

# CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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**Clerk: Miss Sal Robinson, 60 North Allington, Bridport, DT6 5DY 01 308 426327**

Dear Chris Loder

## **Re: A35 Route Study Charmouth to Yellowham Hill**

Please find below an email, dated 25 May 2021, received by Chideock Parish Council from Rebecca Liggins of WSP (HE's Consultant) which brings into immediate question the current status of the Charmouth to Yellowham Hill Route study that Chideock Parish Council understood was to be made available at the end of April 2021.

A letter from DfT to Chideock Parish Council dated 26 Aug 2020 contains the following statements:

*"Highways England recently had confirmation, as of June 2020, of funds to progress work on the next phase of the A35 Charmouth to Yellowham Route Safety Study. Regarding speeding traffic through Chideock village, the study includes recommendations to make permanent changes to speed limits by extending the 30mph zone at the western end of the village, and providing average speed cameras that would cover the whole existing and extended 30mph zone. The outcome of the study stage is currently planned to complete by the end of April 2021."*

And:

*"Highways England has recently accepted an invite from Chris Loder MP to attend the next meeting of the A35 Working Group on 30 October 2020. As a member of the working group, we would encourage Chideock Parish Council to join this meeting, as Highways England intends to present progress on the A35 Charmouth to Yellowham Hill Route Safety Study and explain the next steps."*

Coupled with this Chideock Parish Council has been told on numerous occasions by different officials that the outcome of the Charmouth to Yellowham Hill Safety Study would be made available to Chideock Parish Council in early May 2021. It now seems that this study has NOT even begun!!

These are extremely urgent matters to the Village of Chideock' and Chideock Parish Council asks you to please:

- Confirm whether this is a new study for the Charmouth to Yellowham Hill or a continuation of the one that's been ongoing for a number of years?
- Advise as to whether Chideock Parish Council will soon receive some update of this Route Study or not?

Chideock Parish Council also believes this sharply indicates the need at your new A35 Strategic Highway Meeting to have representation from stakeholders who actually know the situation at first hand (as suggested in the second extract above of the DfT letter). Even if, for some reason, you are unwilling to permit attendance of a representative of Chideock Parish Council at your meeting, surely Chideock Parish Council should be able to input their concerns and be formally advised of the outcomes of these meetings (which Chideock Parish Council has not yet had sight of from your first A35 Meeting).

We look forward to hearing from in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sal Robinson', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Sal Robinson (Miss), Chideock Parish Clerk

**Cc: Cllr Simon Christopher**