

Long Wittenham Extensions to Speed Limits Boundaries

A 20mph Speed Limit was implemented throughout Long Wittenham on 10th December 2022. No additional traffic calming measures have been implemented and many vehicles are not adhering to the new limits, particularly at the boundaries of the limits, outside which, the speed limits are much higher. Both the Parish Council and residents believe that if lower speed limits are implemented approaching the 20mph boundaries, more vehicles will observe the 20mph limit when they meet it. There is a short section of 30mph limit before the 20mph limit on the road from Clifton Hampden into Long Wittenham which appears to have this desired effect.

At its meeting on Thursday 10th February, Long Wittenham Parish Council discussed and agreed that it would be beneficial to the village if the approach speed limits could be amended as follows:

Little Wittenham Road:

Currently this is the national speed limit along a very straight country road straight into the new 20 zone. There are some properties outside the 20 zone and a very busy carpark for Neptune Woods, part of the Earth Trust site.

Implement a 30mph limit from just before the properties and the Neptune Wood Car Park to the beginning of 20mph zone.

Road between Clifton Hampden and Long Wittenham.

This is a classified road with the national speed limit. There are several entrances to properties, a boatyard and caravan park and a very popular fishing area on the Thames with an informal parking area along this section of road. It has no footways and is the main cycle and pedestrian route between the villages giving access to the Doctors Surgery and Shop / Post Office.

In line with many other similar roads in the area (Clifton Hampden to Burcot etc), reduce the speed limit on the road between the village and Clifton Hampden Bridge to 40mph.

Didcot Road from the village towards Didcot.

This is a classified road at with the national speed limit direct into the new 20 zone when approaching the village. There are no footways and there are accesses to properties, farms and a large rural business.

Implement a reduced speed limit from the junction with Sires Hill (a natural speed restriction due to the very tight bend in the road and junction) and Didcot Road of either a 30mph or 40mph speed limit before the 20mph zone.

Also implement a speed reducing measure near or at the start of the new 20 zone. Either an entrance feature as seen at many rural villages or a "raised table" roundabout at the junction with Saxons Heath.

Long Wittenham Parish Council - 28th February 2022