

Good Morning Susan,

As per our email on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2021 we are still looking to review the existing signage . This would normally have been carried out by the Traffic Liaison Officer who has unfortunately been off due to illness. We are sorry but we will endeavour to carry out the review as soon as we are able to.

For your information, Cross Stone Road and Hey Head Road are rural unclassified roads. Highway regulations relating to signage displaying the gateways to the speed limits are defined by the Dept for Transport .

It is very difficult to comment on the potential future risks posed by electric vehicles ( EVs) . However, regarding noise emissions, some current thinking from reading the articles below suggests that the greatest risks to vulnerable road users occur when the EVs are travelling at low speeds, since the noise emitted from the friction between the tyres and the road surface, and the aerodynamic noise, are both minimal. Thus, at low-speeds, an EV may be near silent.

#### Road Safety Observatory

<https://www.roadsafetyobservatory.com/KeyFacts/vehicles/electric-vehicles>

#### Road Safety GB

<https://roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/noise-systems-to-stop-silent-electric-cars/>

#### Govt website-DfT

From 1 July 2019, manufacturers have had to fit acoustic sound systems to new types of quiet electric vehicles to prevent them being too silent, improving safety. Vehicles will now have systems to produce a sound when they are reversing or driving below 20 kilometres per hour ( about 12mph) providing greater confidence to vulnerable road users

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-noise-systems-to-stop-silent-electric-cars-and-improve-safety>

Regards,  
Ian Turner

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Dear Ian,

The Development Committee is scheduled to meet next on 28 April. I was wondering if there is any update on this please so that I can inform members?

Thank you,  
Susan

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**Subject:** RE: 373048 Cross Stone Road/Hey Head Road speed limit

Dear Ian,

Thank you for your email which was discussed at the meeting of the Development Committee. Members asked me to thank you for your response. However, the issue remains that vehicles, some of them large, travel at speed on this road which is effectively a single track road. It is not surprising that you have received many complaints about this. Members cited their own examples of using this road which is narrow, winding and steep, where they have had to pull off the road on to private driveways to allow a vehicle coming in the opposite direction to pass them. There are no formal passing points on the road.

Members have asked again that speed restrictions be considered. They understand that action is more likely to be taken where a high level of casualties has taken place. However, to subject drivers and pedestrians to the high risk of injury as proof there is a problem is too high a price to pay. This road is an accident waiting to happen. At least, would it be possible to remove the 60MPH signs?

Members have also asked me to point out that electric vehicles are much quieter than petrol/diesel vehicles so that this increases the risk of a pedestrian being unaware of a vehicle approaching them (especially from behind). Although electric vehicles are good for the planet there may be more accidents in areas such as this in the future. This supports the idea of a reduced speed limit on roads without clear visibility because of bends and the gradient which are also narrow without passing places.

Members note that you have stated that there are blue/white signs on Cross Stone Rd, Hey Head Lane and the junction with the A646. It seems that some people do not obey this. Although drivers sometimes still ignore speed restrictions, to reduce the speed limit is the most likely way to reduce the risk of a serious accident on this road.

Members are unclear of the classification of Cross Stone Rd and Hey Head Rd. I would be grateful if you could please confirm whether they are classes as roads or single track. Seems as though these signs make little difference so some drivers or large vehicles.

Kind regards,  
Susan