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**TITLE OF REPORT: ALTERATION OF MOTION ON 20MPH SPEED LIMITS**

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.14 (h) (i), the following motion has been altered to read:

To be moved by Councillor Paul Clark and seconded by Councillor Sam Collins.

That Council:

1. Welcomes the work done by North Herts District and County Councillors to develop and introduce 20mph zones in parts of their towns and villages.
2. notes that the United Nations have mandated the setting of 30kph (20mph) maximum speed limits wherever pedestrians, cyclists or other vulnerable road users mix in a frequent manner with motor vehicles.
3. supports the “20’s Plenty” for Hertfordshire campaign and their call for the introduction of a 20mph default speed limit in the residential and central areas of towns and villages.
4. notes research from the UK and abroad that has shown wide-area default speed limits of 20mph/30kph have:
  - reduced traffic speeds in the first year of operation, with the largest speed reductions on the fastest roads;
  - reduced road traffic collisions by up to 40% and town and village casualties by 20%;
  - increased journey times by just 10 seconds per mile;
  - made streets quieter - a 10mph reduction in speed halves traffic noise;
  - encouraged walking and cycling, especially for older people and young children;
  - benefited communities, with residents more likely to stop and talk on footpaths;
  - been popular, as 75% of residents and motorists feel that, after installation, 20mph limits have benefitted the local community.
5. notes that the Integrated Plan of Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) earmarks £7m for the establishment of 20mph zones across the county over a four-year period but recognises that this will be insufficient to introduce widespread 20mph limits if each scheme requires complex traffic calming.
6. further notes that wide-area 20mph limits that make effective use of signage, road markings, technology, and public engagement provide significant budgetary benefits and are more popular with motorists and residents than engineered calming methods such as speed humps whilst recognising that additional measures may be required in some locations.
7. believes that the implementation of a wide-area 20mph speed limit in North Herts towns and villages, combined with a public information campaign, would have beneficial impacts on road safety, active transport and community well-being at substantially lower cost than the County Council’s proposals, and would support this Council’s climate emergency objectives.
8. resolves that the Leader of the Council should write to HCC proposing the establishment of wide-area 20mph speed limit project across Hertfordshire, involving officers and councillors at both County and District levels.

