East Dean & Friston
Parish Council

Date: **01 February 2024**

Title: **Report Item 12 – East Dean & Friston Speed Limit Reduction**

By: **S Adeniji (Parish Clerk)**

Purpose: **To receive an update from Cllr Seeley**

Recommendations: **To determine how to proceed with the application for speed reduction within the parish.**

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1. The parish council has been in discussion with ESCC regarding the introduction of 20mph zones within the parish. There are two proposals as follows:

2. The first proposal - roads south of the A259 - is to adopt a 20mph zone, a reduction of 10mph from the current 30mph, along Upper Street, Lower Street, Went Way and Gilbert's Drive. These are public highways maintained by the highway authority.

3. The second proposal - roads on the private Downlands Estate north of the A259 which are maintained by the residents but open to all road users - is to adopt a 20mph zone, a reduction of 40mph from the current national speed limit. This would include all the roads within the Estate from the two entrances at Windmill Lane, Friston and Micheldene Road, East Dean and also Downs View Lane, East Dean which is a cul-de-sac off the A259 at the eastern end of the village.

4. A feasibility study application fee of £500.00 was paid by the parish council to ESCC. A response has been received from ESCC.

5. The response together with Cllr Seeley's exchange is appended in ANNEX ONE of this report.

Parish Clerk (EDFPC)

From: Mark
Sent: 18 January 2024 14:17
To: 'Paul Seeley'
Cc: clerk@edfparishcouncil.org.uk
Subject: RE: EAST DEAN AND FRISTON SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION

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Dear Paul

If every road north of the A259 is managed by the East Dean and Friston Roads Co Ltd then that does simplify things, as far as surveys go.

There would need to be more than one survey site, given the number of roads being considered. We can't assume that speeds are the same in every road, not that I'm saying wed need to survey every road, far from it. As a start maybe just two sites, one in Michel Dean Road and one in Windmill Lane would be best as they would be the busiest, being the main access roads. A view could then be taken on if the lower speed limit had potential to be implemented and if so we could then consider how many more surveys were needed.

The figures quoted don't include the £500.00 previously paid. I'll check to see if any part of the £500.00 is available to be transferred to this and will let you know.

Kind regards

Mark
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East Sussex County Council

From: Paul Seeley
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 1:04 PM
To: Mark
Cc: clerk@edfparishcouncil.org.uk
Subject: RE: EAST DEAN AND FRISTON SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION

Dear Mark,

Many thanks for coming back to me. I will raise your reply at our next Parish Council meeting at the beginning of February and let you know whether we wish to proceed.

Can you please confirm whether the £500 already paid is to be included in the survey fee or whether the figures you quote are in addition.

All of the roads north of the A259 and on the private estate are managed by East Dean and Friston Roads Co Ltd. They manage the roads on behalf of all residents. Therefore I don't see why there is a requirement for several surveys or the need to approach every land owner- or perhaps I'm missing something or over simplifying the position.

Kind regards,

Paul

On 18 Jan 2024 12:24, Mark Weston [illegible]> wrote:

Dear Paul

Please accept my apologies for the time its taken for me to get back to you.

When I was looking at which roads in the Downlands Estate are considered to be unadopted public highway and which are entirely private it didn't look right to me. As a result I asked colleagues to look at this again, which they have now done, and what we had shown is correct based on the information we have.

The entirely private roads would need the land owners consent to progress anything. In addition the roads in question are either unregistered or have a number of separate owners which further complicates things.

To cover all of these roads would require quite a few survey sites. I think it would probably be sensible to have a few carried out first on the 'main roads' to see what the data shows before going to far as this would be the cheaper option. Depending on the results would also determine how much more data would be required. One issue there may be with this is siting the equipment. Normally its attached to lamp columns, sign posts, etc, which there are fewer of in this area. It may be they would need to be attached to private posts, etc, in which case we would need the owners consent. Probably one to look at more closely if you want to proceed.

On the Southern side of the A259 I think you would need 3 or 4 sites to cover all the roads suggested, depending on the extent of Gilberts Drive you wanted to cover. I'm assuming it would be from Mary Ann Lane to the A259. If this is the case I think 4 would be needed. 2 in Gilberts Drive, 1 in Lower Street and 1 in Upper Street.

I've spoken to our Transport Monitoring Team who have given me the current prices to give you a guide. If more were required the rate may well go down but as it stands for one 7 day count

(speed & volume of traffic via a radar box) the cost is £422.00 + VAT, 2 would be £644 + VAT, 3 £966.00 + VAT and 4 £1288.00 + VAT.

I'm happy to discuss or meet again, just let me know.

Kind regards

Mark

Assistant Manager - Transport Development Control

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From: Paul Seeley
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 10:38 AM
To: Mark
Subject: EAST DEAN AND FRISTON SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION

Dear Mark,

Thank you so much for meeting with me this morning and discussing the speed reductions at East Dean and Friston.

I will forward the email stream to you post this email but set out below what the Parish Council is proposing and hope that we can move this on to the survey stage with you.

The contact at your new contractors who has been liaising with us is Victoria Rojanachotikul who is the Stakeholder and Engagement Officer at Contracts Management Group - Communities, Economy and Transport.

As explained the village is split in two by the A259.

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The Parish Council has paid £500 to your consultant and further details are in the emails that I will forward.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course as to how we may proceed.

Kind regards,

Paul Seeley

Chairman of East Dean and Friston Parish Council.

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