

Tilston Parish Council – Highways safety issues

Issues where residents have expressed concern

1) Traffic speed along Malpas Road

- A 2022 review indicated that average traffic speeds along Malpas Road (through 24 hours) are 24.6 mph(Eastbound)/25.6 mph (westbound)
 - CWaC have a firm policy that 20mph limits will only be considered if average speeds are no more than 24.0mph, There is therefore no prospect of any reduction in the 30mph speed limit
 - This suggests that the vast majority of drivers are respecting the current 30mph limit
- Particular concerns have been around the dangers to Primary schoolchildren from the Inveresk Road area, who have to cross Malpas Road twice to get to Tilston School
 - This was the primary reason for establishing the all-weather footpath from Inveresk Road to the school, hopefully that will dramatically reduce these worries
- It has been suggested that parking along Malpas Road – particularly outside the Tilston War Memorial Hall (TWMH) – acts as a “traffic calming” measure, though this is difficult to quantify
 - It has also been suggested that this parking affects sight lines, which may cause other issues

Plan

- We need to review the effectiveness of the new route to school in diverting people, particularly school children, away from Malpas Road
- If possible, we’d like to analyse the traffic speed data to see whether there are particular times of day when there are a lot of drivers significantly exceeding the 30mph speed limit
 - If these are times when there are likely to be a lot of pedestrians around, police enforcement can be requested
- If and when the Hill Field Car park is established, a further review of Malpas Road traffic speed/safety will be needed

2) The crossroads by the Carden Arms pub

- There are a lot of reports of drivers ignoring the road markings when coming from Barton or Carden
 - This is clearly potentially dangerous, though we’re not aware of any recent “Personal Injury” accidents at this location

Plan

- Ask CWaC to repaint the lines and consider what other signing would improve the situation

3) Inconsiderate parking/manoeuvring outside the school at start/finish times

- In common with many other schools, this has long been a source of complaints
 - It is hoped that the situation will have improved with the new staff parking area, and the new footpath.
 - As and when the planned new “drop-off” arrangements can be implemented, the situation should improve still further

Plan

- Review the situation when all the planned changes have had time to bed in

4) Traffic speeds on Church Road through the 20mph limit

- There are reports of drivers significantly exceeding the 20mph limit
 - We understand that Police have indicated that enforcing adherence to the newish 20mph limits is not a priority for them

Plan

- We need to gather evidence of the seriousness of this issue, and when (ie time of day) it happens
 - We can then discuss the issue with the Police

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