

## **Candidate enquiry – April 2021**

I was out in Keynsham last week and met Mr Bartlett who was concerned about dangerous driving, particularly speeding in the area of Courteney Road. I know from my time in BATNES Council this works best when there is a combined effort between the Council and Police (Enforcement). Please could you let us know what your current plan is to improve road safety on Courteney Road and Wellsway in Keynsham?

## **PCC election board response**

Thank you for your email dated the 5 April 2021 sent on behalf of your constituent [REDACTED] whom raises concerns with regards to road safety in the Keynsham area.

Road safety continues to be a priority for me as Police and Crime Commissioner. Whilst this is an operational matter and therefore falls under the remit of the Chief Constable, I will always seek to query or question the actions of Avon & Somerset Police on behalf of our communities where appropriate and I have followed up this matter and received an update from [REDACTED] of the Keynsham and Chew Valley Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The team concede that speeding on the Wellsway is unfortunately not uncommon. In terms of road design to reduce speed in this area, there is traffic calming in the form of a pedestrian crossing part of the way along its length and has a 20mph speed limit. The speed limit increases as the Wellsway travels out of town to the junction of Courtenay Road.

The policing team, has received speeding complaints in the past about speeding in the 20mph zone, but never in the faster sections. The biggest identified speeding problem for the area is actually in the Chew Valley, where the community constable conducts speeding enforcement, sometimes with traffic officers, on a very regular basis. Certainly as road traffic collisions occur in the valley, however, there have been no reported collisions on the Wellsway in the past four years (apart from a vehicle being pursued by police which failed to stop).

The 20mph limit section of Wellsway is a Safety Camera Partnership site and a speed camera vehicle works there on occasion. The team run speed checks to send letters to offending drivers (this is a process conducted by PCSOs who don't have powers to deal with tickets/enforcement) as well as community constables using evidential speed guns. Most speeding in the 20mph section is recorded at between 21 and 30mph. I have been advised by police that Wellsway, as a main arterial route, is one of the most patrolled roads in Keynsham.

With regards to Courtenay Road, the police state that they have not received any speeding complaints and they are not aware it is a problem location. However, following your correspondence and bringing it to the forefront of their attention, they have agreed to task members of the team to review the speed limits to determine what action will be suitable.

I hope this information is helpful and addresses the concerns that you have raised.