

20 MPH ZONE - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Introduction



What's the survey for?

The main purpose is to get feedback on the idea of making the whole of Steyning and neighbouring parts of Bramber a 20 MPH Zone.

In Part 2 we ask some additional questions to test the appetite for further road calming and sustainable transport measures that could be considered at a later date.

Who can take part?

Everyone who lives in Steyning and Bramber, or who travels to Steyning for work, school, shopping or leisure reasons. We are keen to hear from people of all ages, and more than one person from each household can take part.

Why your views matter

Any proposals will be decided on by West Sussex County Council (WSCC). Evidence of strong local backing for any scheme is essential, so your views count!

Who is behind the survey?

A Community Working Party involving our Parish, District and County Councils, and three local community groups.

The Closing Date for the Survey is 31 March 2021.



PART 1: CREATING A 20MPH ZONE IN STEYNING

Potential benefits of a 20MPH Zone

- A 20 MPH limit throughout Steyning should have a big effect in calming traffic, and would make our streets feel safer, healthier, and more welcoming for everyone.
- It should shift the balance in favour of walking and cycling, and help get people out of their cars.
- It would particularly benefit children and vulnerable groups who find our busy streets daunting.
- It's much safer: you are 7 times less likely to die if hit at 20 compared to 30 MPH. It is good for the environment as it cuts both emissions and road noise.
- It is good for the environment as it cuts road noise and should cut emissions because there is less acceleration and braking.
- It should be largely self-enforcing, especially if we back it up with driver education and community engagement measures.

How it would work

Details of the scheme would be worked out with WSCC Highways Dept. Current thinking is that:

* The Zone would cover the whole of Steyning plus the Maudlin and Castle Lane areas of Bramber, and possibly some of Clays Hill.

* Prominent 20 MPH speed signs would be installed at each of the entrances to town, with reminder signs at intervals, mostly painted in the road.

* Some physical traffic calming measures may also be needed to slow traffic down, especially on the Clays Hill & Horsham Road entrances, for example a 'pinch point' like the one by Bramber Bridge.

* Similar schemes are in place in Upper Beeding, Arundel and Chichester, so there are good local precedents.

Who would pay for it?

The costs involved in implementing a 20MPH Zone would be relatively

modest and would be shared between WSCC and Steyning and Bramber Parish Councils.

Both Parish Councils have funds earmarked for community infrastructure projects available, as a result of 'Section 106' levies on property developments. So it would not need to come from local council taxes.

How soon could this happen?

It will take a year to carry out the consultation, do the detailed design, and get WSCC approval. All going well, work to implement the scheme could start in 2022.



ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF A 20MPH ZONE?

*** Are you in favour of the 20MPH proposal?**

To create a 20MPH Zone in Steyning, and adjoining parts of Bramber, along the lines indicated.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not
sure

What are the main factors influencing your thoughts on this?

	Not important	Important	Very important
Safety	☐	☐	☐
Noise	☐	☐	☐
Air quality	☐	☐	☐
Encourages cycling/walking	☐	☐	☐
Creates more welcoming feel to the area	☐	☐	☐

Do you have any comments to add?

PART 2: OTHER SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT MEASURES

We'd like to get your views on other sustainable transport measures that might be considered at a later date:

- A. Further traffic calming measures
- B. Introducing a lower speed limit on the Steyning Bypass
- C. Encouraging cycling and walking
- D. Encouraging greater use of public transport
- E. Improving electric car charging facilities

Please note that these are all options for the future. There are no specific plans in place for any of these measures at the moment. But the results from this survey will show how much of a public appetite there is for them, and will help make the case for them.

A. FURTHER TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

We could take further steps to calm traffic and shift the balance in favour of walking and cycling, and make Steyning High Street more of a social space. Any ambitious plans would obviously be major projects requiring careful planning and considerable expense, and may take several years to implement. We would like to get your thoughts on two potential ideas?

Closing the High Street on more Bank Holidays and special occasions

Like happens now for the Summer Fair, but more often.

- ☐ Bad idea ☐ Doubtful idea ☐ Not sure ☐ Good idea ☐ Great idea

Making Steyning High Street a 'Shared Space'

Pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles would share the whole road, like in New Road outside Brighton's Theatre Royal. Street parking would be discouraged, and there would be more room for outdoor seating and planters. 'Pinch points' might be helpful to slow down traffic. Cars and buses could still come down the High Street they would do so at much reduced speeds.

- ☐ Bad idea ☐ Doubtful idea ☐ Not sure ☐ Good idea ☐ Great idea

Do you have any comments to add?

B. INTRODUCING A LOWER SPEED LIMIT ON THE STEYNING BYPASS

The A283 Steyning Bypass is currently 60 MPH for cars and 50 MPH for most other vehicles, in line with national regulations. Turning onto the bypass in a car is quite dangerous, and crossing it on foot or by bike feels risky, especially at busy times.

This problem will be magnified when the Steyning Grammar 6th Form moves to the Towers School, in Beeding, in September 2021, as lots of students will be needing to get to and from school during busy times.

Would you support introducing a lower speed limit on the bypass, and why?

Is introducing a lower speed limit on the bypass a good idea?

☐ Bad
idea

☐ Doubtful
idea

☐ Not
sure

☐ Good
idea

☐ Great
idea

What are the main factors influencing your thoughts on this?

	Not important	Important	Very important
Safety	☐	☐	☐
Noise	☐	☐	☐
Air quality	☐	☐	☐

Do you have any comments to add?

C. ENCOURAGING CYCLING AND WALKING

Supporting more 'active travel' should cut down on car use and be beneficial for people's health and wellbeing. We would like to find out what would encourage you to walk and cycle more, rather than taking the car.

Would any of these measures encourage you to walk more?

	No difference/not relevant	Some difference	Big difference
Wider and better maintained pavements	☐	☐	☐
More benches for resting	☐	☐	☐
Gates and stiles you don't have to climb over	☐	☐	☐
Better maintained public footpaths	☐	☐	☐

Any other suggestions on how to encourage more walking?

Would any of these measures encourage you to cycle more?

	No difference/not relevant	Some difference	Big difference
More and better cycle paths	☐	☐	☐
Cycle paths that link up better	☐	☐	☐
More bike racks in town	☐	☐	☐
Electric bike charging points	☐	☐	☐

Any other suggestions on how to encourage more cycling?

D. ENCOURAGING USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Steypning and Bramber have some bus connections, but are not very well served by public transport. Do you think improving public transport is a priority and what measures would encourage you to use it more?

We are looking at the medium and long term here, once the current Covid crisis is behind us.

Is developing better public transport for our area a priority?

☐ Low
priority

☐ Medium
priority

☐ High
priority

Would any of these measures encourage you to use public transport more?

	No difference/not relevant	Some difference	Big difference
More frequent bus services	☐	☐	☐
Better timetable connections to trains and buses in Shoreham	☐	☐	☐
Lower fares	☐	☐	☐
Combined ticketing with trains/other buses	☐	☐	☐

Where would you like to go to by bus?

Assuming the service was improved, which destinations would you use a bus to get to, and how often would you use it?

	Rarely/never	At least once a month	At least once a week	Most days
Shoreham	☐	☐	☐	☐
Brighton	☐	☐	☐	☐
Worthing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Henfield	☐	☐	☐	☐
Horsham	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other (please specify)

Any other suggestions on how to encourage more use of public transport?

E. INSTALLING ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING POINTS

The shift towards electric vehicles is being actively promoted by the Government but hinges on the availability of EV charging points. At present there are no public charging points in Steyning. The nearest ones are at the Tollgate Hotel in Bramber (a slow charger), and the Esso garage in Upper Beeding (a rapid charger).

Is installing some easily accessible public EV charging facilities in Steyning and Bramber a priority?

☐ Low
priority

☐ Medium
priority

☐ High
priority

What is your situation: Could you charge an electric car at home?

Do you have space in a driveway or garage to do this?

☐ Yes - I have space at home

☐ Not relevant - I don't have a car

☐ No - there is no good space

Do you own an EV or are thinking of getting one?

Either an all-electric vehicle or a plug-in hybrid.

☐ I currently own a plug-in electric vehicle

☐ I'm thinking of getting one in the next 2 years

☐ I expect I'll get one at some point

☐ I'm not planning on getting an EV

☐ I don't drive

Do you have any comments to add?

ABOUT YOU

*** Your name**

*** Where do you live?**

- ☐ Steyning
- ☐ Bramber - Maudlin Lane / Clays Hill / Castle Lane areas
- ☐ Bramber - other parts
- ☐ Upper Beeding
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Would you like to receive a copy of the Survey Report and updates on the progress of the 20MPH Working Party?

If so please provide your email address below. This will be only used for this purpose and will not be shared with any third parties.

If you would prefer not to give your email address, you will be able to access the Survey Report on the Steyning Parish Council website.

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