

Possible motion for the DAPTC AGM: November 2022

1. Members will recall that for the July Parish Council meeting Cllr Macer-Wright had drafted a possible motion for submission to the DAPTC AGM in November. This read:

“BPC urges DAPTC to make the strongest representations that Dorset Council should adopt an updated vehicle speed limit policy where more vulnerable users and the environment are given precedence over motor vehicles following the updated Highway Code. A default speed limit of 20mph should be adopted within built up urban areas and in villages.”

2. After discussion at that meeting, Councillors had agreed with the principle of the motion but felt the wording to be too prescriptive. Cllr Macer-Wright therefore agreed to re-draft it. This is the revised wording which has been circulated:

"BPC urges DAPTC to make representations that Dorset Council should adopt an updated vehicle speed limit policy for roads within towns and villages. Within built up areas, where there are journeys made on foot along a road and there is either no footway or only partial footway provision, the default speed limit for motor vehicles for the entire length of road within the built up area should be 20mph."

3. Cllr Lamb has expressed support for this version and Cllr Whittaker has proposed the following amendment to the second sentence:

“Within built up areas, where there are journeys made on foot along a road and there is either no footway or only partial footway provision, the default speed limit for motor vehicles for the entire length of road, and neighbouring roads, within the built up area should be 20mph."

4. In Cllr Macer-Wright's absence, discussion was deferred until this meeting. Broadmayne Parish Council needs to make a decision on whether or not to proceed with a motion and, if so, the exact form of words. The closing date for submission of motions to DAPTC in time for the AGM is 12 noon on 30 September.