

## Responses from Suffolk Highways to questions raised at the Parish Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

- [Why has Melford Road been excluded?](#)

Traffic survey data showed an existing mean traffic speed on Church Street above 24mph. Therefore, existing traffic speeds were considered too high to comply with the criteria to reduce to 20mph and move the scheme out beyond Lavenham Church and this was also not supported by Suffolk Police.

A group of local volunteers could explore setting up a Community Speed Watch Group at suitable risk assessed locations in Lavenham approved and supported by Suffolk Police. Anyone caught speeding will be sent a letter from the Police informing them of their offence. Drivers will not be prosecuted.

PC may apply for an ANPR camera on Melford Road. ANPR is on rota basis with other approved sites across Suffolk and usually operates for one week. Police will monitor. Drivers will not be prosecuted.

PC can apply for more sites in Lavenham, provided they are within the 30mph extents and comply with the criteria. If approved the cost to install additional posts is £570 each but the SID devices are sourced, maintained, and funded by the PC.

- [Can Melford Road have a permanent speed camera ?](#)

There are only a few permanent speed cameras in Suffolk. These are in locations assessed as accident cluster sites by the Police or where there have been serious incidents and fatalities due to excessive speed, such as the A140 and A12.

- [Visual impact of the signs on Lavenham](#)

Mandatory signs are required for any speed limit to be legally enforceable. Repeater signs for the 20mph have been carefully considered and have, in the most part, been situated at the maximum spacing 300m apart with 20m clear visibility (where practical) to minimise the visual impact.

- [Why can't the 20mph be extended out further on Preston Road ?](#)

Due to the rural nature beyond the 30mph into the 60mph national speed limit the criteria could not be met to extend further to create a buffer zone for the 20mph to be extended along Preston Road. It was not supported by the Police, and it did not comply with policy or guidance. Driver compliance would be low, as there are none of the visual clues of a village setting.

- [Why can't the 20mph be extended out further on Park Road ?](#)

Same reasons as Preston Road, however this may be a suitable candidate for a 'Quiet Lane'. The current funding from SCC for Quiet Lanes has finished, however, there is a political will for this to continue.

- [Why were old plans used and has anyone from Highways visited Lavenham?](#)

The plans were immediately updated as soon as the error was identified. The Scheme Designer has spent many hours in Lavenham whilst putting the 20mph design together and knows the area well.

- [Can a cost estimate for the scheme be produced?](#)

Once the consultation has concluded and all comments have been considered and any resulting amendments to the design are made, a detailed estimate can be produced.