

WINCHELSEA TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME: REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

The Parish Council seeks views on the introduction of a traffic calming scheme in Winchelsea town.

Proposal

To introduce traffic calming measures to deter drivers leaving the A259 (and speeding through the centre of Winchelsea and the 30mph zone) in order to get ahead of slow moving traffic negotiating Ferry Hill.

Background

For over 10 years, a Speedwatch Group run by Winchelsea residents has been active to address the problem in the town caused by the significant volume of speeding through traffic. In 2017 the group approached the Parish Council for support. Since then, the Parish Council and Speedwatch members have worked in partnership with East Sussex (ES) Highways to investigate traffic calming measures. A speed survey, a feasibility study and an origin/destination survey have been carried out. From resulting data, ES Highways has given support to the Parish Council implementing measures and put forward a proposal to: deter rat running; encourage slower vehicle speeds; improve road safety. As a town of special architectural and historic interest in a conservation area, any scheme in Winchelsea will have constraints and need to be sensitive to the local environment.

In December 2018, the Parish Council ran a local consultation in the town, the results of which were 99% in favour of the Parish Council promoting calming measures. We are now in a position to consult parish wide on the basis of the proposal put forward by ES Highways.

Scheme

The scheme (subject to an independent safety audit) proposes the following calming features:

1. Introduction of a 20mph zone. See Fig 1 on the website.
2. Physical calming measures through German Street and High Street (and possibly through other roads such as Rookery Lane and Back Lane). The precise type and positioning of measures would be determined at the preliminary design stage. However, they are likely to be either vertical features (such as speed tables or cushions) or horizontal features such as pinch-points or footway buildouts. See examples in Fig 2 on the website.

3. Reduce the current 40mph speed limit to 30mph from the A259 junction along Monks Walk up to the start of the 20mph zone. See Fig 3 on the website.

Funding

Funding is required in 2 stages. The first stage being to commission a design. This will cost in the region of £36,000 and will cover the development of the design from concept through to implementation of a scheme and post construction. Once a design is produced, wider consultation can take place with the parish, statutory consultees and stakeholder groups. If consultation is positive and the scheme supported, stage 2, construction, can go ahead. Until a design is produced, construction costs cannot be accurately known but are likely to be a minimum of £125,000.

The Parish Council has budgeted to finance the design (stage one) by means of a fixed rate low interest government loan. Based on the parish council's current Band D tax base, repayments made through the precept will represent £1.76 per year/£0.03 per week of the parish council element of council tax per household. The second stage would be funded by Community Match funding, available from East Sussex County Council in partnership with its contractor, Costain, along with applications to other granting bodies.

Our parish comprises four diverse wards with very different needs. Looking to the future, our aim is to improve the quality of life in all wards in whatever way is appropriate to local circumstances and for residents' wellbeing.

We would now like your view on the proposal to introduce traffic calming in Winchelsea.

Ways to Respond

Residents of the parish are invited to submit comments either via the website, by email to ickleshampc@hotmail.co.uk, in comment boxes in your local shops and pubs or by post to Icklesham Parish Council, P.O. Box 395, Hastings, TN34 9JU. The consultation period runs fromto

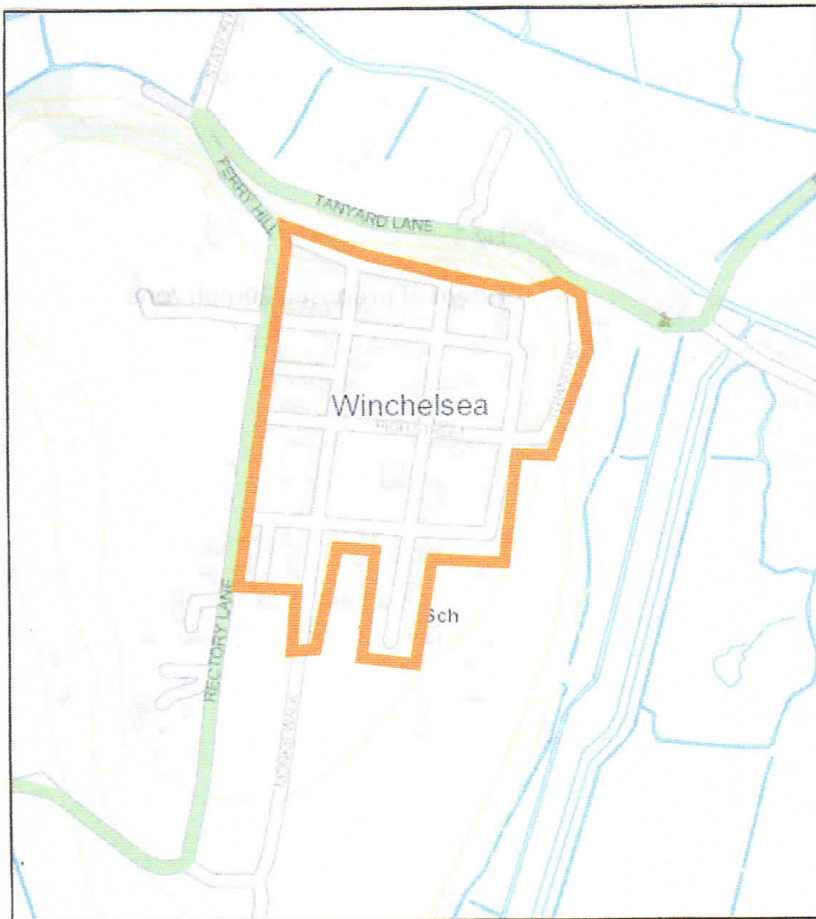


Fig 1.

Extent of proposed 20mph zone

Fig 3 Proposed extent of new 30mph section (to include traffic calming)



Fig 2 Examples of calming measures

Vertical Features

Speed table



Speed Cushions



Horizontal Features

Priority Working



Pinch Point



Consultation & Precept Survey

ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Winchelsea Traffic Calming Project

- Are you in FAVOUR of the parish council going ahead with the project? YES / NO
- Are you in FAVOUR of the parish council going ahead with stage one of the project with annual expenditure representing 1.95% of the current precept, at a cost to the tax payer of £1.76 per annum/£0.03 per week. YES / NO

Name	
Address	
Signed	
Date	

Please send this survey questionnaire to the parish council office at the address below by: (Date)

Any survey forms received after the deadline will be disregarded.

Icklesham Parish Council, P.O. Box 395, Hastings, TN34 9JU.