

Green lanes

Dear Scrutiny Panel

I am writing to express my concern at the suggestion that the speed limit be increased to 20mph. I live in a Green Lane and regularly see drivers exceeding the speed limit by quite a margin. It is argued that if the limit is increased to 20mph, then drivers will be more likely to take notice of it. Drivers will only take notice of a speed limit if it is enforced, whatever that limit be. We need to decide what limit is sensible and then take measures to enforce it.

At present many drivers drive at well over 25mph outside my house. If the limit is increased to 20mph then such drivers will feel that they can do this with impunity. Many horse riders as well as walkers and cyclists regularly use the lane. Visibility is not very good due to bends and high hedges. Thus a speed of 20mph is in fact too high for this lane. Many other Green Lanes have equally poor visibility or even worse than mine and many, including mine, are very narrow.

It is also argued that it is confusing to have so many different speed limits. This argument is utterly ridiculous. Drivers need to be aware of the speed limit in the road in which they are driving. If they are incapable of remembering this then they are incapable of driving safely and should have their licence taken away. In fact the variety of speed limits helps to keep drivers on their toes and concentrating on their driving as they should be doing.

Regards

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