



## Chideock Parish Council

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Mr David Sidwick  
Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner

8<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Dear Mr Sidwick

RE: REQUEST FOR ENFORCEMENT OF 30MPH SPEED LIMIT ON CHIDEOCK HILL,  
CHIDEOCK

In 2022, you visited Chideock Parish Council. At the time, the then Parish Council shared their concerns about the lack of enforcement regarding speeding traffic on Chideock Hill. Furthermore, the Parish Council raised with you the very specific issue of loud and noisy motorbikes ascending Chideock Hill at speed.

In response, you were very clear that until the statutory instrument had been satisfactorily delivered to create the 30-mile zone to the top of Chideock Hill, that there was nothing the Police could do. Secondly, you stated that this additionally reflected the fact that there was a speed camera opposite the village hall. Last of all, you shared that Dorset Road Safe had purchased noise cameras, but as there were only two, that you would have to give consideration as to where these should be located in the County.

The new Parish Council, now needs to raise these matters again. Since 2022, things have changed, and the roadworks on Chideock Hill have been completed and the statutory instrument for the 30 mile an hour speed limit is in place. Currently, this village is being subjected to both speeding traffic due to the fact that there is no enforcement by the Police, and significant noise from speeding motorbikes who literally, "let rip up the hill ". The noise from the motorbikes permeates into North Chideock, which is at least two miles inland.

We understand that as the Police and Crime Commissioner, you have limited resources but essentially the previous reasons given for not enforcing either speed or noise issues have effectively been dealt with. Secondly, we know that in this village seeking to have average speed cameras, you have fully supported our position with National Highways. In the immediate sense, average speed cameras combined with noise cameras, could be the most cost-effective way of dealing with the whole enforcement issue.

However, until this happens, the Parish Council would like to know, when can Dorset Road Safe bring their enforcement team to Chideock Hill for both speed and noise? Weekends are unbelievably noisy and individuals take very real personal risks just attempting to cross the road in Chideock.

We would be most grateful, if you could respond as a matter of urgency, the village is most upset - we have the worst of all worlds - no average speed cameras and no enforcement of speed or noise going up Chideock hill, it's like a speedway track !

We look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely

*Caroline Parkins*

Cllr Caroline Parkins  
Chairman - Chideock Parish Council

cc. Edward Morello MP