

# Lindfield Parish Council

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Dear Lindfield Resident / Organisation / Business,

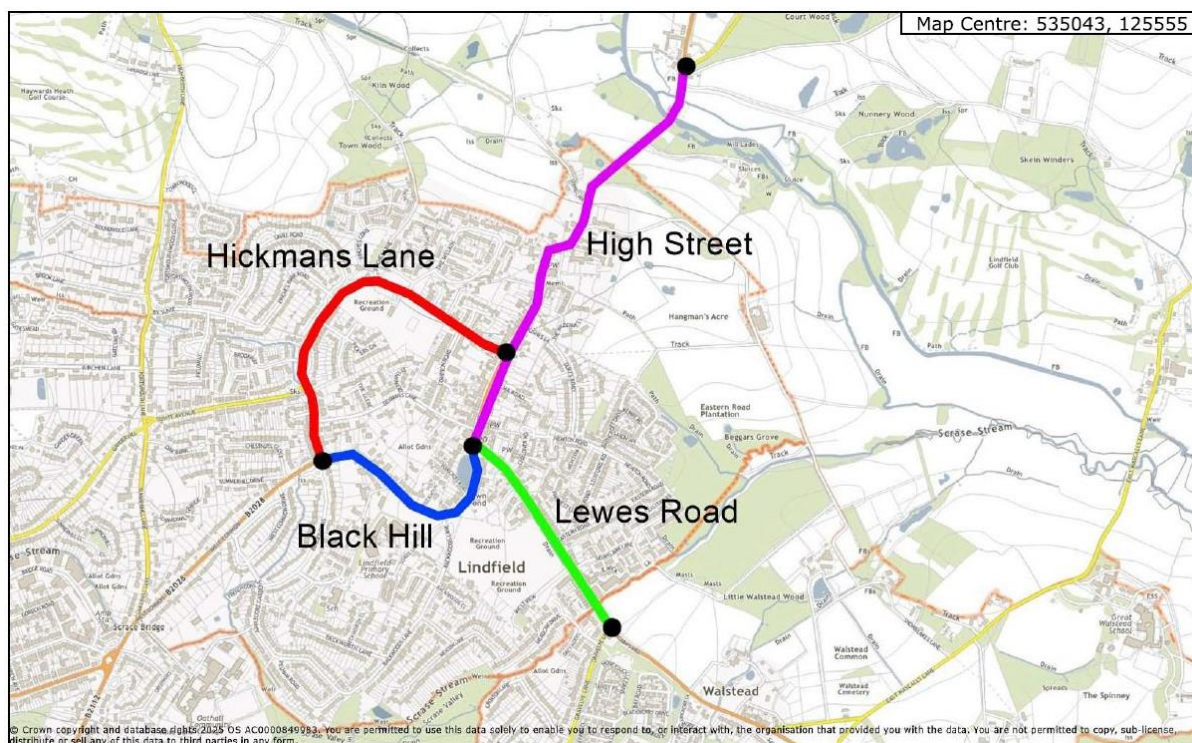
Lindfield Parish Council (LPC) is considering applying to West Sussex County Council (WSCC) to seek a reduction in the village's speed limit to 20mph, from 30mph, and we would welcome your views on this proposal.

You may have seen the recent [Petition · Reduce speed limit in Lindfield village to 20mph · Change.org](#) on this subject, which has been signed by over a thousand individuals, suggesting strong support. LPC doesn't have the authority to change speed limits itself and WSCC requires good evidence of local support from residents, businesses, schools, and local medical centres, as well as the WSCC Ward Councillor and Parish Council. Accordingly, your support would be very much appreciated.

A 20mph speed limit should make a positive contribution to village life, with benefits including:

- significantly reduced collision rates.
- reduced severity of injury in the unfortunate event of a collision.
- increased safety for pedestrians, particularly children and the elderly. With two primary schools and a substantial elderly population in the village, these are important considerations.
- calmer traffic which will reduce noise pollution and open the door to more walking and wheeling, which in turn can reduce car use, congestion and air pollution.

Initial discussions with WSCC Highways have suggested that the four roads shown in the map below could be limited to a 20 mph speed limit and it is hoped that the scheme can be extended to other village streets:-



WSCC are committed to improving road safety using the widely adopted VisionZero strategy. More information about this can be found in the [WSCC speed limit policy](#). The graphic below further illustrates the benefits of reducing the speed limit.

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## Summary of evidence\*

Slower speeds are a key part of our goal to create Healthy Streets. Reducing vehicle speeds makes the street feel safer and more relaxed, which is likely to attract more people to walk, cycle and socialise in the street. London's boroughs and Transport for London (TfL) have implemented 20 miles per hour (mph) limits and zones on more than half of the capital's roads. There is strong evidence to support the introduction of 20mph roads in London and across the country:

### Collisions are less likely at 20mph

There has been a  
**25% ↓**

reduction in road collisions on TfL's strategic roads since the introduction of 20mph limits, using data from 2020 to 2022



### 20mph limit helps to prevent the most severe injuries when collisions do occur

A person is

**5x**

more likely to be killed if hit by a vehicle travelling at 30mph, than at 20mph



### Travelling at excess speed is one of the main causes of collisions

Around

**half**

of collisions identified speed as a contributory factor in fatal collisions in 2022



### Children are safer



The number of children killed or seriously injured was reduced

**by half**

after 20mph schemes were introduced between 1986-2006

### 20mph limit does not increase journey times



Negligible impact on

**journey times**

as these are largely dictated by junction delays, not vehicle speeds

### Residents are in favour of these changes



**78%**

agree that 20mph is the right speed for the area in which they live

### 20mph limit enables more active travel as people feel safer

There is an

**increase**

in walking and cycling where 20mph limits have been implemented



### No adverse impact on air pollution

There has been

**no net increase**

in exhaust emissions on 20mph roads



### Streets are quieter and driving style improves

There is

**reduced noise**

when car speeds decrease from 30mph to 20mph, and driving style is smoother with less braking in 20mph areas in London



\*This infographic uses statistics from research into 20mph limits and 20mph zones by TfL, DfT, independent academics, city councils and transport consultancies

Please can you provide your views by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July to

[feedback@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:feedback@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) clearly stating whether you support the proposed reduction in speed limits to 20mph, in order that the Parish Council's application can meet WSCC's deadline.

Many thanks for considering this issue and please feel free to contact any of the councillors detailed below if you have any further questions.

Regards

[Lindfield Parish Council](#)

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