

Results of the Winchelsea Traffic Calming Consultation

Background

The consultation on stage one of the Traffic Calming project (design phase costing in the region of £36k) started on the 1st September 2019. Content was published on the website and Facebook at the end of August and notices put on the parish boards during September. Additionally letters were sent to all schools and community organisations during September to publicise the consultation and seek views. Leaflets could be printed from the website giving information on the project and residents were invited to submit comments by phone, email, letter, Facebook and via completing the printable booklet (collection points in all wards.)

Two questions were asked requiring a yes or no answer as follows:

- 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/3p per week? Yes/No

Feedback takes into account everything received in all formats.

Summary of results

| Yes/Yes | No/No | No ticks | Total responses | Comments |
|---------|-------|----------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 76 | 22 | 8 | 106 | 8 residents responded giving their names and addresses but failing to tick yes or no. No residents ticked a combination of yes and no. |

Results by ward

Rye Harbour

| Yes/Yes | No/No | No ticks | Total responses | Comments |
|---------|-------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 2 | | | 2 | |

Winchelsea

| Yes/Yes | No/No | No ticks | Total responses | Comments |
|---------|-------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 69 | 10 | 7 | 86 | |

Winchelsea Beach

| Yes/Yes | No/No | No ticks | Total responses | Comments |
|---------|-------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 2 | 8 | | 10 | |

Icklesham

| Yes/Yes | No/No | No ticks | Total responses | Comments |
|---------|-------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 | |

Correspondence received

Several residents sent in their ideas about alternative schemes. Mr Tiger of Icklesham sent a letter about speeding in Icklesham requesting that the Council set up a Speedwatch team in Icklesham and some Winchelsea residents asked that speeding on the A259 at Winchelsea is looked at. Mrs Sutton of the Winchelsea Beach Community Association sent a letter querying the following: why they had not been consulted sooner; notices were not put on the boards early enough in the consultation; the whole cost of construction was not mentioned in the material; information on the website is not accessible for some residents; concerns over speeding in Winchelsea Beach; the 60mph limit in Dogs Hill Road; leaflets were delivered by hand to Winchelsea residents (and that may skew the consultation.)

Conclusion

The majority of responses were from Winchelsea ward residents but this is to be expected. Of this majority, most were in support of the project. This feedback reflects that it is Winchelsea residents who will largely benefit from the project and also reflects the work that has been done over the last ten years in the town to reduce speeding (active local Speedwatch group who had previous meetings with the authorities to gain agreement for speed calming measures.)

The Council often has projects that largely impacts one ward such as the Icklesham play area and the car park and public conveniences at Rye Harbour. This project takes into account the strong feeling and campaigning from Winchelsea residents that something has to be done about speeding within the town.

I would recommend to the committee that the Council proceeds to Stage 1 Design of the project and this recommendation is made to Full Council at the November meeting.

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Clerk and RFO

28th October 2019