

Cabinet – 11 November 2025

Councillor Questions

Question from Cllr M Parkes

Residents in Stapehill Road remain concerned to the amount of vehicles not adhering to the 30mph speed limit. A recent consultation carried out by the Town Council concluded that there was not enough support from residents of the town to reduce the limit to 20mph however Cllr Lugg and I recognise that the percentage of residents in the road that supported the reduction was greater.

It is our belief that enforcement of the existing speed limit would be far more appropriate and request that the council use CIL money to install ANPR cameras to enforce the speed limit as has been done in other areas within Dorset.

Response from Cllr Jon Andrews [comms version]

Dorset Council will consider the use of average speed cameras at the Cabinet meeting in December. We can also raise the request for enforcement on Stapehill Road with the Dorset Road Safety Partnership.

In the meantime, installing a Speed Indicator Device (SID) could be a more practical way to improve compliance. SIDs are widely used across Dorset and are proven to be effective in reducing speeds. Dorset Council already runs a community SID programme with Ferndown Town Council, who can request a device for this location and provide the necessary support. Our officers would be happy to assist the Town Council with this.

Response from Cllr Jon Andrews [version from service]

Dorset Council will be considering the principle of using average speed cameras in Dorset at December's Cabinet Meeting. We can also raise a request for camera enforcement on Stapehill Road with the Dorset Road Safety Partnership.

In the meantime, a more appropriate way to improve speed limit compliance on Stapehill Road might be to install a Speed Indicator Device (SID) at this location. These devices are used across Dorset in partnership with our communities and have a proven track record of successfully lowering drivers' speeds to meet set speed limits. Dorset Council has already set up a community SID programme with Ferndown Town Council, and they have the option to request a SID in this area, and commit their resource to it, if they wish to. Officers would be happy to help Ferndown Town Council with this request.