

Agenda item no. 9 – Motions on Notice – 20 mph speed limits – Proposed Amendment

Proposer: Councillor Bernard Hunt

Seconder: Councillor Bob Matthews

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Herefordshire Council recognises the benefits associated with a 20 miles per hour speed limit in residential areas rather than a default of 30 mph which exists in most parts of the town and County.

There are fewer fatalities and injuries, greater survivability in traffic collisions, improved air quality, reduced fuel use and greater willingness of the population to walk or cycle – which has associated health benefits.

Many councils have or are in the process of implementing area-wide 20mph speed limits on residential and urban roads without traffic calming.

Many bodies with a remit for public health support a reduction in speed limits to 20mph on residential streets.

Area-wide 20 mph limits rarely need traffic calming measures. They are an affordable way to improve health equality by creating child, disability, elderly and dementia friendly streetscapes that help reduce inactivity, obesity and isolation.

This Council requests that the executive ~~undertakes an investigation concerning the introduction of area-wide 20 mph speed limits across Herefordshire's towns and major villages~~ **considers implementing a 20 mph speed limit alongside all schools and accident blackspots within existing 30 mph zones.**