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cc Peter Watson

RE: Speeding on Lower Farm Road

Dear Lacey,

I attended Peter Watson's meeting on Thursday 7 September 2023 to update on progress on speed reduction on Lower Farm Road.

This is a very important issue and a major concern for a lot of people in the village. Given the continued speeding in the village, and the ridiculous legacy speeds along the 60 mph part of Lower Farm Road, **something needs to be done sooner rather than later before someone is seriously injured or even killed** on the road.

The extension of the 30 mph limit is a key part of controlling the speed, making the whole road safe for non-motorists and motorists, and removing any ambiguity between the 60mph and 30mph sections of the road.

Unfortunately, it is unlikely that I will be able to attend the Parish Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 26th September 2023, however, please could you kindly ask the councillors to advise why no councillors voted on or debated the motions described in the draft Parish council meeting on 25th July 2023, part c) of **RPC/34/23/24 SPEED REDUCTION**.

Following the previous 30mph public meeting, it seems that the overwhelming majority of people want the 30 mph zone moved, and SCC had already agreed an initial movement of the 60 mph zone. The motion was not to confirm any costs, but to approve to continue to work towards the extension of the 30 mph limit.

From my understanding, the cost is estimated and for which I understand there are various potential pots of funding. If funding becomes an issue later down the line, then that should be discussed at a future meeting. In the event there is a funding shortfall, residents should be informed without any refusal or put down of any subsequent motion, as I think most residents would prefer to find a way to fund the cost rather than see someone in the village die.

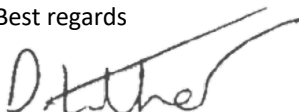
There is no good reason to keep the 60 mph limit all the way through to Great Bricett. The whole road should be 30 mph, the limit is inappropriate for the road, the speed goes against the key sustainability goals of Mid Suffolk (not enabling non-motorists to safely enjoy the road and creating additional pollution from excessive speed), and most importantly, as I said earlier, it's only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed.

Additionally, while the initial focus has been on Lower Farm Road, where the majority of Ringshall residents live, other 60 mph roads within Ringshall could also be added to the work for speed reduction.

This all doesn't seem like too much of a stretch if the whole of Wales can agree to 20 mph speed limits through residential areas!!

Thank you.

Best regards



Dan Luther
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