

SUBJECT: PETITION – REDUCED SPEED LIMIT A466 TINTERN – OLD STATION
MEETING: LOWER WYE AREA COMMITTEE
DATE: 27th OCTOBER 2016
DIVISIONS/WARD AFFECTED: ST ARVANS WARD

1. PURPOSE

To advise members of the petition presented to Monmouthshire County Council requesting that the existing speed limit be reduced from the National Speed Limit (60mph) to 40mph or 30mph.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1.1** That members note the petition shown in appendix 1 and the actions taken to date, including the formation of a Speedwatch group by local residents.
- 2.1.2** That further speed monitoring is undertaken along the section of A466 from Old Station Tea Rooms to the Wye Valley Hotel and along with other data be used to assess the existing speed limit in accordance with the national guidance.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1.1** A petition was presented to Monmouthshire County Council in September 2016 requesting a reduced speed limit on the A466. The reasons for requesting a reduction in the speed limit are that there have been a number of traffic incidents on the stretch of road from Old Station Tea Rooms to the Wye Valley Hotel Tintern and that residents, visitors and operators of local businesses are endangered when entering the road from premises adjoining the A466.
- 3.1.2** The official casualty record shows there has been 1 incident in the last 5 years along this stretch of road which resulted in a fatality. The causation factor indicated that the driver of the vehicle was driving too fast for the conditions.
- 3.1.3** There are 2 accesses which adjoin the A466 namely the Old Station Tea Rooms (which does generate a fair amount of trade) and a farm/ micro-brewery access which does have a shop open to the public and is shared with the Wye Valley Sculpture Garden open Friday, Saturday and Sundays only.
- 3.1.4** It should be noted that there is provision of advanced warning signs indicating a staggered junction along with bend warning signs, double white centre line and slow araf carriageway markings.
- 3.1.5** Guidance issued by Welsh Government (Setting Local Speed Limits) does indicate that speed limits should not be implemented to “solve the problem of isolated hazards such as a single road junction or reduced forward visibility at a bend”.
- 3.1.6** It should also be noted that Gwent Police are reluctant to support inappropriately set speed limits which have significant enforcement demands.

4. REASONS

- 4.1.1 The petition highlights concerns of residents within the Tintern area which are noted. However, up-to-date speed monitoring will provide the Traffic Section with the evidence required to make an informed decision as to whether a reduction in the current speed limit is warranted.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The resource to consider the reduction in the current speed limit would be met from within the existing highway revenue budget.

6. CONSULTEES

Local Members, Community Council

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition with 55 signatures

8. AUTHOR

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9. CONTACT DETAILS

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Appendix 1- Petition from Residents

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5th September 2016

Monmouthshire County Council
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Petition for speed limit change in Tintern, Monmouthshire


Dear Sirs

Please find enclosed a petition which has been supported by 55 residents and others who use the A466, between Tintern and Llandogo, on a regular basis.

We are asking for a change of speed limit on this stretch of road in order that further incidents, including fatalities, may be avoided.

Each of the signatories has provided a name, address and telephone number if there is need for verification and these details will be given on request following a grant of permission from those concerned.

We would be grateful if you will consider our request favourably or support our attempt and look forward to receiving your reply with interest.

yours faithfully


Enclosure: petition consisting of three sheets

Petition for Speed Limit Change

To:

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The Poplars
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Monmouthshire County Council
Highways Dept
County Hall
The Rhadyr
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Gwent Police
Gwent Police Headquarters
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For information: David Davies MP
16 Maryport Street
Usk
Monmouthshire
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We, whose names and addresses are listed below, request that the speed limit on the A466 in Tintern, between the lychgate of St Michael's Church and the bend at the Old Station, be reduced from the present national limit to a maximum of 40 mph or an extension of the present 30 mph limit of the village to the stretch of road specified.

We request this because:

- there has been a number of traffic incidents on this stretch of road
- there has been a number of fatalities
- residents, visitors and operators of local businesses are endangered when entering the road from adjoining premises

The problems listed are, in the opinion of all of us, a direct result of the speed limit being too high for this type of residential road.

We ask for your urgent attention to this matter and request that you reply, in the first instance, to

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Anne Barker	Gwyn Cottage Tintern Chepstow Np166th
Annette Thomas	Parva Barns Tintern Chepstow NP16 6SQ
Ayse Rugg	1 Beech Cottages Tintern NP16 6TJ
C.Sturcke	3, The Cloisters, Chepstow, Monmouthshire, NP16 5UA.
Catherine Tryon	80 St Lawrence Park Chepstow. NP16 6Dq
Christine Ager	22 Parva Springs, Tintern, Chepstow, Monmouthshire, NP16 6TY
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Dave Tuffery	Manor House Main Road Tintern
David Prime	5 Badger's Dene, The Narth, Monmouth NP25 4QU
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Fiona Frank	7, Parva Springs Tintern NP16 6TY
Gemma Wood	The Nurtons Tintern NP16 7NX
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