Expressions of interest

We are keen to understand the benefits of 20 mph speed limits for our communities and would like to know where you feel this would be beneficial. At our Cabinet meeting on the 8th December a resolution was agreed to allow 20mph schemes to be progressed in 2022/23 for those communities who request them (item 87).

This was initially proposed to be a project to run alongside work to introduce a community wide 20 in Newton Abbot. However, after extensive community engagement it was clear that the residents of Newton Abbot did not support this, nor did they support 20 as a default in residential streets. They did however support 20s outside schools and we will be working with Elected Members to develop a study around this. More details can be found in our recent press release.

With the outcome of our Newton Abbot consultation in mind it is essential that we have a strong indication of community support when we assess requests for 20s. Therefore, the involvement of Town and Parish Councils in the application process is essential and we invite you to liaise with Elected Members in submitting applications.

We wrote to elected Members in February asking them to work with their communities to complete applications and committed to also communicate directly with Town and Parish Councils. If you feel that a 20mph speed limit is right for your community and are not already in contact with your local County Council on the matter, we encourage you to open dialogue.

To allow for assessment and prioritisation for schemes to be delivered in 22/23 **all submissions must be complete by 31st March**. It is important that every application is supported both by the Town or Parish Council and Elected Member prior to assessment. The application form is available here.

Given that the Newton Abbot project will not progress for a fully community 20mph scheme it is intended that new 20s implemented through this project will form part of the study to inform future County Policy