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Good Evening Sid

I hope you and your family are all well and enjoying the summer?

Following on from the success of the Speed Indicator Devices in the village, please can I request that Wiston Parish Council consider additional road safety measures in Wiston?

Mindful that many communities are currently working towards reducing their traffic speed limits from 30mph to 20mph, it would be great if Wiston could catch up with the rest and work on reducing our current 40mph limits to 30mph in Hole St and Water Lane, and maybe consider reducing the Buncton Crossroad limit to 40mph?

I know that Wiston PC have tried in the past and have not been successful, however, in recent years there has been a real mind-shift and a complete 180-degree turnaround in attitude. Whereas previously, communities were asked to justify a request for a reduction in speed limits, we are now at a point where those responsible for road safety are being asked to justify maintaining current speed limits. Speeding is rapidly becoming as socially unacceptable as drink-driving.

In response to the question 'who will enforce the new speed limit?', the data shows that there is no need for enforcement - the majority of drivers observe speed limits. In areas such as Wales (where 20mph has been introduced) police forces were initially reluctant to support reductions in speed limits, however they are now actively in favour. Since the introduction, there has been a massive reduction in the number of road traffic accidents and fatalities, a reduction in police workload, and a reduction in the number of families coming to terms with tragedy.

Please do let me know how I can support Wiston Parish Council in making our local roads safer for residents and for those who drive through at speed?

Kind regards

Rebecca