

**Subject:**Urgent requests / questions from Chideock Parish Council

**Date:**Mon, 14 Oct 2019 16:54:00 +0100

**From:**Chideock Parish Clerk <chideock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk>

**To:**

Dear Mr Roberts

Chideock Parish Council has the following urgent requests / questions: -

1. A new date for the HE / DC Quarterly meeting, to be held as soon as possible. As previously stated, the Bridport A35 meeting is not an adequate substitute for the meetings between Chideock Parish Council, HE and DC.
2. Clarification regarding the provision of speed **enforcement** in both directions on Chideock hill for the duration of the trial - type, when to be implemented, duration of enforcement, section of highway to be covered.
3. Why is speed monitoring only being conducted for 2 weeks?
4. It is noted that a sign warning of the speed limit change westbound has been erected just past the Village Hall and a VAS installed further up Chideock Hill westbound. However, there is no equivalent sign in advance of the start of the 30 mph limit eastbound at the top of Chideock Hill, nor is there a VAS. Can these please be installed ASAP?
5. How long will HE maintain the trial if it becomes evident that it is not reducing pollution (and maybe even increasing it) and / or is causing additional traffic congestion.
6. When will the Highways England data from the new diffusion tubes, collected **BEFORE** the speed limit trial started, be made available to Dorset Council **AND** to Chideock Parish Council?
7. When will the Highways England data from the new diffusion tubes, collected **AFTER** the speed limit trial started, be made available to Dorset Council **AND** to Chideock Parish Council?
8. When will the Highways England data from the "smog van", collected **BEFORE** the speed limit trial started, be made available to Dorset Council **AND** to Chideock Parish Council?
9. When will the Highways England data from the "smog van", collected **AFTER** the speed limit trial started, be made available to Dorset Council **AND** to Chideock Parish Council?

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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Chideock Parish Clerk

**Subject:**Highways England response - Chideock Parish Council questions

**Date:**Thu, 31 Oct 2019 11:41:33 +0000

**From:**South West Enquiries <SouthwestEnquiries@highwaysengland.co.uk>

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Our ref: 21434886

Dear Ms Robinson,

Thank you for your email of 14 October 2019 regarding several questions from the Chideock Parish Council. We appreciate your patience with our late reply.

We're keen to engage with our stakeholders. Within the Southwest region we engage with 12 Local Highway Authorities and 96 MPs, as well as Combined Authorities, Local Planning Authorities, Local Enterprise Partnerships, road users and businesses/freight companies. We're sure you can appreciate, with time and resource constraints, we therefore need to regularly review and find the best way of doing this to try and meet the needs of all involved.

We attend a well-established and regular meeting with Sir Oliver Letwin MP, the Town, and Parish Councils at the 'A35 Working Group', which meets on a quarterly basis. Chideock Parish Council are represented at this meeting and we consider this is the appropriate forum to discuss the key issues. Chideock Parish Council may request agenda items to be included in advance of these meetings. The next meeting of the A35 Working Group is on 17 January 2020 and we look forward to meeting representatives of Chideock Parish Council

We've not given a commitment to speed enforcement in the section of the A35 as part of the speed reduction trial. We don't hold the powers of enforcement in this matter and any enforcement on the highway must be done in partnership with the police. Two weeks of monitoring traffic speeds provides sufficient information to enable decision making.

We have no plans to erect further speed warning or vehicle activated signs in the eastbound direction, as there is no appropriate temporary place to site these for the duration of the trial.

The air quality data sets associated with the trial will be reported on completion of the trial and we will share our conclusions with the Parish Council at that time. We will not release incomplete evidence in batches ahead of the conclusion of the trial as it will be meaningless without the full data set. We'll continue to review data cumulatively as it becomes available which will provide the evidence base for deciding a completion date for the trial. As the duration of the trial is an on-going process based on the incoming data, we currently anticipate this may take 18 months from the date of the confirmation of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (up to January 2021). We will advise you of any changes to this current estimate.

We hope this helps with your enquiry. If you have any further queries, please contact our Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 or [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk)

Kind regards

**Beth Galloway**

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