

Gayton Parish Council – Speed Limit Survey: Report for PC Meeting 11 Jan 2024
Councillor Jarratt

Aims of survey.

1. To determine the level of support for:
 - a proposed 20mph limit in Gayton between Lansdowne Close and Vicarage Lane OR between Lansdowne Close and Church Terrace
 - a proposed 20mph limit in Gayton Thorpe between Cherry Tree Cottage (just before the Green) on Old Norwich Road and the 30mph sign outside Manor Farm
2. To determine the level of support for a proposed 40mph speed limit prior to the 30mph limits on entering Gayton and Gayton Thorpe from all directions.
3. To gather evidence and reports of accidents or near accidents:
 - on the B1145 (Lynn Road) in Gayton
 - on the B1153 (Grimston Road) in Gayton
 - on Winch Road in Gayton
 - on Common Lane and Old Norwich Road in Gayton Thorpe

Proposed Survey design

The survey will contain the survey questions formatted for paper and online. The substance of the proposed survey is below:

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Gayton Parish Council is consulting residents on their support for the introduction of new speed limits in and around Gayton and Gayton Thorpe. Your responses to this survey will help Gayton Parish Council make a case to the County Council for these new speed limits.

The Gayton Community Speedwatch team regularly check speeds of motorists at various locations within Gayton and Gayton Thorpe. As a result of this they have identified three major issues and have proposed some solutions. Their full report can be found <<here>>:-

1. Motorists are still exceeding the speed limit some considerable way after the transition from 60mph to 30mph at the entrances to the villages. Proposed solution is to reduce the speed limit to 40mph some distance away from the 30mph signs making an easier transition 60mph – 40mph – 30mph
2. On the B1145 (Lynn Road) between Lansdowne Close and Vicarage Lane there is a bend and narrowing road with Commercial and Residential parking. In addition, the pavement narrows to about 60cm on the Rampant Horse Corner (public house that was there before conversion to housing) and at Church Terrace, bringing pedestrians dangerously close to traffic on the road at these two points. In Gayton Thorpe there is no footpath on the narrow road through the village. Proposed solution is to introduce a 20mph speed limit at these points in the villages.

Please provide your postcode					
Do you support adding the following 20mph speed limits in the villages:					
	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Gayton: Between Lansdowne Close and Vicarage Lane					
Gayton: Between Lansdowne Close and Church Terrace					

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Gayton Thorpe: Between Cherry Tree Cottage on Old Norwich road (just before the Green) to the 30mph sign outside Manor Farm.					
Comments on 20mph speed limit					
Do you support introducing the following 40mph speed limits some distance before the 30mph signs to transition more easily from 60mph at the entrances to the villages:					
	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Approaching Gayton on Litcham Road from Massingham					
Approaching Gayton on Lynn Road from King's Lynn					
Approaching Gayton on Grimston Road from Grimston					
Approaching Gayton on Winch Road from East Winch					
Approaching Gayton Thorpe on Old Norwich Road from Castle Acre					
Comments on 40mph speed limit					
<p>Since 2017 there have been 26 formal reports of traffic accidents in Gayton Parish. The Parish Council is interested to know whether you would like to record any unreported incidents as part of this survey. Please note that this is only for the purpose of this survey and the Parish Council will not pass on any of these reports to the police. Please report incidents directly to the police if you want the incident formally recorded.</p> <p>Have you experienced or witnessed an accident or near accident:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - on the B1145 (Lynn Road) in Gayton - on the B1153 (Grimston Road) in Gayton - on Winch Road in Gayton - on Common Lane and Old Norwich Road in Gayton Thorpe <p>If so, please provide details:</p>					
Date					
Location					
Description of incident					

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Survey Channels

Provide an on-line survey using Smart Survey

Provide a tear-out survey in The Voice

Resources required

- Volunteer to create survey for The Voice and for on-line (Cllr Jarratt)
- Subscription to Smart Survey for 2-3 months. Smart Survey – Monthly subscription £35 per month. Need it from the start of the survey until we've finished using the analysis tools – maybe 2-3 months. We can download the original raw data in Excel format so we don't need to keep the subscription up indefinitely.
- Volunteer to liaise with the editor of The Voice (Charles Muff has volunteered for this)
- Volunteers to create and pin up paper notices for notice boards
- Team of volunteers to do the following. Cllr Jarratt can do this but we need a few people involved so that the knowledge is spread around:
 - o transcribe paper responses into smart survey (allows us to take advantage of the analysis tools in Smart Survey)
 - o analyse the results
 - o write up report for submission to GPC and NCC.
 - Aim of survey
 - Methodology
 - Number of responses
 - Raw results
 - Analysis of Results
 - Discussion
 - Conclusion
- Volunteers to receive completed paper surveys in Gayton and GT (need letterbox and address)
- Ask shop whether they will host a collecting bin for completed paper surveys

Time line

The Voice is delivered early in the month and the deadline for items in the magazine is around the third week of the previous month.

If we go for the Feb edition, then we need the survey ready to go in mid January.

If we go for the March edition, then I propose that we put an advance warning in the February issue saying there's a survey coming in the March edition.

The Smart Survey subscription can be taken out as needed

The survey could remain open for 2 weeks and then closed so that the results can be collated and analysed. There is a possibility that the report might be completed for the following PC meeting depending on volunteer availability.

Publicise the survey

The Voice:

- advance warning
- Tear out survey
- Link to on-line survey and encourage people to fill it in online rather than on paper.
- can we have a message on the outer cover saying please respond to the survey inside?

Post messages and reminders with link to online survey on:

- Village FB page
- Notice Boards – Gayton and Gayton Thorpe
- PC Website
- Notice in the shop