on traffic speed reductions to include 20 mph speed limits and other measures such as Quiet Lanes which would improve road safety and achieve environmental and climate change benefits.

On 23rd February Chichester City Council agreed a motion which supports an extension to existing 20 mph speed limited areas and for it to apply to all other roads within Chichester City wards.

Given this context, and building on the successful "20s plenty for Us" speed reduction campaign in Chichester, this Council believes that promoting active travel and road safety across our District is one of the Council's priorities.

Motion

"The Council Resolves to support:

- An extension to the existing 20mph speed limited areas across our District.
- Other measures such as Quiet Lanes¹ which have the potential to improve road safety, reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, improve air quality and to encourage active travel for visitors and residents alike in light of our declaration of the Climate Emergency.

The Council calls on West Sussex County Council to implement Quiet Lanes and a phased 20mph programme in consultation with the District's towns and villages, with 30mph as the exception only after full consideration has been given to the needs of vulnerable users.

Furthermore, the Council requests that West Sussex County Council undertakes to repaint worn 20mph roundels and refresh existing 20mph signage."

Commentary

The aim of the above motion is to offer District Council support to West Sussex County Council, County Councillors and Parish Councils who wish to proceed with the implementation of the new County Council policy on 20mph speed limits and the introduction of “Quiet Lanes”.

To implement 20mph limits in communities local support will need to be identified and County Councillors supportive.

The following motion (Minute 57.4) was passed by West Sussex County council on Friday 17th December 2021.

‘This Council believes that promoting active travel and improved road safety is one of the Council’s priorities.

This Council therefore supports the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport in her current policy review and new Transport Plan which will consider options such as speed reductions including the 20mph limit and other measures such as quiet lanes all of which have the potential to improve road safety, air quality, and to encourage active travel.’

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=136>

An additional briefing document is attached to the Minutes

¹Quiet Lanes

West Sussex County Council

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s13117/Motion%20on%20Quiet%20Lanes%20-%20briefing%20note.pdf>

CPRE’s guide to Quiet Lanes

Country Lanes are an integral part of our rural environment but the volume and speed of traffic, and the presence of heavy lorries can make them uninviting and intimidating.

Quiet Lanes are a positive way of:

- providing a chance for people to walk, cycle and horse-ride in a safer environment;
- widening transport choice; and
- protecting the character and tranquillity of country lanes.

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/cpres-guide-to-quiet-lanes/>

National Government

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/2082/pdfs/uksiem_20062082_en.pdf