



Mr Matt Davey,
Assistant Director for Highways, Transport and Planning,
West Sussex County Council,
County Hall,
West Street,
Chichester, PO19 1RQ.

28th September 2026

Dear Mr Davey,

Re: 20mph zone in Cuckfield

I am writing to support the proposal being developed by Cuckfield Parish Council for a 20mph zone within the village, covering London Lane, Broad Street, High Street and South Street. This proposition does, in principle, seem sensible and, having considered the case put forward by residents and local stakeholders, I feel that there is sufficient local support for the application.

I understand that there has been a noticeable increase in concerns regarding traffic safety in Cuckfield, arising from growing traffic volumes, speeding vehicles and narrow pavements. These issues are particularly evident on London Lane, where the restricted width of both the road and pavement can create difficult conditions for pedestrians. I am aware of reported instances where vehicle wing mirrors have struck pedestrians walking along the pavement. It is generally accepted that lower traffic speeds would reduce the likelihood of such incidents resulting in serious injury.

The case for a 20mph limit is especially compelling given the large number of children moving around the village during the week. Warden Park Academy alone welcomes around 1,500 pupils daily, while significant numbers of children and families travel to and from Holy Trinity Primary School and the Cuckfield Playgroup site on London Lane. The volume of young people walking through the village means that road safety is of the utmost importance.



I also understand that a recent traffic survey conducted through Holy Trinity Primary School demonstrated broad support amongst parents and carers for measures to reduce vehicle speeds and improve pedestrian safety. This proposal has been developed through a partnership involving concerned residents, Cuckfield Parish Council, the local county councillor, Holy Trinity Primary School and Warden Park Academy, reflecting a strong community desire to make the village safer for all who live, work and study there.

Many communities across Sussex have already implemented 20mph schemes, bringing a number of benefits to local residents. I would therefore appreciate the Council accepting this letter as my formal support for the Parish Council's submission. If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Bennett

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