

LODERS AND UPLODERS PARISH 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT SURVEY

Loders Parish Council has received requests from a number of residents to seek the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in some areas of the parish. As a consequence it has been decided to gather information on the level of public support for such a move. The whole process of introducing a 20 mph limit can be a lengthy one and Dorset Council's 20 mph Policy means that before it will consider speed limit changes it must first receive a formal request from either the local ward councillor or the parish council.

As a guide, locations can be considered for a 20 mph scheme when all three of the following criteria are met:

- 1) It is in a town or village where there is a depth of residential development and high levels of pedestrian and cycle movement or there is potential for high levels of pedestrian and cycle movement if a 20 mph scheme were introduced. **It should not include any roads where the movement of motor vehicles is the primary function.**
- 2) Where existing mean speeds provide a realistic likelihood of compliance. The Department for Transport's guidance states that 20 mph schemes should be self enforcing. If the mean speed is already at or below 24 mph, introducing a 20 mph speed limit through signage alone is likely to lead to general compliance with the new speed limit. Mean speeds above 24 mph are likely to require additional traffic management or enforcement measures. At the moment parish councils are required to pay for traffic surveys; the number of surveys required depends upon the extent of the proposed 20 mph scheme.
- 3) There is significant community support. In assessing community support the local ward councillor or parish council must consider residents' views to ensure that there is a broad consensus.

Dorset Council aims to ensure that any 20 mph schemes have the maximum benefit for the communities affected.

In early 2025 the parish council will deliver a number of activities designed to sample public support for a 20 mph scheme before deciding upon the council's position. The area proposed for the scheme is one which is predominantly centred upon the area within the parish which is currently subject to a 30 mph limit, with one small exception involving a minor extension of the speed limited area in Smishops Lane to include Highacres. The activities will include a **survey form** to be delivered to all households in the parish at the end of February and available for contributions from anyone with a connection to the parish including local businesses and parents of children attending Loders School. In addition there will be an **online survey** which is accessible via the parish council's facebook page and website, **OR** by clicking this weblink:-

<https://forms.office.com/r/JdLgReF7mZ> **OR** use this QR code:-

Responders may use either method to express their opinions. Please take the time to consider the issue and share your view with the council. This is an important opportunity to shape the development of the parish. **The final date for replies is Sunday 6th April 2025**, following which the PC will review the responses.

