



## Stow on the Wold Town Council

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### PRESS RELEASE

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Subject:** New 20 mph zone scheme for Stow on the Wold

**Release date:** Immediate

Stow on the Wold Town Council has been working for some years on improvements for pedestrian safety and traffic management in the town centre.

Phase 1 was jointly funded by Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and Stow on the Wold Town Council which was essentially redesigning the parking provision in the Town Square. The redesign provided increased, better located disabled parking provision and the relocation of the coach drop off bay. Setts have been put in place across the High Street entrance to the Town Square and a pedestrian nib that serves the dual purpose of slowing traffic and making pedestrian crossing easier at this point.

Phase 2 was the introduction of a 20 mph limit for the Town Square and adjacent streets to further improve pedestrian safety. Stow on the Wold Town Council heard about the "Safe & Social Driving in Gloucestershire" fund and put in an application for funding. The bid was successful and as a result the 20 mph zone for the Town Square and surrounding streets has been implemented.

Phase 3 is to introduce a 7.5 tonne weight limit on Digbeth Street for **all** vehicles, including coaches, which will further improve pedestrian safety in the town. This is currently going through the consultation process at GCC.

Police and Crime Commissioner Martin Surl said, "Far too many people die on our roads as a result of motorists going too fast, that is why I made safe and social driving one of my priorities.

“But rather than me tell communities what they ought to do and where they ought to do it, I asked towns and parishes to have a think and come back with a plan for their area.

“Although it can take longer than we might all hope for these plans to come to fruition, I’m pleased that local people are having a say in helping to make their roads safer”.

County Councillor for Stow Division Nigel Moor & GCC’s Cabinet Member Environment & Planning said “Working with Stow Town Council has been a huge pleasure for me. It is a wonderful town and we want to make it as safe as possible for both residents and visitors. However, our work is not complete as we now focus on the need for a weight restriction on Sheep Street too.”

Commenting on behalf of Stow on the Wold Town Council, Cllr Alun White, Chairman of the Council’s Planning, Traffic & Parking committee said “This 20 mph limit is a key stage in our rolling programme to improve safety and the environment in an iconic Cotswold market town. We thank the Commissioner for his generous support”.

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**Photograph caption from left to right:** Stow on the Wold Town Cllrs Ben Eddolls, Mayor & Cllr Alun White, Chairman of Planning, traffic & parking committee, Miss Alexis Newport, GCC’s Traffic Regulation Order Manager, County Cllr for Stow Division Dr Nigel Moor & Mr Martin Surl, Gloucestershire Police & Crime Commissioner