



MONK FRYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear NYCC leaders,

I write on behalf of Monk Fryston Parish Council.

At our November meeting, Monk Fryston Parish Council passed a motion in support of the 20's Plenty campaign. As a council we are supportive of this campaign and its aim for all urban and village streets in North Yorkshire to implement 20mph as the default speed limit.

Monk Fryston is dominated by the A63 which runs through the heart of our village. The current speed limit on the A63 through Monk Fryston is 30mph.

We are supportive of reducing this speed limit to 20mph, for reasons including the following:

- 20mph is significantly safer for pedestrians in our village. The UK Department for Transport estimates that a speed reduction of 1mph in built-up areas reduces casualties by 6%. The implementation of 20mph schemes typically lead to up to 20% fewer casualties.
- Our village has no pedestrian crossing or any other pedestrian-friendly features (in contrast to other towns and villages in our area). This makes it extremely difficult for Monk Fryston residents to cross the A63 safely, which they must do so to access key village facilities such as the school, church, post office and community centre. A speed limit reduction would be a welcome pedestrian-friendly initiative in a village currently devoid of pedestrian-safety measures.

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- According to data downloaded from our Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS), in excess of 10,000 vehicles travel through our village each day. We estimate from previous traffic surveys that at least 10% of this traffic is HGVs. With a speed limit of 30mph, no pedestrian crossing, and this quantity of traffic, Monk Fryston is not a sufficiently safe environment for residents (particularly children and our elderly population).
- In July 2021, Selby District Council published their Monk Fryston Conservation Area Appraisal (produced by Alan Baxter Associates in conjunction with Selby District Council). The Appraisal acknowledged that the A63 is a “substantial negative feature” of the village, and also noted that there are “no traffic calming measures or formalised crossing points across the A63”. The Appraisal goes on to conclude that traffic through Monk Fryston is “extremely heavy” and it is “challenging to cross the road”. The Appraisal makes a very strong recommendation, stating that it is “essential... that the situation is ameliorated through traffic calming and formal pedestrian crossings”. Suggestions made in the Appraisal include the introduction of a 20mph speed limit and the installation of traffic calming measures.

Additionally on the topic of conservation, it has previously been reported and evidenced that that the vibrations caused by fast-moving HGVs through Monk Fryston have caused damage (e.g., broken windows) to properties adjacent to the A63. This has included damage to listed buildings in the village.

- A reduction in speed limit to 20mph would have further health and environmental benefits for Monk Fryston.

The implementation of a 20mph speed limit in Monk Fryston is within the control of NYCC, and is a realistic and achievable initiative. NYCC can apply for government grants to implement this county-wide initiative, or can ask the Transport Secretary to make 20mph default speed limits a country-wide policy (as has already happened in Wales and Scotland).

A range of supporting evidence and research supporting this initiative can be found on the 20s Plenty website at <https://www.20splenty.org/>

Kind regards,

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