FAO The Chair of Risby Parish Council

Dear Derrick,

Moulton and Lidgate Parish Councils in West Suffolk are concerned about speeding and road safety in our communities. Our residents do not feel safe walking, cycling and riding horse on our roads particularly those which do not have footways. We have tried to engage with Suffolk County Council to improve road safety in our villages but this has proven to be a challenge.

We are establishing a group to lobby Suffolk County Council about their current stance on road safety, speeding and traffic calming. Specifically, our objectives are:

1. To challenge Suffolk County Council's current speeding policies which date back to 2014 and which urgently need updating to reflect more recent Government guidelines, such as the Department for Transport (DFT) document *Setting Local Speed Limits* which was produced in March 2024.

   One of the objectives of this document is to ensure improved quality of life for local communities and a better balance between road safety, accessibility and environmental objectives, especially in rural communities.

2. In the spirit of preparing for devolution, to give parish councils more say in how they can respond to the needs of their community in particular being able to introduce more appropriate speed limits and traffic calming in line with the DFT Local Transport Note 1/07 *Traffic Calming.*

3. To simplify the process for parish councils wanting to introduce speed limit change and traffic calming

Would you be interested in joining us and working together to make the voices of our communities heard? Several other parish councils are hoping to join us once it has been discussed at their next meeting. If you are interested please could you add it to your next agenda for discussion.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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