

## Highways visit 17 November

In attendance : Cllr Goggin ECC, Cllr McWilliams TDC, Cllr Herbert, Cllr Adams, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Harry, Tom Eng ECC Highways, James Drabwell ECC Highways.

### Speed/Volume Survey Plough Rd, Aingers Green.

- Results of the Speed/Volume survey were discussed.
- Acknowledged there is a speeding issue.
- Volume of traffic significant Approx 20K vehicles in 7 days, slightly less than survey in 2018.
- The 40mph figure for 85%ile of traffic was consistent over 3 separate surveys
- Acknowledged this route is used as a “rat run” mainly from St Osyth area and new developments.
- This route is designated as a Priority 2 (PR2) route, as such this could limit speed calming measures.

### Contributory factors to higher speeds.

- Poor/obscured signage.
- A relatively straight road with a 30/40/30 speed limit, motorists choosing to drive at 40mph throughout.
- A 30mph throughout was the PC preferred option, this would not accord with Essex Speed Management Strategy. A 30mph speed limit is used in “urban areas” and those areas with significantly more housing than currently exists on Plough Road. Majority of housing is on East side.
- If assessed now the Current Speed Management Strategy would very likely recommend a 40mph on Plough Rd through Aingers Green to Great Bentley boundary!!!

Agreed Actions: Blue indicates actions completed since the meeting. Red indicates proposed action through LHP applications

1. Clean/Clear current speed signage in Aingers Green & 40mph section.

- VAS sign – vegetation cleared. Visibility improved and VAS sign working.

Ongoing Action consider moving VAS Sign

- 4 repeater signs on Plough Rd are either, dirty, bent, or obscured by Hedging. Action Signage now visible work completed by TDC Highway Rangers. Ongoing action increase repeater sign size (300mm to 450mm). Add 30mph Roundels to road surface

- Plough Rd 40 mph section there are two repeater signs. One North side, high level, obscured by hedging. Second South side within 30 metres of Great Bentley signage which will need to be moved under S278 works to accommodate CALA Homes access.

North side sign now visible – hedge trimmed by Landowner.

Ongoing Action.

Add 40mph repeaters in conjunction with S278 works. Increase Repeaters size (300 to 450mm). Add roundels to road surface.

- Renew/replace Aingers Green 30 mph zone limits with signage and gateway features. Known to make a significant contribution to speed reduction. **PC to investigate feasibility/costs. Previously used local contractor Signs Made Easy for Thorrington Rd Gateway**
- **Request ECC Highways Investigate use of build outs/Chicanes. May not be permissible on PR2 Roads**
- When signage is installed reinforce with Speed Cameras – handheld or mobile educational cameras. A current PC initiative under investigation/discussion with PCSO
- Once all actions complete agreed to repeat speed/volume survey after a period of time to gauge effectiveness.

### Village Centre

Issues of traffic congestion and traffic mounting the pavement outside the garage were discussed. Noted that traffic cones had been relatively successful. **Agreed PC Submit Local Highways Plan Application to include:**

- **Raised kerb from Chinese to Hairdressers, allowing for access.**
- **Investigate Install Railings outside Chinese. Previously submitted and believed to have been accepted but not completed!**
- **Restore Double Yellow Lines throughout.**

A 20s Plenty Zone the between the Village Hall and the Plough Public House. Advised by ECC Highways that this was highly unlikely to be successful on a PR2 route.

### Green Corner/Heckfords Rd

Noted that residents had concerns over pedestrian routes and designated but unmarked crossings on Heckfords Rd for Admirals Green and Sunstone Homes residents.

- **Agreed that the developer be approached initially to install “Pedestrians Crossing” signage.** ECC Highways Eng liaising with developers for S278 works has been contacted and requested to consider include appropriate signage.