

CABINET – 19 NOVEMBER 2025

MEMBER QUESTIONS

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1. Councillor Craig Emery

This week marks Road Safety Week across the UK - where people up and down the country call for safe roads for everyone.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend in person today as I am supporting students from Derwen College in their campaign for safer streets. Students regularly wait 20mins to cross the 40mph road outside their college to catch a bus to Oswestry.

Elsewhere in Gobowen, the School Streets trial has been a particular success, however, it is a trial only and information about this continuing has been limited from officers.

My hope would be for Shropshire Council to go further and faster by introducing a default 20mph speed limit in residential areas - this would reduce the complexity of school streets and ultimately save Shropshire Council money.

The default speed limit of 20mph on built-up roads in Wales has brought multiple benefits. Lower speeds in Wales have led to 630 (26%) fewer casualties in the twelve months after the national speed limit change compared with the previous year, including 80 fewer fatal or serious injuries. Lower than expected vehicle damage claims has enabled esure Insurance Group to reduce its premiums for Welsh drivers and esure is now committed to reducing policy prices for customers within 3 months of identifying a new 20mph area in the rest of the UK.

Can Cabinet Members update the community on their plans to bring safer streets to Shropshire as a priority - especially outside schools, SEND colleges and built of residential areas?