



Bothenhampton & Walditch

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Mr C Loder MP
Member of Parliament for West Dorset

17th May 2022

Via Email

Dear Mr Loder

I was sorry not to be able to meet you on Friday 13th May at the Hive Beach, being called away by another scheduled meeting. However, may I present the views of the Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council.

1. The B3157 from the Crown Roundabout in Bridport changes from 30 mph to 40mph soon after leaving the roundabout, and just round the corner is a light-controlled pedestrian and cyclist crossing from Bridport to West Bay. We believe, from resident complaints, that the speed limit should rise on the Burton side of the traffic lights, so that traffic does not accelerate as it approaches the crossing from below.
2. The B3157 changes from 40 mph limit to 50 mph at the end of the row of houses where the 'Bridport' signs stand. After this point the verges disappear, and stone walls come right up to the carriageway. The road itself narrows. Pedestrians and cyclists have little space as they walk or cycle towards the houses at Marsh Barn junction, the back road to West Bay, and the golf course and holiday village at Freshwater. We have called for the 50 mph limit to be moved to the Marsh Barn junction, so that local residents have safer access to and from their houses.
3. Our parish would support any initiative to lower road speeds between Marsh Barn and Burton Bradstock given the frequency of accidents on the B3157, and to create a cycle/pedestrian pathway between Bridport and Burton Bradstock for the health and safety of tourists.

You will appreciate that this is one of the most sensational landscapes, and therefore one of the most dangerous roads, in Dorset.

Yours sincerely,

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