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Rebecca Knox Leader – Dorset County Council County Hall Colliton Dorchester Dorset DT1 1XJ

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 regualtions 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

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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

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