

Abbots Morton Parish Council



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“The national speed limit of 60mph on single-carriage roads is too high considering how lethal head-on collisions are, according to Ross Moorlock from Brake, a road-safety charity. Rural single-carriageway roads where the speed limit is 60mph, which carry a small fraction of total traffic, account for one-third of deaths.” (The Economist, 2025)¹.

Abbots Morton Parish Council and residents of Abbots Morton bring to the attention of the authorities their concern regarding the current 60mph speed limit on the Alcester Road leaving Goom’s Hill, Radford to the Warwickshire border (see map). Due to a high number of antisocial drivers, this road has become unacceptably dangerous for residents and vulnerable road users, particularly pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists and the Parish Lengthsman. There has been one recent accident on this stretch of road, fortunately there were no serious injuries. This occurred on 12th August 2024 at approximately 11pm, involving one vehicle that left the road into a resident’s wall and garden. Rous Lench Parish Council (our neighbouring Parish) has a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at Goom’s Hill, Radford in the 40mph zone before the 60mph stretch of Alcester Road in question. The data collected here is showing excessive speeds of up to 110mph.



We petition the Highways Authority to immediately carry out appraisals of Alcester Road between the start of the 60mph section leaving Goom’s Hill, Radford to the Warwickshire County border (see map) to consider reducing the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph. In line with Government guidance, these appraisals should take proper account of the safety of vulnerable road users and the views of the local residents. Provision should also be made so that speed limit enforcement can be carried out on these roads on a regular basis.

¹ The Economist (2025) ‘Why Britain Has Fallen Behind on Road Safety’,
<https://www.economist.com/britain/2025/01/27/why-britain-has-fallen-behind-on-road-safety>

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A precedent has been set at Martin Hussingtree where the speed limit on the A38 has been reduced from 60mph to 40mph.

The Parish Council will send this petition to:

- Worcestershire County Council
- The Chief Constable of West Mercia Police
- The Police and Crime Commissioner
- The Road Safety Partnership
- Nigel Huddleston MP

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