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Speeding

I submitted the following question to the Environment, Regeneration and Highways committee last month. I am waiting for the official reply.

I have had further requests for the speed limit on Southford Lane in Whitwell, Kingston Road in Shorwell and the Southdown Lane in Chale to be reduced from national speed limit. Residents of all the rural lanes and villages I represent are becoming increasingly concerned with the speed and volume of traffic that use the very small, single carriageway lanes. With vehicle use increasing and multiple diversions which create higher use of rural lanes, they are increasingly unsuitable for the higher speed limit. Walkers, cyclists and horse riders use the lanes. A lower speed limit would enable a much safer more enjoyable experience.

I would like to formally request a proposal to change the speed limit on rural lanes to ideally 20mph but accept that in some areas 30mph might be more suitable. A change in the limit will send a clear message that the rural roads are not suitable for higher speeds and that a lower speed is safer and now more appropriate for multiple road uses.

I would like this proposal to go onto a future Transport committee agenda, with the aim to make it an Isle of Wight policy. The lower speed limits will increase the tourism offer that our rural areas provide, increase availability of the countryside for all non-vehicle users and create a better living environment for residents in these areas. These are also aims in the recent transport plan.

Other issues

I have also contacted Island Roads about the sink hole at Spanners Close and the caravans on Appleford Road.

I have emailed those that were keen to create a friends of Chale Church group to decide how we should take this forward.