

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO SPEEDING IN SEA**

**22 May 2023**

**Email from Traffic Management to Mrs Mckenzie**

Dear Ms McKenzie,

Thank you for your email to report your ongoing concerns of existing traffic speeds on the Old A3037 through Sea, Donyatt.

I am sorry to read your report of an incident occurring on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, I assure you that we take matters of road safety extremely seriously. Somerset Council work closely with Avon & Somerset Police. The Police authority share their injury collision reports with us once all investigation works are complete, in order for the highway authority to understand the full circumstances, which we carefully consider.

I would be happy to progress a request for the introduction of a new speed limit once agreement has been granted with the locally elected members of the parish/town councils in which the highway falls within, that the funding of the scheme can be met.

As previously advised, if speed readings indicate that a 40mph limit would be appropriate and supported by the Police, we could then go through a statutory consultation process to introduce the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and as part of this we have to justify the proposed changes and demonstrate that they are likely to be effective. This can be a lengthy and costly exercise.

When approaching the Police, as a consultee in the Traffic Regulation Order process, they do like to see a willingness to carry out community speed watch and so it is worth seeing if there would be an uptake from residents in volunteering to do this.

Within your email you refer to having the support of Ilminster's Mayor, and asking if I am aware of local ideas. I can confirm, I have not been made aware of these and have not been contacted.

Once the parish council has considered the above, please let me know if you wish to proceed with investigations.

Images from recent incidents



