

For the attention of Alyn Evans,

I understand that it is your intention to complete the removal of the brief length of 40mph speed limit between Norton Fitzwarren and Staplegrove by the end of the month or early in October. This will involve the removal of the full size 30mph sign outside Staplegrove House. As the post is already there we should very much like a reminder of the speed limit to be installed as a replacement and have been told that this could either be a small 30mph repeater sign or a blue 30mph + camera sign. We believe the latter blue sign would be more effective in controlling the speed of vehicles and would be applicable due to the fairly frequent speed checks mounted by the police at Brindle Close. The return of the 30mph roundel on the carriage way here would also be appreciated.

You will be aware that we are very concerned about the speed that all vehicles travel at between the Manor Road traffic lights and Greenway Road and have asked in the past for SLOW to be placed on the carriageway before the two left hand bends ahead of the village hall. The hall is much used and exiting from it and turning right is very hazardous due to the lack of visibility and cars from the right can be on you very quickly. We have been told previously that a post and sign explaining why one should slow is a Somerset requirement but I notice that SLOW and yellow bars have been included with the new NIDR on the less demanding right hand bends and without the provision of posts and signs. As we are now an extension of the NIDR and as serious accidents have occurred we ask again for the simple addition of SLOW on the road surface before the bends prior to the village hall.

We consider both of these provisions would increase the safety of this section of highway significantly.

Thank you

Michael Clark
Chairman, Staplegrove Parish Council