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NEW 20MPH LIMIT OUTSIDE RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO BE INTRODUCED

A plan to reduce the speed limit to 20mph outside rural primary schools has been drawn up following recommendations from Peterborough City Council's Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities.

Scrutiny Commission chairman, Councillor David Over said the move was a 'common sense approach' to safeguard schoolchildren in the villages.

He said: "Country roads are now the most dangerous roads in the country and outside schools there are additional hazards with parked cars. It is common sense to drop the speed limit to 20mph. If you are hit by a car at 20mph you are probably going to live, but if that speed increases to 35 or 40mph it could prove fatal.

"Many people drive past primary schools responsibly and within the speed limit, but it is important to make sure everyone does in future. I hope this plan makes a difference."

Peterborough City Council traffic officers have been conducting speed surveys outside the nine rural primary schools that will be affected by the change in speed limit.

They are: Barnack, Castor, Eye, Glinton, John Clare Primary at Helpston, Newborough, Northborough, Duke of Bedford Primary at Thorney and Wittering.

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Once the traffic surveys are complete, the changes to the speed limit are expected to come into force by the end of March 2010.

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