Agenda item 10.4

July 2019

Dear Neighbour

TWENTY IS PLENTY -WEST TOWN LANE?

Both during and since my election as District Councillor I've been asked by a number of my neighbours what can be done about the speed of traffic along West Town Lane. As we know the lane is a typical narrow village road with no pavements, blind spots, housing abutting the road, children playing on the street and people (and pets) out walking. Elderly people often cannot hear approaching traffic.

In my view 20 mph is more than plenty but there are often cars, farm traffic and delivery vans driving much faster than this down the lane. The official speed limit of 30mph feels much too fast to many of us.

Personally, I think we should be asking for an official 20mph limit or zone along the length of West Town Lane. However, even if we want this, it will take time and persuasion to achieve. In the meantime, it's been suggested we put up our own informal "Twenty is Plenty" and signs like ""Children Playing- 20 is Plenty" along the lane. Many villages up and down the country have done this and have reported success in reducing the speed of traffic even though informal signs have no legal power. The Parish Council here in Newton St Cyres have agreed to consider paying for informal signs, though we would have to put them up ourselves.

Whatever I think I do not want to take any further action unless I have the clear support of my neighbours. You may, quite legitimately, feel all this is unnecessary and that things are fine as they are. So, I am asking that you let me know what you think by completing, cutting off and returning the slip at the bottom of this letter.

Please put your completed slips in my post box. This is the recycling box with a log on the lid outside my five-bar gate at Halses. Alternatively, you can also Email me at gbarnell@middevon.gov.uk or please call me on 01392-851308.

I shall let you know the outcome of this exercise in the Newton Wonder.

Information about Twenty is Plenty elsewhere in the country can be found on my District Councillor Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/Graeme-Barnell-District-Councillor-476396543103535/

Many thanks and best wishes

Graeme Barnell

District Councillor

Name:

Address:

Email address (optional):

PLEASE CIRCLE THE OPTION THAT YOU WANT

1. **I support/ do not support the proposal for an official 20mph speed limit along West Town Lane.**
2. **I support/ do not support the proposal for informal "20 in Plenty" signs along West Town Lane.**
3. **I am prepared/ not prepared to offer practical help to "20 is Plenty" if it goes ahead.**