

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 18TH MARCH 2021

**Question to Cllr David Williams
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**

By Cllr Robinson

Question

Does the Cabinet Member for Highways agree with me that 20 mph is plenty for speed limits around all our schools, play parks, leisure centres and community centres? Will he commit to immediately allocating funding to implement 20 mph zones outside the aforementioned community facilities across the county of Staffordshire?

Reply

Staffordshire maintains one of the safest highway networks in the country by targeting available resources at road safety interventions that have the greatest impact.

Most importantly, we liaise with our local communities to understand their individual aspirations and work collaboratively to tackle any road safety concerns.

20 mph speed limits/zones are just one of a range of measures used by the Council to improve road safety and to create an environment that supports sustainable travel modes, such as walking and cycling. Over fifty of our schools on the busiest roads already benefit from prominent advisory 20 mph speed limits and a further twenty 20 mph speed limit/zones have been implemented in local communities across the county in the last six years.

The full suite of road safety measures includes: a robust programme of targeted engineering schemes, including speed limit reductions; support for communities to install Speed Indication Devices; and engagement with the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership to deliver wide-ranging road safety training/education and Community Speed Watch initiatives.

The introduction of additional 20 mph limits/zones within our local neighbourhoods will continue as appropriate within our county-wide road safety programmes and as local community priorities established through a Members' Divisional Highways Programme.