

## ***St Dogmaels 20 is Plenty for Us / Llandudoch 20 yn Ddigon i Ni***

### **Proposal A:**

**To seek the rapid introduction of a consistent 20mph speed limit throughout the boundaries of the village of St Dogmaels.**

We believe action needs to be taken now, to increase safety and avert serious accidents, as the number of reported 'near misses' is increasing. We seek a move to 20 mph so local residents of all ages can benefit from safe exercise and travel on calmer streets, such as we enjoyed during lockdown.

St Dogmaels has an unsafe lack of pavements and inadequate separation from traffic in many places. It is in the most dangerous and narrowest sections that our pavements 'disappear'. Yet, as a thriving tourist destination, the sheer volume of traffic now using the village as a conduit to reach the beautiful blue flag beach at Poppit is overwhelming our infrastructure. This was originally designed for those on foot, for horse and cart or a tiny proportion of much smaller vehicles. A 30 mph speed limit is no longer fit for purpose.

COVID has stimulated a phenomenal boost in excess Staycation traffic this year. We believe the combination of the Coronavirus, impending deep worldwide recession and uncertainties of Brexit mean it is highly likely the overwhelming seasonal influx will continue or even grow.

**20 mph in residential areas across Wales will be the norm from 2023.** On 15<sup>th</sup> July the thorough and detailed *Final Report of the Welsh 20mph Task Force Group* was published. The recommendations were immediately endorsed by the Senedd, who have approved a national move across Wales to make 20 mph the basic default speed limit on 'restricted roads'. The report states the evidence is already clear and proven. It is therefore clear there are avoidable risks right now. We would like to move early to protect our community.

The hard and fast facts are that for people on foot who are hit by a car<sup>i</sup>:

- **at under 20mph** (30km/hr) **1 in 10 will die**
- **at 30mph** (50 km/hr) **5 in 10 will die**
- **at 38/40 mph** (60 km/hr) **9 in 10 will die**

Our aim is to secure agreement to fast track the introduction of 20 mph speed limit, (beyond the current 20 mph zone around our village school), to better protect and create a consistent 20 mph speed limit across the whole village.

**We ask that St Dogmaels Community Council endorse our Proposal A.**

**We also ask that St Dogmaels Community Council write to Pembrokeshire County Council as soon as possible to demonstrate support and to emphasise the urgent need for action to increase community road safety.**

---

<sup>i</sup> References included in our Proposal A background document