



Simpson Traffic Management – Working Group Terms of Reference

Purpose:

The Working Group (WG) is tasked with evaluating and proposing measures to implement a reduced speed limit throughout Simpson in the interest of enhancing the safety and well-being of all residents.

Objective:

1. **Assessment of Need:** Evaluate the necessity of a reduced speed limit within Simpson, considering current traffic conditions and resident safety concerns.
2. **Development of Proposals:** Formulate detailed plans and actions, including evidence-based recommendations, for consideration and approval by the full Parish Council (PC).

Scope:

1. **Information Gathering:** The Parish Council (PC) relies on the WG to provide comprehensive insights and recommendations, which will form the basis for its policy and formal communications with Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC), the designated Highways Authority.
2. **Support from the PC:** The Parish Council will assist the WG by providing relevant data, including statistics, procedural guidelines, and policy information obtained from MKCC and other sources. Additionally, the PC will make Simpson Village Hall available for WG meetings free of charge.
3. **Compliance:** In developing its recommendations, the WG must ensure alignment with current MKCC policies and practices to facilitate smooth approval and implementation.
4. **Community Engagement:** The WG should explore effective methods for gauging residents' opinions, including the potential organisation of a petition to support the initiative.

Timescale:

The WG will operate with a preliminary term of one year. Any significant amendments to these Terms of Reference must be approved by the full Parish Council. The WG will convene as needed to meet its objectives.

The WG does not have delegated authority to make final decisions. It will submit its findings and recommendations for review and approval at the bi-monthly meetings of the full Parish Council.

The WG should be aware of MKCC's annual timetable for reviewing 20mph speed limit zone applications, which runs from April to August.

Membership:

The WG to be led by a Parish Councillor with ideally no more than 6 members made up from the Parish Council and local resident representation.