

Press Release

**From Councillor Barry Stamp
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Council Called On To Act on Excess Traffic Speeds in Seighford

Excess traffic speeds in Seighford are putting local resident's lives at risk claims a Staffordshire County Councillor this week.

Barry Stamp made the claim after receiving the results of a traffic speed count that was carried out in the Village earlier this year.

“Just before Christmas I was approached by a number of residents of Seighford who were complaining that traffic was travelling too quickly through the village. As a result I asked the County Council to carry out a traffic survey to see if the resident's claims could be justified. In the last few days I have received the results which do confirm the resident's fears. It is clear that the vast majority of vehicles are breaking the 30mph speed limit, in some cases by more than 20mph. As the majority of houses and the Village school are scattered along the main road I am concerned that this excess speed does present a major safety worry. Now that I have these figures I will be asking for an urgent meeting with the Council's Head of Safety and Community Programmes to see what steps can be taken to get the speed reduced. I will also be exploring possibility of helping Staffordshire Police set up a community speed watch programme similar to those already established in Great Bridgeford and Haughton. It is clear from the speed of the traffic through the village that something must be done before a major accident occurs,” said Barry Stamp.

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Notes to editors: A photo opportunity can be arranged at the 30mph signed entrance to Seighford with a resident. Please ring Barry Stamp to arrange.