

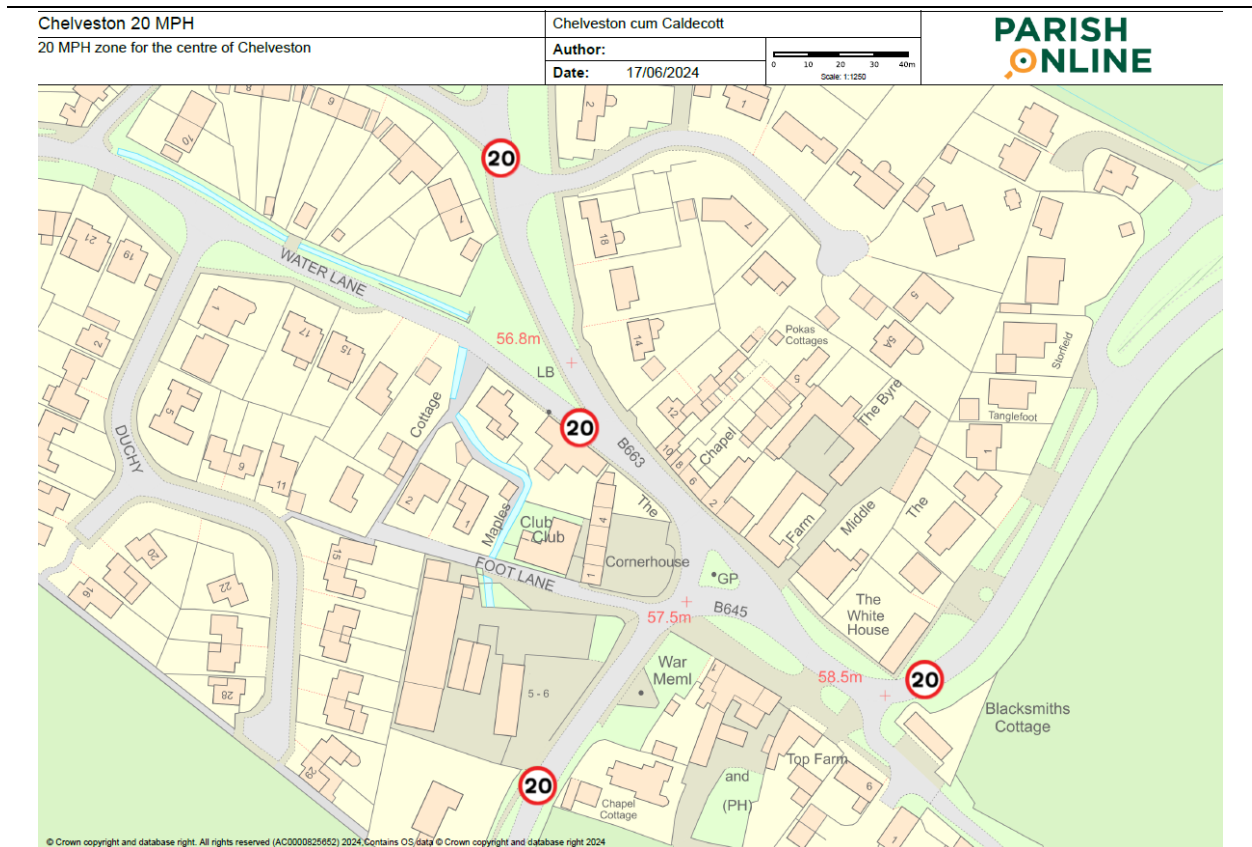


Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

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2409 item 24-69: the Chelveston 20 mph request to Northants Highways, as supported by the recent parish consultation.

Background: The Village Improvement Working Party (VIMP) conducted a consultation of all the households in the parish during July, seeking their support or objections to the possible introduction of a 20 mph zone in the centre of Chelveston – see extent on image below.



Results:

Whole Parish (449 electors and 240 dwellings @ 31st July 2024):

156 residents (35% of parish electorate) from 87 households (36% of parish houses) responded either by email or paper copy. The response was 138 (88%) supporting.

Chelveston only subset (294 electors and 161 dwellings @ 31st July 2024):

122 residents (41% of Chelveston electorate) from 67 households (42% of Chelveston houses) responded either by email or paper copy. The response was 109 (89%) supporting.

At the parish level, over a third of the electorate and households responded, and at the Chelveston sublevel, just over 40% responded, both with just under 90% supporting.



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Reasons given for objecting:

There were 18 objections (of which 13 came from Chelveston), which broadly fell into three groups – misunderstandings, ‘why not my road’, and highways concerns.

Examples of misunderstandings included stating the funds would be better used fixing potholes or sweeping the streets, neither of which are Parish Council functions.

Examples of ‘why not my road’ included Raunds Road, Water Lane and all of Chelveston.

Examples of highways concerns included risk of extra traffic using Water Lane, and the effectiveness of the 20 mph limits in general (citing Wales).

Funding: Costs will be incurred both for the 20 mph Traffic Order (to be covered from the existing Traffic Calming budget) and for signage / markings (to be covered from grant funding).

Proposal: The Council needs to decide if it wishes to proceed with the 20 mph request, using the supporting evidence of the consultation, and to apply for the grant funding once the costs are finalised by Northants Highways.