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Morning Matthew,

With regards to the above mentioned subject. I attended Wiston yesterday and also looked at the A283 junction with Water lane.

The proposed 40mph speed limit to the A283.

This a rural road with a current national speed limit (60mph). Department for Transport guidance(DfT) (Setting of Speed Limits – reviewed 2024), under the rural roads section (Table 2) lays out the criteria for the three speed limits that can be used on rural roads:

- The national speed limit (60mph) which is recommended for most high quality strategic A and B roads with few bends, junctions or accesses.
- 50mph should be considered for lower quality A and B roads that may have a high number of bends, junctions of accesses. This limit can also be considered where the mean speeds are below 50mph so that a lower limit does not interfere with traffic flow.
- 40mph should be considered - where there are many bends, junctions or accesses, substantial developments, a strong environmental or landscape reason, OR where there are considerable numbers of vulnerable road users.

When I apply this criteria, the national speed limit is appropriate for this road – unless you could provide evidence of collisions and vulnerable road users.

The proposed 30mph through Hole Street and Water Lane – from the start and finish points that you have indicated – I would have no issues with provided that the speed data is within limits. Wiston meets the criteria of a village (for DfT purposes) and there is already sign posted evidence of vulnerable road users due to no footways.

I would suggest that you ask in your application for the terminal post signs for the 30mph to be yellow backed as there are significant amounts of vehicles using the road as a cut through. As you have no street lights along the route, I would also ask for 30mph repeater signs and the painted roundels on the road to be changed from 40 to 30.

As I previously mentioned - Generally, Sussex Police will support any road safety initiative relating to speed reduction measures that complies with current Department for Transport guidelines (The setting of speed limits) along with WSCC Speed limit Policy.

I hope this helps.

Regards

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