



Meeting: Petition Panel
Time: 11.45 am
Date: Wednesday, 29 November 2017
Venue: S3.3, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT11 1XJ

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1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Petition - Petition requesting 20 mph speed restriction in Abbotsbury 3 - 16

To consider a report in relation to the petition and to ask the Panel to make a decision based on the options available, and in accordance with the Petitions Scheme.

Outcome of the Panel Discussion

In addition to taking part in the meeting, the outcome of the discussion and decision made by the Panel will be sent to the lead petitioner within 5 working days of the date of the meeting.

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Petitions Panel

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	Wednesday 29 November 2017
Officer	Andrew Martin – Head of Highways.
Subject of Report	Procedure for Petitions – Petition requesting 20 mph speed restriction in Abbotsbury.
Executive Summary	A petition has been received (in accordance with the County Council's published petitions scheme) in relation to requesting a 20mph speed restriction in Abbotsbury.
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: Not applicable
	Use of Evidence: Site investigations and latest available five years worth of road traffic collision data (June 2012 to May 2017)
	Budget: The cost of introducing a Traffic Regulation Order would likely to be between £6500 and £7500 – costs are for context only and do not represent actual costs, they include officer time and costs of the signing and lining as well as costs associated with the legal process.
	Risk Assessment: Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as: Current Risk: LOW Residual Risk LOW
	Other Implications: None

Procedure for Petitions – Petition entitled Abbotsbury 20 mph request

Recommendation	The Panel is invited to note the receipt of this petition and decide how to respond to it.
Reason for Recommendation	In order to comply with the County Council's published scheme for responding to petitions and so as to enable local people to connect with local elected decision makers.
Appendices	Appendix A - Copy of petition Appendix B - Plan of Abbotsbury
Background Papers	Dorset County Council Petitions Scheme
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1. Background to the Petition Scheme

- 1.1 The County Council's Petitions Scheme was adopted on 29 April 2010 and came into effect on 15 June 2010. The Scheme was subsequently updated by the County Council on 21 July 2016.
- 1.2 If a petition is supported by 50 or more signatories then it will be dealt with by a small customer focussed panel. If a petition is supported by 1,000 or more signatories it will be scheduled for a debate at the next meeting of the full County Council.

2. Petition – Request for a 20mph speed limit in Abbotsbury.

- 2.1 The County Council received a petition organised by Laura Jones on 11 October 2017. This reads as follows:

"We would dearly love for Abbotsbury to have a 20mph speed limit and speed bumps in some of the roads. My street Back Street (30mph) sees vans and cars racing up to 55mph. I can't let my five year old daughter outside without firmly holding on to her and it is impossible for her, or anyone else, to play or walk freely without danger. Fear of speeding traffic affects my and many other peoples' lives and mental outlook, especially as there are either no, or very shallow pavements in this village.

I would be extremely grateful if you could forward the petition, article and details of my campaign to all the councillors. I would be happy to come to a councillors' meeting to talk about it".

- 2.2 As this petition contains more than 50 signatures, the Panel are invited to note and discuss. A copy of the petition can be found at Appendix A and the petition contains 51 signatures.
- 2.3 This discussion should conclude with a decision as to how to respond to the petition. This may include one or more of the following:
 - taking the action requested in the petition
 - considering the petition at a council meeting
 - holding an inquiry into the matter
 - undertaking research into the matter
 - holding a public meeting
 - holding a consultation
 - referring the petition for consideration by the council's Audit and Governance Committee
 - calling a referendum
 - writing to the petition organiser setting out the Panel's views about the request in the petition.

- 2.4 Alternatively, the Panel may determine a combination of the options above, or decide on another course of action as appropriate.

3. Context

- 3.1 A map can be found at Appendix B showing the extent of the existing speed limits within Abbotsbury. The County Council adopts Department for Transport guidelines for setting speed limits as policy. There are various criteria that need to be satisfied in order for a speed limit to be reduced. In

short, speed limits should be set at a level that is “self enforcing” and where there is an evidenced need for a reduced risk or if a discernible difference in driver behaviour could/would be achieved. The speed of traffic is an important consideration when reviewing speed limits. Speeds should be close to the requested/proposed lower limit in order for it to be “self enforcing”.

- 3.2 Collision data available to the County Council is provided and validated by Dorset Police. It includes collisions that occurred on public highway reported to the police that resulted in personal injury to any person(s) involved.

It is accepted that this data is not the complete picture of collisions that have occurred however, it is the most robust and reliable data available to the County Council.

It is standard practice to assess the most recent five year period of collisions when considering/identifying safety schemes.

Between June 2012 and May 2017 there has been one slight collision in the whole of Abbotsbury where a vehicle was in collision with a pedestrian.

- 3.3 If a 20mph speed limit were to be supported it is important to consider that this request is one of close to 120 other requests for a new Traffic Regulation Order across the Dorset County area. It is unlikely to rank highly against other requests and if it were to be included it is not possible to commit to when it would be implemented.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 The Panel is invited to note the receipt of this petition and decide how to respond to it, possible options are available in paragraph 2.3.

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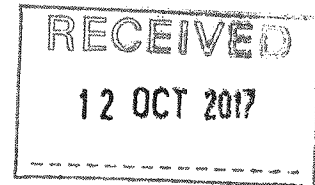
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Andrew Martin

Head of Highways

November 2017

Laura K Jones
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11 October 2017

Rebecca Knox
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Dear Councillor Knox

I am writing as the organizer of a road safety campaign in the village of Abbotsbury. I enclose the petition that has been going round for a few months and has garnered many many signatures, (people were passing them around for a while so some are lovingly coffee stained!) along with a copy of the article about the campaign in the Dorset Echo.

We would dearly love for Abbotsbury to have a 20mph speed limit, and speed bumps in some of the roads. My street - Back Street (30mph) - sees vans and cars racing up to 55mph. I can't let my five year old daughter outside without firmly holding on to her and it is impossible for her, or anyone else, to play or walk freely without danger. Fear of speeding traffic affects my and many other peoples' lives and mental outlook, especially as there are either no, or very shallow pavements in this village.

I would be extremely grateful if you could forward the petition, article and details of my campaign to all the councillors. I would be happy to come to a councillors' meeting to talk about it. Or, alternatively, could you bear in mind that:

Research shows that a 20mph speed limit decreases the incidence of accident and death significantly not only where it has been implemented, but by lowering speed in the area generally by 2mph. The 20s Plenty Campaign says that it reduces casualties and deaths by 6%.

Slowing down helps small businesses, lowers public health costs and improves air quality. General nationwide statistics show that half of village residents want a 20mph zone; that figure then rises to two thirds once it is implemented.

In May 2016, the Department for Transport updated its sign regulations to make it cheaper for councils to implement 20mph zones, with costs per head falling from £2.50 to £1.50.

I am hoping to have a 20s Plenty day in the village soon and invite some well known faces. I would be happy on that day or any other, to show you around the village at any time.

I am sending a copy of this letter and attachments to the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Strategic Director for Public Health and the Cabinet Member for Transport. If any or all of you could help me begin to implement a 20mph limit and speed bumps in the village in any way, please write to me at the above address with the next steps I should take.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura K Jones', written in a cursive style.

Laura K Jones

CC Mr Martyn Underhill – PCC for Dorset
Mr Daryl Turner – Cabinet Member for Transport
Mr Stephen Hill – Strategic Director for Public Health



Petition for 20 mph default speed limit in Abbotsbury



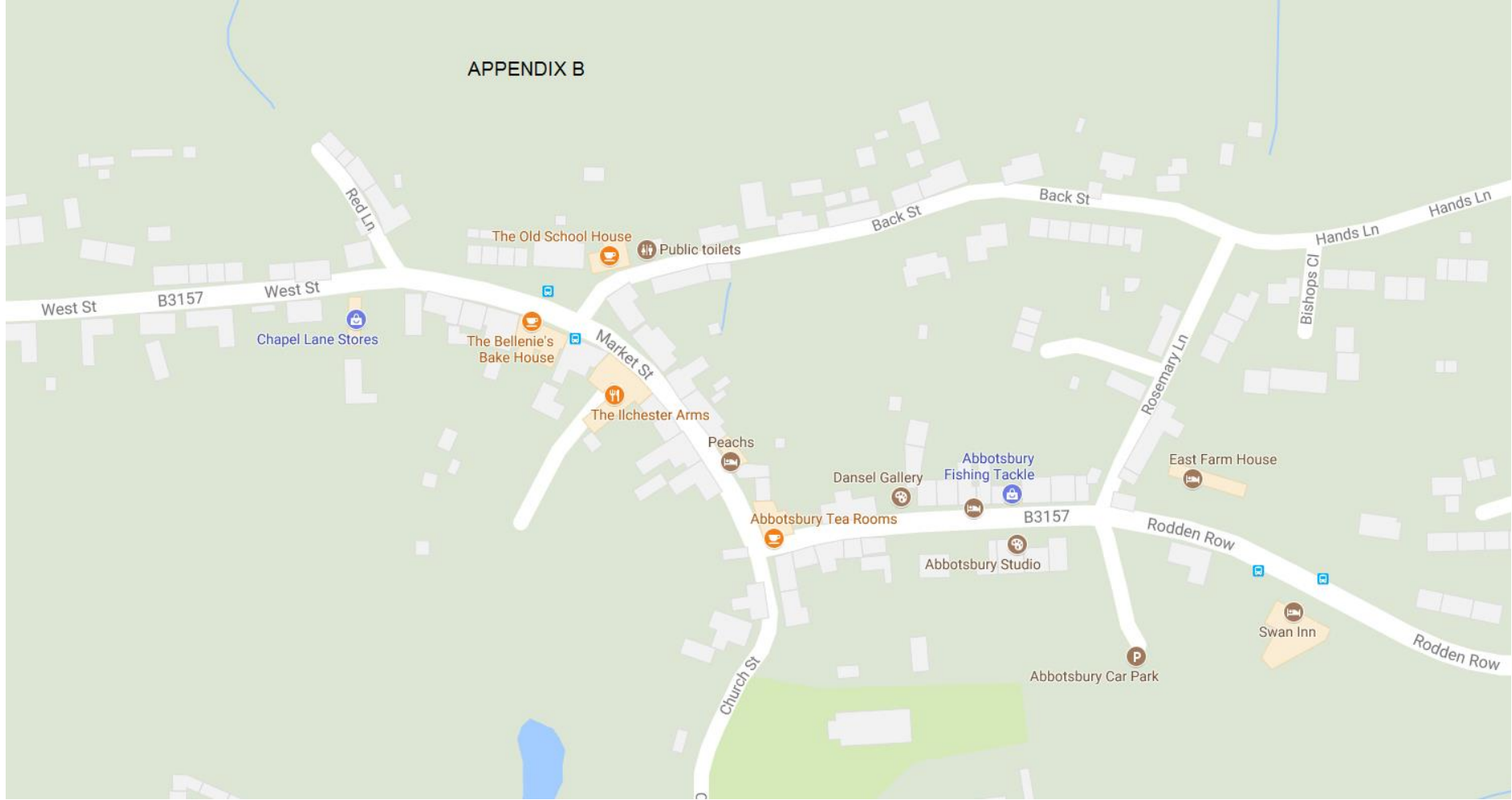
I hereby petition Dorset County Council to introduce a default 20 mph speed limit in Abbotsbury

Name	Address and Postcode	Email (optional) please add your email for campaign updates	Signature
W. M. McQuinn	1 Whitehill Cottages, DT3 4JP		W. M. McQuinn
MICHAEL MCGINN	1 WHITEHILL COTTAGES BACK STREET		Michael McGinn
Bellic Backholer	17 Pooeycombe way Poundbury		Bellic Backholer
SARAH URSELL	9 CORYATES, DT3 4HW		Sarah Urrsell
JAMES SHARKE	- " -		James Sharke
Amade Leade	62A Nourse Back Street, Abbotsbury		Amade Leade
Andri Rault	Spring Cottage,		A. Rault
James Short Thomas	13 Glebe Close DT3 4LD		J. Thomas
Matthew Farnham	Millfarnhouse, Grove Lane ABBOTSBURY DT3 4JH		M. Farnham
LAURA FARNHAM	3 Grove Lane, Abbotsbury DT3 4JH		L. Farnham
Jayne Farnham	9 King William Head Bridport DT3 3EA		J. Farnham
Jenny Seale	61 Millard Close		J. Seale
Francesca Redcliffe	Old Farmhouse Elwin DT3 4HF		F. Redcliffe
Mrs. Mrs E Middle	1 Church St Abbotsbury DT3 4JJ		M. E. Middle
Mary Ette	8 Back Street DT3 4JP		M. Ette
Margaret Sangford	10 Back Street DT3 4JP		M. Sangford
JENNIFER LEXSTER	7 MARKET ST. DT3 4JR		J. Lexster
ANTHONY JALLEY	5 BACK ST.		A. Jalley
M. J.	14 Glebe Close		M. J.
John	OLD CHAPEL GRASSY BACK ST		John

Return sheet to Laura Jones, 2 Whitehill Cottages, Back Street, Abbotsbury, DT3 4JP Abbotsbury@20splentyforus.org.uk

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APPENDIX B



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Additional information from Lead Petitioner

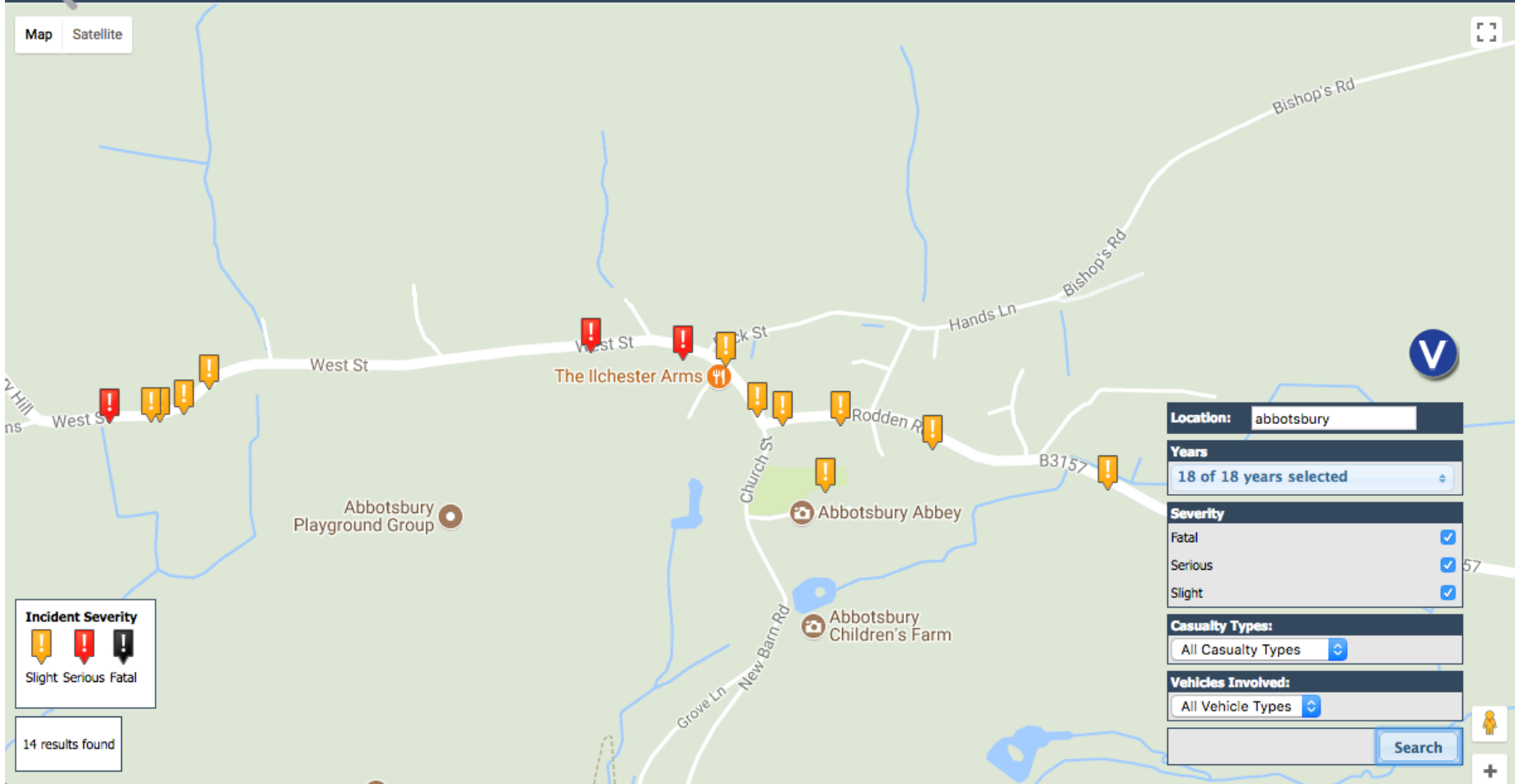
ABBOTSBURY 20MPH / SPEED BUMPS CAMPAIGN

29/11/17

- If hit at 30mph you are 7 times more likely to die than at 20mph
- If hit at 30mph, it is as if you experience a 3rd storey fall
- Every 1mph less on average means 6% fewer casualties
- 20mph limits can be enforced with or without humps
- Driving at 30mph rather than 20mph for half a mile “saves” only 30 seconds
- 20mph means reduced danger, noise & air pollution, less stressful driving & parking. It encourages walking & cycling.
- 20mph limits will improve our quality of life, boost tourism and help to conserve our heritage. Everyone, especially the elderly, disabled, children, will benefit from a more convivial environment.
- Abbotsbury is a very touristy village so people passing through tend to not know the 30 speed limits, signs for which are scarce. They also park all the way along every road, thus increasing danger from speeding cars

- Back Street in particular; one of two main streets in the village, is used as a 'rat run' for vans and lorries to take a short cut 'over the top' to Dorchester, and can thus be very dangerous as work vehicles rushing to get to their destination, speed along.

Map Satellite



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Incident Severity

- Slight
- Serious
- Fatal

14 results found

Location: abbotsbury

Years: 18 of 18 years selected

Severity:

- Fatal
- Serious
- Slight

Casualty Types: All Casualty Types

Vehicles Involved: All Vehicle Types

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