

Shropshire-Wide 20mph Campaign

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Dear Mrs. Penny O'Hagan,

You will be aware that there is a national move to implement a 20mph speed limit on every residential street and road, and that Shropshire has a county-wide campaign with the same objective.

Fifty councils in England, covering 15 million residents now have a general 20mph speed limit, but unfortunately, so far the Shropshire Council has refused our request to follow best practice.

Reducing speed limits to 20mph is a scientific proven effective road safety policy.

After implementing 20mph speed limits on roads in Calderdale the authority found that road casualties had reduced by **30%**

After implementing 20mph speed limits on roads in Warrington the authority found that road casualties had reduced by **27%**

20mph is **cheap** to implement, removing humps, bumps, chicanes and speed tables, and it saves a huge amount of money and **saves lives**.

A traditional, small traffic calming scheme with humps and bumps can cost £100,000.

Official data from the **Director of Public Health in Calderdale Council** shows that if pedestrians are hit by a vehicle travelling at 20mph, then **9** out of 10 will **survive**.

This reduces to;

5 out of 10 at **30mph**

1 out of 10 at **40mph**

Furthermore, we know that children less than 15 years old cannot judge speed and distance of vehicles accurately enough at 30mph, and if we wish to protect our children, we **must** put 20mph in place on every street and road that is currently set at 30mph.

Five town councils within Shropshire have now debated and voted to approve 20mph on residential streets and roads in their areas.

These five Shropshire towns are;

- Shrewsbury
- Oswestry
- Bridgnorth
- Ludlow
- Shifnal

Shropshire-Wide 20mph Campaign now asks that Wem Town Council discusses the proposal to adopt a general 20mph speed limit on all streets and roads in your area.

If you would like a short 10 minute presentation by Professor John Whitelegg on this subject, please do not hesitate to let us know and will put you in our diary.

The diagram below shows the **Survival** rates at various speeds.

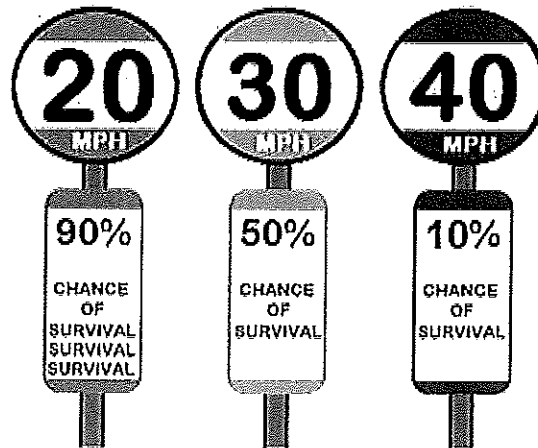


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Kind regards,

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