

Clearing up some misconceptions about the proposed 20mph speed limit in Shiplake.

As your County Councillor, I must clear up some misconceptions about the proposed 20mph speed limit in Shiplake. I have received many emails on the topic.

This proposal has arisen as a result of the Shiplake Villages Plan and is not something being imposed on the village by Oxfordshire County Council or Shiplake Parish Council. The sequence of events is as follows:

1. The Villages Plan recommendation on page 19 was:

It is proposed that an application be made to Oxfordshire Highways Department for permission to reduce the speed limit in the whole village of Lower Shiplake to 20mph and that funding be sought from the Parish Council (approx £3k-£4k).

2. In response to this, Shiplake Parish Council asked me to obtain costings from the County Council and to facilitate the consultation process. This I did.

3. The results of the consultation will be discussed at Shiplake Parish Council on Monday 9th March. Anyone in the parish can attend.

4. Shiplake Parish Council's view will be included in the officer's report on the consultation, which will go to the County Cabinet member for Environment & Economy to determine. He will consult with me as local Member before making his decision.

The proposal requires the support of Shiplake Parish Council, as it will be funding it, not Oxfordshire County Council.

I hope this is of some help!