

Agenda Item 10.2
Calne Without Parish Council
Highways Improvement Request: Broad's Green

Comments received from Cllr Rees

I do not support [REDACTED] Highway Improvement request in its current form. The issue is of perceived excessive speed but there is no information on actual vehicle speeds or injury accidents. I am prepared to support a request for Wiltshire Councils highway officers to examine the safety record and vehicle speeds in the area in question and if warranted explore potential measures to ameliorate issues identified, but at this stage, I cannot support the specific measures requested until Wiltshire Council have completed a full assessment.

The request gives no details of where the gateway features are to be located or how far the speed limit is proposed to be extended. There is no evidence that extending the 40mph speed limit and introducing gateway features are appropriate for this location or that they will result in reduced speeds and improve safety conditions. National guidance on speed limits is based on an evidence led approach and recommends the use of an assessment tool devised by the Department of Transport. I believe that the unwarranted extension of speed limits and poorly located gateway features can easily reduce the impact of, and compliance with, existing speed restrictions, resulting in higher speeds and reduced safety in the most sensitive locations.

I think that the parish council should at this stage support a request for Wiltshire Council Highway officers to investigate the speed related problems identified [REDACTED] rather than the specific measures they have requested. The council should only then consider any improvements or changes recommended by Wiltshire Council officers before committing its support for any specific measures.

Comments from Cllr Baker

Highway Improvement Request Broads Green Middle Ward

The property requesting the gateway feature, [REDACTED] is 3/10 of a mile beyond the de-restricted sign in Stockley. There are no houses between the sign and the house in question [REDACTED]. It is likely that this would not comply with the criteria for a reduced speed limit.

Broads Green is a hamlet comprising of five dwellings.

These dwellings are spread around a 'T' junction.

It is currently de-restricted and the junction is only 1/10 mile further on from the house in question, [REDACTED], so traffic is already slowing down to take the junction. I doubt traffic count wires will show any result that can be actionable.

The gateway features in Stockley have been approved by CATG and are in the correct locations.

Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Date: 5th September 2019

Telephone No.: [REDACTED]

Email address: N/A

Issue Details

Location of Issue: Broad's Green, Calne

Community Area: Calne

Parish or Town Council: Calne Without Parish Council

Nature of Issue: Ever increasing traffic travels fast into and out of Broad's Green.

1. Traffic leaving the 40mph zone in Stockley accelerates along the short stretch of road before entering Broad's Green.
2. Traffic entering Broad's Green from the A3102 and then heading towards Stockley takes advantage of the relatively straight stretch of road eastwards just after the junction to accelerate rapidly.

This fast-moving traffic in a relatively narrow road causes danger to horses and joggers, who as a result frequently need to shelter in [REDACTED] drive. There have been a number of accidents over the last few years on the bend [REDACTED], which local Councillors will be aware of.

How long has it been an issue? A year

What would you like done to resolve this issue? We ask that the speed limit of 40mph in Stockley be extended to Broad's Green. We would also welcome gateway features for Broad's Green which would help to reduce traffic speed through the hamlet.

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