**20mph speed limits - Preparing for Consultation.**

**Paper for approval at the F&P meeting of February 22nd 2022. (final)**

Both our Parish Councils have now approved a public consultation on the introduction of more 20mph speed limits in our two parishes. Our PC favoured a joint Consultation with Sunningdale PC, and we hope to agree this with them.

The working group is now seeking F&P approval to the following steps in getting ready for the consultation:

1. Prepare a draft consultation document, including the context and consultation questions.
2. Meet with the borough officers to understand their view of 20mph speed limits, present our draft document for comment and seek guidance on how to conduct the consultation.
3. Finalise the consultation document and process.
4. Report back to our two parish councils and request approval to the consultation documents, process and associated costs, and to go to consultation.

**Consultation Document.**

We envisage that the consultation documents will include:

* The consultation process
* Background to our two parish council’s decisions to consult our communities on 20mph speed limits.
* The reasons for and benefits of 20mph limits.
* Overview of the government guidelines for 20mph limits.
* Current 20 mph limits within our parishes.
* The consultation questions.
* What happens next

*Does this meeting have any comments on the proposed scope?*

At the parish council meeting of 11th January 2022, the meeting approved the proposal to consult with our community on 20mph speed limits. The proposal included the following draft consultation question:

*“Do you support the principle of 20mph speed limits for selected roads in Sunninghill & Ascot, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users supports this lower limit?”*

*Responses would be a simple “Yes” or “No” plus reasons. Also, residents could be asked to suggest which roads would be candidates for the reduced speed limit or which roads that already have a 20mph limit could be extended.*

*Does the meeting have any comments on this draft wording?*

**Borough Meetings:**

When ready we propose to meet with the borough to:

* understand the borough’s policy on 20mph limits.
* Seek advice and guidance in the preparation of the consultation documents and how to conduct an effective consultation.
* Request feedback on our draft consultation document.
* If the community supports new 20mph limits, ask whether the borough will be willing to work with our PCs to identify suitable locations for implementation and to oversee and fund their implementation.

*Does the meeting have any comments on this scope for the meetings?*

**Consultation proposals finalisation**

Following the above meetings, the working group will finalise the consultation documents and methodology, proposals for making our community aware of the timing and purpose of the consultation.

**Final PC sign off:**

The working group will then go back to the two parish councils to seek final approval to the consultation documents, methodology and timing, to any associated costs (for flyers etc), and to proceed with the consultation.

The working group will keep the parish councils updated on progress as appropriate.

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