## ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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To consider the Herts County Council consultation on a proposed 20MPH speed limit within Letchmore Heath

AGENDA item 11 Full Council Meeting 26 February 2024

## Background

APC received the following letter from Herts County Council. The consultation extends from 23 February to 1 March for APC, although residents have a bit longer.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT - PROPOSED 20MPH ZONE, LETCHMORE HEATH

We're (Herts County Council - HCC) proposing the introduction of a 20mph zone in Letchmore Heath (see attached plan). This scheme is considered a safety priority by County Councillor Caroline Clapper and is funded through her Highway Locality Budget. The purpose of this letter is to consult with you, and HCC would like to know your views on the proposed scheme.

## What is the purpose of the proposal?

- To make it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle by creating a lower speed environment.
- To improve safety for all road users and reduce the likelihood and severity of injury collisions by lowering the speed limit.
- Q -- Why are some roads included or excluded from the proposals?
- A -- Not all roads will be suitable for 20mph speeds, therefore some roads may be excluded from the proposals due to their nature, construction, or usage. New Road within the area is a private road and as a result it is not possible to include these roads within the 20mph proposals.
- Q -- Are there any traffic calming measures included within the proposed 20mph zone? A HCC have measured the average vehicle speeds within the proposed 20mph zone and they are low enough that additional physical traffic calming features (such as speed bumps) will not be needed. Zone entry and exit signs, as well as repeater signs throughout the area and 20mph road markings will be installed.
- Q -- How can I comment on the proposal?
- A -- Please complete the short online survey at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/letchmoreheath20

Members are asked to consider this report and any response to HCC.

Peter Evans, Council Manager

