

EAST LINTON PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FAQ'S

- 1) WHY IS THE 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT BEING PROPOSED? It is hoped that an area wide 20mph speed limit will encourage drivers to think carefully about their speed within the village.
- 2) WHAT IS THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT THE PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL 20MPH ORDER WOULD BE IN FORCE **and** WHEN WOULD THIS START AND FINISH? The speed limit would be in force for a period of 18 months. No start date has been decided. However depending upon the response from residents, the statutory process to make the Order would follow on immediately.
- 3) IS THE 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT A RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC ACCIDENT PROBLEM? No, whilst vehicle speed is a contributory factor in many accidents, the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in the village, is not a response to a specific accident problem.
- 4) WHO WILL ENFORCE THE 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT? Enforcement of speed limits is the responsibility of Police Scotland.
- 5) THE **EXISTING** 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT IS NOT ENFORCED, WHAT IS THE POINT OF INTRODUCING A **LOWER** SPEED LIMIT THAT WILL ALSO NOT BE ENFORCED? Although enforcement is a matter for the police and will therefore depend on their available resources, it is considered that the benefits of introducing a lower speed limit within the village outweigh any potential limitations with regard to enforcement.
- 6) THE PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT WILL **NOT** ADDRESS : –
 - PARKING ISSUES e.g. on High Street, at the Co-op
 - THROUGH TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS
 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ETC.

The proposed lower speed limit is part of a package of measures proposed for East Linton that will seek to address the road safety issues within the village. These measures are at various stages of development.

- 7) WHY DOES THE PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT NOT START AT EXISTING 30 MPH SIGNS/VILLAGE BOUNDARIES? Where the 20mph speed limit is on a main approach route into the village – Preston Road, Haddington Road, Drylaw Terrace etc – the 20 mph speed limit will not commence until an appropriate distance beyond the existing 30mph speed limit signs, this 'buffer' zone allows drivers sufficient time to reduce their speed before reaching the 20mph limit.
- 8) WHY DOES THE PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT (EFFECTIVELY) COVER THE ENTIRE VILLAGE? (THIS IS TOO LARGE AN AREA AND IS NOT REQUIRED/JUSTIFIED). By including the entire village within the proposed Order drivers are less likely to be confused than might otherwise be the case, and it should be possible to minimise the requirement for additional signs and/or road markings. There has already been some consultation with Dunpender Community Council and to some extent, the expanded zone is in response to their comments.

PROCESS

- 1) WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING THIS? East Lothian Council Road Services will implement this proposal **if** the community supports it, and will continue to monitor and review the effectiveness of the speed limit over the period of the experimental Order.
- 2) WHAT DIFFERENCES ARE BEING LOOKED FOR? / WHAT OUTCOMES WOULD DEMONSTRATE SUCCESS OR FAILURE? It is not expected that the proposed 20mph speed limit will have a significant effect on accident figures within the village, however, it is hoped that local residents will notice a difference in driver behaviour. Residents will be asked to comment on whether they have noticed any differences/improvements over the period that the 20mph speed limit is in force.

OTHER MEASURES?...

WILL THE 20 MPH PROPOSAL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – SPEED HUMPS ETC? No. There will be no physical measures implemented in association with this proposal other than the erection of signs advising drivers/motorists of the 20mph speed limit. ‘Roundels’ will be painted on the road at the entry to the 20mph speed limit area (i.e. the number 20 painted within a circle).