



Bothenhampton & Walditch

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Mr Tony Burden
Road Safety Manager

2nd October 2023

By Email

Dear Mr Burden

Thank you for your email of 22nd September 2023. In our earlier letter to Messrs Eastwood and Hussey (16th August 2023) we pointed out that we have had various conversations with yourselves over the years regarding speed limits along Crock Lane, most notably:

Letters dated 22nd July 2021 / 3rd September 2021 / 1st November 2021 - REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT CROCK LANE, BOTHENHAMPTON AND UPPER WALDITCH

Email from Paul Eastwood dated 7th December 2021 Dorset Highways are currently working on introducing a new criteria for 20mph requests which should be completed early in the new year. In the meantime I will arrange for a speed survey to be taken on Crock Lane at the earliest opportunity.

Email from Paul Eastwood to Cllr Bolwell dated 3rd May 2022 - We have completed a survey but the new criteria for the 20mph zones is still being worked on. This is now with Task & Finish Group and will be returning to Place and Resources Overview Committee in the coming weeks.

In your email you refer to Community Support – we maintain that there is sufficient community support, especially for Crock Lane. Ms Gumbrell has gathered a petition of 33 residents' names in relation to Crock Lane. I attach these pages for your attention. We understand that you are asking for the same within the Upper Walditch area to justify a reduction in speed to 20mph and we will endeavour to collate this.

We are confused by the second point which relates to the 'extent of 20mph request'. We would welcome an extension of the reduction of the speed limit along Main Street, Bothenhampton and on the Walditch Road in Upper Walditch and Lower Walditch Lane. We consider there is a strong case for each of these, and that there would be considerable community support. We acknowledge that we have not gathered evidence of the latter for these areas (in the same way as Ms Gumbrell has for Crock Lane) and we will endeavour to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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