

Correspondence from HDC & Leicestershire County Council – November 2018

At the recent Annual Parish Liaison Meeting a number of Parishes asked about reducing speed limits and about speed limit enforcement. As promised I have contacted LCC Highways for some advice, which I have now received below.

I hope this information is of some use. If I can help further please do contact me.

Kind regards

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Dear Sarah

Thank you for your email regarding your Parish meeting in Harborough.

You mention two things in your email, speeding and getting speed limits reduced, I shall address each one separately.

With regards to speeding, whilst the Police are the only authority who can enforce a speed limit as the Highway Authority if requested we can look at the concerns of the Parish with regards to speeding, they would need to contact us direct at customerservices@leics.gov.uk although they can report this directly to the police using the attached speed complaint form.

We also run in conjunction with the Police an initiative called community speed watch where the Parish or volunteers can get involved in tackling speed. More information on this can be found at www.communityspeedwatch.org.uk .

Again in conjunction with the Police we also have wheelie bin stickers which can remind drivers of the speed limit though the villages on bin days again these can be requested at customerservices@leics.gov.uk

With regards to reducing speed limits, we work in line with the criteria within the Department of Transport's : Settling Local Speed Limits. We would look at the various elements contained within the guidance in order to determine the level a speed limit be. Again should the Parishes wish for us to consider this they would again need to contact us via customerservices@leics.gov.uk

I look forward to receiving the requests from the Parishes in due course. Of course if they have already contacted ourselves we will confirm the previous assessment. I would add that whilst many individuals are unhappy with a speed limit, what they are actually concerned about is the speed drivers choose to travel at. Changing the speed limit is often not the answer, enforcement of those few drivers who travel at inappropriate speed is often what is required.

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