

Traffic study Update

Many thanks to the many people who attended the traffic consultation at the Village Hall. Over 100 people took the opportunity to view the various proposals and discuss them with the Traffic Consultant and Councillors. The Parish Council has received over 40 questionnaires and written responses.

The proposals with the highest ratings were

- Project 4 – West Hill Road/School Link (probably taken in conjunction with Project 5, West Hill Rd. Western section)

This was considered the highest priority, with largely positive feedback, though some concerns from residents who live nearby. There are various views on the best point for the footpath link to access the Village Hall/school site.

- Project 8 - West Hill Road/Southern Gateway

Most people considered this an important and dangerous junction, where action is needed. Not everyone was convinced that the proposals would deal with the dangerous aspects satisfactorily. Many people suggested blocking the northern limb of the triangle, or making it one way, or converting the whole junction to a conventional T-junction.

- Project 7 – Bendarroch Road/Northern Gateway

Considered of high importance, but also some alternative suggestions – moving village entrance & 30mph sign onto B3180. Also comments that other sections of Bendarroch Road need traffic calming.

Many residents raised concerns about the B3180, and what could be done to improve safety and reduce speeds there.

A summary of resident's comments on all of the proposals 1-8 are listed on the attached document.

Next Steps

Parish Councillors have worked with the Traffic Consultants to review resident's feedback and discuss possible amendments to the top rating proposals 4,5,7& 8. Once the Consultants have incorporated these changes the Council will then have to

- commission a road safety audit.
- discuss the proposals with Devon County Council Highways department. It is anticipated that this meeting will include a review of B3180 issues and proposals

Anne Oliver, Parish Clerk

Summary of Feedback from Traffic Consultation.

Scoring: 3= very important
2= important
1= slightly important
0= not important

3 projects received significantly greater public support – with scores between “important” and “very important”, also more responses overall.

- 1) **Project 4 – West Hill Road / School Link.** Score 2.54, 36 responses.
Generally very positive comments, with a few adverse comments, understandably from residents close to the site.
- 2) **Project 8 – West Hill Road/Southern Gateway** Score 2.52, 30 responses
Mixed comments – most people agree it is a dangerous junction, but not all agree that the proposed changes would help. Some support for converting the junction to a conventional T-junction, and blocking the northern leg of the triangle or making it one-way only. Main issue is turning right out of WH Road towards Daisymount
- 3) **Project 7 – Bendarroch Road/Northern Gateway** Score 2.19, 28 responses
Comments – not sure that this addresses the general speed issues on B3180 and Bendarroch Road. Some support for Gateway concept, public art not favoured. Some support for moving 30mph sign & village entry sign to B3180.

Remaining projects scored significantly lower – between “Slightly important” & “important”:

- 4) **Project 2 – Bendarroch Road/School Road** Score 1.87, 24 responses
Comments lukewarm about benefits, and not convinced that it would be a safe junction if proposals carried out.
- 5) **Project 5 – West Hill Road Western section** Score 1.80, 26 responses
Needs to be taken in conjunction with proposal 4. Traffic calming needed, but concern about noise from rumble strips.
- 6) **Project 1 – Bendarroch Road/School Lane** Score 1.75, 24 responses
Mixed comments, many not convinced that improvements are needed. Simpler approaches like white road markings before 20mph zone may be effective.
- 7) **Project 6 – School Lane** Score 1.52, 24 responses
Some low-level support, but generally seen as not a high priority problem
- 8) **Project 3 – War Memorial** Score 1.5, 33 responses
May help to slow traffic, but not convinced that it would become a place to sit etc. Concerns over closing the slip road (BT van parking, car parking, ability to turn left into WH Road).