



The Case For A 20mph Speed Limit in West Itchenor



The common complaint of the residents of West Itchenor is the dangerously high speeds of vehicle traffic through the village.

The absence of street lighting and pavements, narrow roads, heavy duty trucks, delivery vehicles of all shapes and sizes, residents and visitors cars, motorcycles, cyclists and pedestrians create a toxic mix. We can't get rid of any of these, but with your help, we can at least apply to reduce the speed limit from 50mph and 30mph to 20mph. Our aim is to make Itchenor a safer place for all our villagers.

If we as a community want a speed limit change our County Councillor, Pieter Montyn will give us his full support and we will be considered for a 20mph limit via the existing **Community Highway Scheme** process.

The Parish Council have resolved to apply for the reduced speed limit on grounds of safety, but we need your help. If you support the change, would you please email your comments to our Parish Clerk at clerk@westitchenorparishcouncil.org.uk If you prefer to write, please do so and put your sealed letter through my letter box, at Anchor Cottage opposite Emmets. We don't need your address but please include your postcode.

Kind regards

Alastair Spencer

West Itchenor Parish Council

Some Background Information:

Speed Limits

There have been significant **changes in the Highway Code** to protect pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians and our revised speed limit policy dovetails perfectly with this, focusing on helping vulnerable road users by making active travel choices more attractive.

West Sussex County Council

The go-ahead has been given for speed limit policy changes which will help vulnerable road users and make active travel choices more attractive in West Sussex.

The changes, approved by Joy Dennis, West Sussex County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, following a review led by Tom Richardson, county councillor for Rother Valley and advisor on road safety to the Cabinet Member, include:

- The intended use of a road will become the key feature in deciding an appropriate speed limit - ***emphasis will be on the mix of vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians first*** and then motorised traffic
- ***An option for lower speed limits on rural roads, or those used as walking and cycling routes in quieter traffic (known as 'quiet ways')***
- Greater flexibility in deciding an appropriate speed limit and opportunity to discuss and debate where it isn't clear what speed limit is appropriate.