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Dear Cllr West

My team said it was good to chat with you when you made a visit to the Boy's Grave Junction near Kentford and Moulton last Autumn. I know residents were grateful that you, an officer from Suffolk Highways, and a representative of the Police, along with local Councillor Andy Drummond, were on hand to inspect the junction. I would like to ask for an update on the progress in improving the signage there.

As you know, in addition to anxiety about safety at that junction, Moulton Parish Council are concerned about the issue of speeding through their village. The Parish Council completed a survey to try and find out what residents' views were on the question of speeding, and whether they would support a 20mph limit near the primary school and village centre. The responses showed that speeding is a serious concern in Moulton. With a sample of around a hundred residents surveyed, the results showed the following:

- 90% believe there is a speeding problem in Moulton;
- 84% backed a 20mph limit near the primary school and village centre;
- 81% supported chicanes at the village entrances.

Also enclosed with this letter are both the residents survey and a speeding report which contains the results of a traffic survey that was carried out in March 2022 by SCC. This traffic survey showed that speeding is a major issue particularly near the primary school on Chippenham / Kennett Road (the B1085) and School Road. The Parish Council note that they wrote a report to SCC in December asking for a review of speeding in Moulton and for SCC's support in tackling the problem. I wondered if SCC has produced a reply to this, and whether you might be able to send this to the Parish Council and to me?

After attending webinars organised by 20s Plenty, members of the Parish Council have found that many county councils are proactive in reviewing speed limits and supporting communities to tackle the problem. They also cite a presentation by the insurer E Sure who say they have seen a 20% reduction in claims related to 20 mile per hour zones and, that they, as a result, have reduced premiums.

My own view is that 20 mile per hour zones are not a universally appropriate solution for traffic management. However, I believe there may be a case for them in some locations, where local residents support them.



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The survey conducted by Moulton Parish Council suggests this is the case here. I would like to add my backing for the efforts of residents in Moulton to have a 20 mile per hour zone introduced. One possibility for the location for this would be from the primary school in the north of the village (at the junction of Kennett Road and School Road), down Chippenham Road and The Street to Church Road in the south, as well as a short section of Newmarket Road.

My understanding is that there is also widespread support among residents for a community effort to raise additional funds to change the speed limit and install the chicanes, so this should help provide the resources for such an initiative.

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

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