

Clerk's Report to Council Summarising Resident Feedback on Winchelsea Traffic Calming Feasibility Assessment

The Clerk has received 69 emails/ letters from residents in relation to the proposals in the Traffic Calming Feasibility Assessment prepared by GTA Civils and Transport.

Summary of the comments/ suggestions

Strand Hill

39 of the emails/ letters have been in favour of implementing no right turns towards Rye and no left hand turns from Rye up Strand Hill. This appears to be the most favoured option of residents to explore. It has been suggested that this could be trialled on a temporary basis. It has also been suggested that alterations to the kerb should be made to make a right turn here impossible.

Four responses have suggested traffic lights or rising bollards on Strand Gate. However two responses have raised concern about this due to the lack of space for the waiting traffic.

One response has been in favour of a one way south bound system at Strand Hill. Six responses have been in favour of a one way North bound system at Strand Hill. However, 13 responses have raised concerns that the reduced one way traffic would result in more anti-social driving and speeding.

Four responses have been in favour of complete closure of Strand Hill however four responses have been against this. Concerns have been raised over the impact this would have on the emergency services and also the viability of the local shop and other businesses in the Town. One suggestion has been to close the hill but to keep a swing gate that can be used in an emergency to allow the emergency services access.

20 MPH Speed Limit Through Town

18 responses have also been in favour of 20 mph speed limits through the town. Two responses have been against this and others have commented that this would be ignored as currently the 30 mph speed limit is already ignored.

Monks Walk

10 responses are in favour of traffic calming measures to Monks Walk by reducing the speed limit to 30 mph from the junction from the A259 and other measures such as road narrowing and speed gates. One response has also suggested implementing a no right turn through to Winchelsea at the junction from the A259. A number of these responses have asked for details of what the speed gates would look like.

Buildouts/ Planters

Four responses have been in favour of buildouts/ planters and one resident has suggested planting trees with a small surrounding kerb at the junction of German Street and High Street, at the junction of High Street and Castle Street, at the junction of High Street and Barrack Square and at the junction of Monks Walk and Back Lane.

Two responses have been against buildouts/ planters due to concerns about them taking up valuable parking spaces and also the possibility of them affecting the conservation of Winchelsea,

Surrounding Roads and Excess Traffic

Nine responses have highlighted concern for the surrounding roads which may be effected by excess traffic. Particularly Tanyard Lane, Roberts Hill, Rectory Lane, North Street and Station Road.

Three responses have expressed concern over the extra traffic on the A259 generally.

One response has highlighted five accidents that have taken place along The Strand/ Tanyard Lane and has raised the concern that excess traffic along this stretch of road could lead to further accidents.

One response has highlighted that the report does not show what percentage of traffic travels along the A259 as opposed to the Town and has suggested that speed checks should also be carried out along Tanyard Lane.

One response has raised the concern that a no right turn at the bottom of Ferry Hill would mean that drivers would start using Station Road to access Rye and that given the narrow bridges this could cause further disruption and potentially cause more accidents.

Junction at New Inn/ German Street/ Higham Green/ High Street

A number of responses have commented on this junction and how it is particularly dangerous.

Suggestions on how to deal with this include:-

- Give way signs (one response)
- Anti-skid surfaces (two responses)
- Mini roundabout or 4 way junction (one response)

Pedestrian Crossings

It has been suggested in two responses that a crossing should be installed by the New Hall to allow pedestrians to cross safely.

It has been suggested in three responses that a pedestrian crossing should be installed by the bottom of Strand Hill for pedestrians to cross the road safely.

It has been suggested in three responses that a pedestrian crossing should be installed by the New Inn to allow pedestrians to cross safely.

Other Suggestions

One response has been in favour of traffic calming measures in Winchelsea Town however no further details were given.

One response has suggested reducing the speed on Rectory Lane to 30 mph by the Hogtrough Lane Junction.

One response has suggested reducing the speed limit to 30 mph from the junction on to Monks Walk from the A259.

One responses has suggested that clearer signs at junction on the bottom of Strand Hill need to be clearer to show drivers they are in a 30 mph zone.

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One response has suggested that 'Winchelsea only' signs should be installed at the bottom of Strand Hill and at the junction from the A259 on to Monks Walk.

Two responses have suggested the installation of 'sleeping policemen' by the toilets and by the New Inn.

Costs

Four responses have raised that the report does not contain any costs information and 2 responses have raised concern about the costs of the report/ project generally.

Time for comments/ consultation

Four responses have raised concerns over the amount of time residents' were given to provide feedback on the report.

Four responses have raised concerns regarding the lack of proper consultation with residents.