

Virtual Working Party Meeting held on 19.11.20

Purpose: To discuss the possibility of implementing a 20mph speed limit in Steyning

Present: Dean Haysom - Steyning Business Chamber (DHa)
Geoff Bernard - Steyning Greening Group (GB)
Ian Alexander - Steyning and District Partnership (IA)
Cllrs: Deborah Hanson (DH) , Tim Lloyd (SPC) (TL) Bob Platt (HDC) (BP) and David (WSCC) (DB)
Stephen Douglas - Assistant Manager WSCC Highways (SD)

Apologies: Cllrs. Paul Campbell, Gary Sullivan (SPC)

1 - Dean Haysom was elected Chairman

2 - After discussion with WSCC there were 3 ways to deliver a 20mph speed limit;
(A) Through a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order). The TRO accompanied by the evidence base would go through the CLC (County Local Committee) where it would be in competition with other TRO applicants as only 1 TRO is granted annually. There is a cost limit of £3,000 on a TRO

(B) Through a third party funded TRO which goes through for approval by the CLC but is not in competition and has a greater chance of success. The third party would have to fund all the legal costs of about £8,000 + the cost of evidencing the need for a 20mph (see email from Stephen Douglas); and all associated costs of repeater signs, road signs etc.

(C) Through the Community Highway Scheme where funds are available and there is no need to go through for approval by the CLC. However, this approach needs evidence of other traffic calming measures.

3 - After discussion it was felt that as traffic calming, such as pinch points, or a shared space environment in the High Street was likely to be emotive, this should be considered as a phase 2.

The consensus was that the 20mph speed limit should not be limited to the High Street but extended to the whole of Steyning with terminal signs at the strategic exit/entry points and repeater signs. (See email from Stephen Douglas for more detail and potential costs).

The cost of the scheme would need to be assessed with help from WSCC and an application made to secure the S106/CIL funds held by WSCC and HDC for transport infrastructure projects. This scheme it was felt would meet the criteria.

4 – WSCC agreed to forward all the necessary data/criteria and details of 3rd party TROs to move the project forward and would email this to all group members.

5 – WSCC suggested that the group look at other villages where 20mph speed restrictions had been applied to look at the effects on traffic and the local economy.

6 – Electronic Speed Correction Signs were put forward and WSCC confirmed that these were normally funded by the parish at a cost of £2 – 3,000.

7 – The group would need to consult with the residents of Steyning at an early stage to determine whether they were broadly in favour of the 20mph speed limit. This would be done using a leaflet drop/social media/posters/website. The PC would confirm whether this could be funded by the Council.

8 – It was suggested that a road trip was organised to identify the strategic entry/exit points.

DH, DHa, IA and GB volunteered to join the walk-about.

9 – GB offered the support of the Greening Group in preparing the leaflet and any other information required.

10 – It was agreed that the outline plan for the introduction of the 20mph speed limit should be done before Christmas for approval by Council and consultation with the residents.

11 – The next meeting: 3rd December 6.00pm