

Glatton Parish Council

Application Proposal

1. Reduce speed limit on Infield Road and Glatton Ways from 40MPH to 30 MPH
 - Cost estimate £3,000
2. Introduce soft speed calming measures at all four entrances to Glatton (Infield Road, Glatton Ways High Haden Road & Sawtry Road) Dragons teeth, Roundels and Extra signage
 - Cost estimate £4,000

Police Comments

“I can confirm on behalf of the Chief Officer, the police intend to offer no objection.”
Derek Crosby Traffic Management Officer, Cambridgeshire Police.



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1) Persistent Problems:

- There is a persistent speeding problem throughout Glatton.
- Speeds recorded as high as 60MPH, where our roads are 30MPH and 40 MPH.
- We often see 15% of vehicles exceeding ACPO speed guidelines and on one occasion in excess of 30%.
- Many of the properties and adjoining roads have severely restricted views due to the undulations and bends in the road.
- Hazards also exists for pedestrians:
 - Limited or no pavements
 - No street lights
 - Restricted visibility when looking to cross the road
 - Particularly for elderly residents, who may rely in sight alone to see approaching vehicles.
- The current 40MPH speed limit is too high, reducing available time to safely join the road and increasing stopping distances if a car needed to take avoiding action.

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2) Road Safety:

- A reduced speed limit on Infield Road would improve both safety for pedestrians and drivers.
- Will increase the time to safely join the road (from drives and adjoining roads).
- A reduced speed limit will provide drivers with more thinking time and decreased stopping distances should an incident occur.
- A reduced speed limit will also allow many of Glatton's older residents (and school children) more time to cross the road and better opportunity to spot approaching vehicles.
- Soft speed calming measures, will heighten drivers awareness of their need to obey the limits.



Vehicle Speed

30 mph

40 mph

Odds of Pedestrian Death

45%

85%

Source Killing Speed and Saving Lives, UK Dept. of Transportation.



“Eleven times more people die on country roads in England and Wales than on motorways.”

Figures released by the Department for Transport (DfT).



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3) Community Improvement: (social or economic)

- On a small survey (via Glatton web site) 27 out of 29 respondents when asked about the proposed speed reduction on Infield Road unreservedly supported the proposal.
- The request also has the support of our community speed watch coordinator.
- A more detailed survey has overwhelming support from residents directly and indirectly affected by the speed on this road to reduce it to 30MPH.
 - Safer Roads, for cars and pedestrians
 - Reduced Road Noise
 - Reduced likelihood of a fatality (40% less)
 - Protect our village's heritage!



Cost Considerations

Total estimate is £7,000 of which Glatton Parish Council are prepared to contribute up to 50%.