

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

### **Proposal B:**

**A) To seek a rapid review and reduction of the current 60mph speed limit, leading to a much safer 20mph on the narrow lane from St Dogmaels village boundary at The Moorings through to Poppit Sands beach.**

We believe the default to 60 mph is outdated, dangerous and in no way reflects the special multi-use designation of this narrow country lane (with pinch points down to 3 metres) and a blind summit. Recent developments mean this needs a rapid rethink.

**Special status:** This beautiful country lane is not just an ordinary rural B road and should not be treated as such. It has been designated as a National Trail, the first 1½mile section of the Pembrokeshire Coast Path and also part of the 870 mile Wales Coast Path. It is clearly mixed use and we should expect there to be lots of people walking, as well as people on bikes, with pushchairs, jogging or riding horses along this stretch of lane. It is baffling why a 'Path' still has delimiter signage permitting national speed limits of up to 60mph only metres before some particularly narrow, dark and overshadowed sections. The lane includes a blind summit. There is no separation to protect the vulnerable.

**Staycations:** This year there has been an unprecedented boost in excess 'Staycation' traffic stimulated by COVID lockdown and travel restrictions. We believe the combination of the Coronavirus, impending deep worldwide recession and uncertainties over Brexit means it is highly likely the overwhelming seasonal influx will continue or even grow. The increased risks on this stretch of road are evident, significant and escalating. Something needs to be done.

**New hotel:** The newly refurbished Teifi Waterside Hotel is now open and already attracting significant numbers of extra customers, both visitors and locals. It is successful and likely to generate increased traffic well beyond the summer holiday season. It is clear the owner or management are already aware and concerned about the blind bend at the bottom of Webley hill and the safety of staff and customers crossing the road between the hotel and its beer gardens overlooking the estuary. In future additional bedrooms and functions will only drive more traffic. A 60 mph speed limit is no longer fit for purpose.

The hard and fast facts<sup>1</sup> are that for people on foot who are hit by a car:

- **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**

**We ask that St Dogmaels Community Council support and endorse our Proposal B.**

**We ask that St Dogmaels Community Council write to Pembrokeshire County Council as soon as possible to emphasise the urgent need for a review followed by action to increase road safety for all road users, both for the local community and also visitors, tourists and walkers on this special stretch of the Pembrokeshire Coast Path and All Wales Coast Path National Trail.**

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<sup>1</sup> Reference to evidence available in our St Dogmaels/ Llandudoch 20's Plenty Proposal B Background Information Sheet

