

Question from Mr Brian Organ, Tillington, Hereford

Following a number of accidents in the village of Tillington. The road through Tillington, being a high risk road in view of the number of activities conducted on the village road including horse riding, walking, running and cycling. I have a number of questions.

- 1 Do the Council accept the Department of Transport definition of a village as having more than 20 houses?
- 2 Does the Council accept that Tillington has more than 20 houses?
- 3 Does the Council accept that in addition to 20 houses Tillington has a school, a garage, a village shop, a village pub and a village cricket ground?
- 4 Does the Council accept the Department of Transport recommendation that the norm for the speed limit through a village should be 30 mph?
- 5 Does the Council accept its own local transport plan that states it intends to have a "a stepped up speed limit reductions programme to provide more villages with 30 mph limits"?
- 6 Does the Council accept its own five year Local Transport Plan that it requires more school 20 mph zones to enable more children to walk and cycle to school?
- 7 In the light of the Department for Transport recommendations and Herefordshire's Local Transport Plan safety objectives, why is Tillington not a 30 mph speed limit and the school a 20 mph zone?
- 8 Does the Council accept the Department of Transport sponsored research findings that an increase of 10% in speed causes a 30% increase in the accident rate for poor quality roads, as defined in TRL report 511, such as the one through Tillington?
- 9 Could the Council give the number of schools that have had a 20 mph zone instigated in the current 2006/07 to 2011/12 five year plan?
- 10 What are the mobility objectives for the road through the village of Tillington?
- 11 Can I have a copy of the Single Carriageway Rural Roads and the speed assessment framework?
- 12 Why cannot members of the public put supplementary questions to the Council in the light of the ones received, as for instance happens in Portsmouth City Council? An inability to ask supplementary questions to answers given severely limit's the democratic process. A system of supplementary questioning is allowed in many councils why not Hereford?