

**Notes from: Parish Forum – Motorbike Noise and Nuisance  
25 June 2021**

This was a well-attended Zoom meeting organised by HCC Councillor Oppenheimer and included updates from Damian Hinds MP, the new Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones, Cllr Robert Mocatta on BOATs (byways open to all traffic) and the CAN campaign.

**Damian Hinds MP**

There is a trial of an acoustic camera on-going in Flick Drummond MP's constituency (Meon Valley), the results of which are not yet available but will be published in due course. Both he and Ms Drummond have been in touch with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea where they have two of these cameras in a trial. Their problem is with expensive super cars rather than motorbikes! He pointed out that this may not be as promising an approach as thought as the results from these cameras can't be used to prosecute. All that can be applied is a fixed penalty that is capped at £100 – no licence points would be applied. This is hardly a deterrent, and also means that the cameras don't pay for themselves. They have tried hard to find other MPs with the problem but so far only Andrew Griffith MP for Arundel and South Downs has come forward.

**Donna Jones – new Hants Police and Crime Commissioner**

She had met with the Hants Police Road team earlier that day. They have paid for a feasibility study into the provision of fixed cameras to monitor speed. However, this considered to be too expensive an option. She pointed out that Public Order Protection Orders can be in place which would allow councils (not the police) to issue fines on the back of anti-social behaviour but this is not a straight forward option. Hants Police has eight mobile speed vans to cover the whole county.

**Russell Oppenheimer Hants County Councillor**

He is now Executive Member for Highways Operations, but pointed out that he doesn't have a lot of powers in this particular area. However, the Highways team is doing an options report on possible measures which include:

- Signs/lines/coloured road markings
- Rumble strips and over run areas
- Speed limit reminder signs – vehicle activated
- Speed limit reductions
- Low noise surfacing
- Traffic calming – bumps, chicanes and build outs
- Sound barriers
- Education and training

**CANS – Rob Baldock and Paul ?**

They have had a number of meetings with HCC to talk about speed cameras, average speed cameras, acoustic cameras and the other measures mentioned. They felt that average speed cameras are generally held to be a good solution, but are apparently VERY expensive. There needs to be a law change to bring motorbike issues up to the standard of cars, ie only one (back) number plate, avoidance of excessive noise regs only refer to cars, etc.

**Cllr Robert Mocatta**

Byways Open to All Traffic (not really an issue for East Tisted) also attract motorbike nuisance and whilst they can impose temporary traffic orders, it is almost impossible to change the status of a BOAT. One third of the BOATs in the national park are closed to motorbikes by temporary order.

**Further points in discussion**

The results from the various studies will be circulated as soon as they are available. It was pointed out that whilst the speed and noise from motorbikes is the main issue, there is an increasing problem of cars speeding and with noisy exhausts. It was suggested that the national park could be designated as a Low Noise Zone with enforcement via acoustic cameras – this will be taken up with the new Chairman of the South Downs National Park. There was a lot of discussion regarding extending speed limit zones further along the A32 with many pointing out that this suggestion is met with considerable reluctance and that it is only related deaths that seem to carry any weight with these arguments. Donna Jones will look to achieve an increased police presence, both marked and unmarked and if there is consistent anti-social behaviour based at/from Loomies, that may need to be looked into.