

Question 26 'Any Other Comments' Traffic

Forty seven of respondents commented on traffic. The overwhelming strand is the speed of traffic and the need to manage traffic. Many individual suggestions but no comprehensive view emerges.

<p>Not enough attention is being given to improving the Road structure through and around the village. More and more traffic activity over the years is spoiling the village. Many people walk around the village, which is becoming dangerous place to walk! Road junctions throughout the village are dangerous with not enough visibility splays especially Windmill Road, Victoria Road and West End Road. The Street and Mortimer Hill are areas waiting for a catastrophe road accident to happen especially by the school. HEALTH AND SAFETY MUST COME FIRST!</p>
<p>2. Better speed control in the village</p>
<p>Build a by-pass to get the through traffic out of the village</p>
<p>Please can we have some traffic calming, especially between Strawberry Fields and the Junior School</p>
<p>Speed trap between Pitfield Lane and the roundabout before a fatality occurs! Or any calming method in The Street</p>
<p>Traffic I feel strongly that some form of traffic calming should be adopted between the village and the station (The Street). Preferably with a speed limit, more monitoring cameras. This appears to be reasonably effective through Burghfield Common</p>
<p>Worried about traffic increase and speed in village for young, elderly Concerns about junior schooling capacity, expand both schools not just St. John's Worried about congestion around gravely especially when park and ride opens Thanks for the opportunity to comment.</p>
<p>Physical speed restricters on The Street</p>
<p>A couple of street lights in the village would be beneficial - by the Horse and Groom and Fairground - I know this is a bone of contention but driving at night sometimes feel dangerous! Also traffic slowing measures or a pelican crossing on west end & Victoria Road - crossing the road in rush hour is hazardous - particularly to and from pre-school at St John's Hall. If new homes are being built we need to ensure surrounding roads are better maintained - and we either install chicanes, speed cameras or sleeping policemen. People speed through the village and more homes will mean more traffic. I feel something urgently needs to be done to slow down traffic as part of village / neighbourhood development.</p>
<p>- I am very concerned about the movement of traffic, for every house built it is likely there will be 2 cars - can this be limited in some way? - Cars parked on the road make crossing the road very dangerous and restrict the flow of traffic thus giving emergency services extra difficulties. This is made very much more worse at school pick up time. If a primary school were built (Infant & Junior) on site 7 with appropriate parking for staff and parent pick up it would be a huge improvement. - All the plans seem concerned with the actual development rather than the impact on current infrastructure. This needs to be considered FIRST</p>
<p>Stratfield Mortimer, particularly between The Avenue and the station, suffers from chronic speeding, and needs serious traffic calming devices. And the parking situation near the station has become not only severely inconvenient but very</p>

hazardous, to drivers, pedestrians and residents. Please can you take this to heart and plan to improve this appalling and deteriorating situation. The proposal to build up Kiln Lane would make things still worse...

Traffic access to any development behind St John School should have vehicle access from the western end not out through Kiln Lane.

7. The road infrastructure does not support more vehicles - the roads are not maintained as they are at the moment.

Traffic through St Johns car park needs to be stopped it is used as a short cut.

The speed of traffic down the street in conjunction with the volume of pedestrian traffic surrounding school pick up /drop off is terrible. It concerns MANY parents who regularly see near misses that could very easily result in death of a child. This is the single most important issue to resolve. No village is attractive if it's children are at risk of road deaths.

The MVP position on the matter of speeding vehicles in the village and measures they intend to support for the reduction of this practice. Traffic calming such as humps and width restrictions should in my opinion NOT be considered a mitigating option.

The village would really benefit from traffic calming, in particular between Strawberry Fields and the junior school. The speed of the traffic puts parents off walking their children to school.

2. **Traffic calming MUST be made a priority** before a child is killed (If police patrolled The Street just after school drop off it would find vehicles well in excess of 30mph speeding out of the village A pavement is needed from the war memorial towards trade of strawberry fields (hammonds heath) - this area has lots of pedestrians Traffic exceeds 30mph (often 50mph) in this area. Traffic calming is urgently required here.

Also the **current speed of traffic into the village up The Street is a huge problem** and will one day cause a tragic accident by St Mary's school. We need to consider sympathetic, innovative and aesthetic traffic calming measures, especially with as many as 250 new cars in the village. May be a narrowing of The Street with trees and verges would be an answer to keeping a village feel and slowing cars down.

The increase of traffic resulting from the extra homes will increase the risk of children in particular suffering a road accident - the current pavement down to St Mary's is too narrow and must be addressed.

The additional traffic that this proposed development will caused doesn't appear to be looked at or address. Perhaps the developer should fund a Mortimer Village bypass too?

Could through traffic from Burghfield to Silchester be encouraged to use Tadley Road instead of Catherine's Hill in the village Could Brewery Common have chicanes either end to discourage motorists from using it as a short cut to Swallowfield by pass at Stratfield Saye Make cars use the main routes as in Germany so the B roads can be reclaimed by walkers and cycle riders etc. they cars could be sent to Junc 11 Can we have 20mph past schools If people walked all around the village they would know exactly what's going on and where.

we should **deter motorists with speed humps and 20mph speed limit**

I have answered (a) [Central Site St John's] as long as the access to the site is only from The Street, rather than Drury Lane and the other back lanes. I would not want these lanes to become busy with cars from 110 homes therefore around 200 cars each day at peak times. If there are to be 110 new homes, I think more needs to be done to manage the inevitable increase in traffic. As mentioned earlier a static speed camera would help control the speed of drivers through the village. Perhaps there

are new homes should be under the provisions that new residents can only have maximum of 1 car per household?
double yellow lines policing...more frequently - double yellow lines above St Mary's school on the corner - road there is made too narrow by cars parking at that point
We do not support the development as the speed limits are not working in the area now 30mph doesn't deter people speeding. We need more speed cameras. More houses means more traffic, more speed.
ensure adequate traffic management is in place to cope with the possibility of an extra 200 cars on the surrounding roads.
If Plan 7 is considered a roundabout or traffic lights - should be considered for car drivers exiting that area, which will not impact on traffic flow from village center or x 2 roads built for exiting or entering said site.
Speed controls along St Catherine's Hill, Victoria Road and West End Road. The ability to be able to cycle around the woods (currently not allowed) - safer for our children (and parents) from speeding cars.
Better speed control is needed, especially on West End Road. We need electronic "Slow Down" notices near Stephens Road and near the POst Office. The existing "Slow Down" notice near the Turners Arms is too remote. Periodic "Slow Down" notices by the Council have NO LASTING EFFECT. Cars still go at high speed along West End Road encouraged by its straightness. "Slow Down" permanent signs are effective. CCTV / speed cameras would also help.
Traffic Better speed control on West End Road
The main village road is busy, new developments will only increase traffic. Our road safety provision seems woeful compared to other villages. We do not have a crossing in the centre of the village, pelican or zebra. The pavements leading to St Mary's school are very narrow, there is huge risk for children carrying large rucksacks walking 2 or 3 abreast. Little London has traffic calming to prevent high speeds being reached along their long stretch of village road, we need to consider similar options for Mortimer. We do not have 20 mile per hour limiting signs for key school times either, how can we initiate these discussions and influence a safe outcome for the children of our village.
Some areas of the village would benefit from speed calming measures, particularly around Hammonds Heath which some people seem to think is a race track, and the 3 mini roundabouts (particularly Strawberry Fields) which seem to be invisible to alot of people.
I would like to see some traffic calming in the village.
20mph enforced speed limit (by PCs/PCSOs)for residential roads at all times plus prohibited multiwheeler hgvs & a safe route to schools with sufficiently wide footpaths.
I feel that as Victoria Road and The Street are already extremely busy roads especially at school start and finish times, to put another 110 houses on site 7 with access from The Street would be a potentially dangerous thing. Particularly as the entrance to this site is very close to St Johns School. 110 houses =180 - 200 ? vehicles. As we are trying to retain a village feel and looking at the map, smaller developments rather than one large one , would help to retain the character of Mortimer.
Traffic is an issue for Mortimer at the moment. This will get worse with any future development. The NDP needs to acknowledge and where possible address this important issue. Every encouragement should be given to getting people out of their cars and onto public transport and / or cycling and walking. A way to achieve this

would be to improve the bus service through Mortimer by terminating the bus route at the Railway station throughout the day and evening, 7 days a week and developing the Railway Station as a bus / rail interchange.

You must remember this is a village with one sub standard road running through it. It is not a town where there is space for cycle ways. The Street is already narrow and there is no space for cycle ways let alone the existing precarious footpath to the school and station I don't want Mortimer to become more urban like a town. It is already big village How about closing Drury Lane and using it as a footpath and cycle use

The issue of drivers **speeding down St Catherine's Hill needs addressing** urgently they are putting local residents and their pets lives at risk

It would be great to see **action to reduce speeding** through the village

Traffic calming needs to be also thought of if the population of the village is set to increase. The speeds & dangerous driving that seems to prevail on the long straight roads really need to be curbed. I suggest that traffic calming on West End Road such as that in Little London or Sherfield Loddon would help those drivers that need to be reminded that we live in a 30 limit. Reducing the average speeds of vehicles would encourage cycling and walking which at the moment are not particularly pleasant.

The village needs **better traffic management** - cars drive too fast, particularly on West end road and on the road to St Mary's. This has the effect of making people less inclined to walk or use bikes and generally reduces the sense of community. I would like to see traffic calming measures put in place on the approaches to the village, as well as potentially a 20mph limit in the centre of the village. Allowing more street parking will further disrupt and slow traffic flow and make the village a less attractive route to people using it as a short cut. The 'chicane' style calming used in Little London is effective in breaking up and slowing traffic flow without impeding emergency vehicle access.

20mph speed limits in village, policed by cameras

If a large number of homes are 'lumped' together in one place, we believe the impact on the village, especially in traffic flow will not enhance the village at all! People live in Mortimer for many reasons, but with Crossrail coming in Reading, and more local children needing access to the Junior School, traffic volume on The Street is bound to increase alarmingly. The pavement access to the station is narrow, unlit and not fit for purpose.

Provision of **speed calming measures in the village**, such as road narrowing, Village gates.

All roads through the village should have a low speed limit of 20mph and active camera traps

The village would benefit from **traffic calming measures to reduce speeds on the very straight approach roads to the village centre** and to discourage through traffic.