

Email exchange with a resident of Cuffs Lane – May 27/28 2020

Subject: Re: Rat run along Cuffs Lane - speeds over 60 mph!

Dear Simon,

Since the population has enthusiastically returned to their highly polluting cars as the Covid-19 lock down lifts, Cuffs Lane has become a rat run with cars reaching speeds of over 60 mph on a daily basis in both directions and huge transportation vehicles - including low loaders piled with more cars! The majority are travelling at well over the 30 mph speed limit and frankly it is only a question of time before a major accident occurs.

I appreciate there was a consultation at the outset of the Covid-19 pandemic about extending the Tisbury 20 mph zones and I hear on the grapevine that a 20 mph limit will be put in place along Cuffs Lane, however without any form of real policing, I fear that this will be as unsuccessful as it has been at the top end of the high street.

Please could you escalate this complaint to the Wiltshire Council authorities.

Many thanks.

On Wed, May 27, 2020 at 10:07 AM Simon DaVison <simonrdavison@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi

I'm copying your e.mail to Sandra the Parish Clerk. We currently are working with the Wiltshire Council CATG to see what further traffic calming measures we can do.

These things take time but they are happening. There will always be people who break the speed limit but overall the general speed of traffic comes down - as has happened in Hindon Lane.

Thanks

Simon

On Thu, 28 May 2020 at 11:28, Tisbury Parish Council <tisburypc@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I just wanted to confirm that we are working with Wiltshire Council on the 20mph extensions on the main routes through the village.

Unfortunately this does take time and the Covid-19 epidemic just makes this worse.

The next step forward will be the consideration of our bid for the 20mph extensions.

This will take place at the next Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting and at the

present time we are waiting for clarification of when this is likely to be.

The Parish Council will update residents as soon as we know anything.

best wishes,

Sandra

from Mrs S. Harry - Clerk to Tisbury Parish Council

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On Thu, May 28, 2020 at 1:29 PM:

Dear Sandra,

Many thanks to Simon for his reply and passing on the message about the issue. I do appreciate the efforts which are being made and actions taken on behalf of Tisbury residents by the Parish Council and hope that as the situation normalizes that Wilts will also get back up to speed with addressing such outstanding requests before an accident happens.

On a more pragmatic note, the move to electric vehicles across the globe now driven firmly forward by the EU Green Deal and UK Climate Policy will at least remove the noise and pollution aspects of the high speed traffic. I do hope that provision for parking and charging the expected increase in electric scooters, bikes, mopeds can be made swiftly in our village as so many people still rely on vehicles to access the high street shops. Perhaps a redesign of the lower market cross to remove the asphalt between it and also the 3 car parking spaces directly in front of Albany House and instead provide charging for the smaller mobility solutions (apart from cars which can be charged elsewhere) might be a nice option to consider. A couple of smaller decorative trees / shrubs would improve the space no end and support the Nature Based Solutions agenda which is gathering significant momentum.

Lastly, a sincere thank you to you all for the sterling work to support the whole community at this difficult time. I can only imagine how much additional work it is for you all and am grateful for all your efforts.

Best regards,

From: Tisbury Parish Council <tisburypc@gmail.com>
Sent: 28 May 2020 13:58

Thanks for your suggestions Catherine. I can tell you that there are already plans for 2 more electric charging points in the village - one at the Nadder Centre and another in the Nadder Close Car Park - collaborative work between the Parish Council, Wiltshire Council and Nadder Community Energy. Permission has been given (verbally) for both additional bays by Wiltshire Council (as landowners), but of course this is currently on hold during the Covid-19 pandemic. The area adjacent to Albany House is a more complicated situation, as this is designated Highway (including the pavements) and would involve extensive consultation and, I think (although don't quote me!) the approval of the Courts ... However - it deserves to be put in to the pot for a future discussion.

Thanks again Catherine,
Sandra

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