

Residents Consultation: Edwyn Ralph

16/09/2020 to 07/10/2020

Response Summary

Consultee	Comments
Resident 1 SUPPORT	<p>To whom it may concern.</p> <p>Thank you for the update on the highway works through the village. We at The Conifers appreciate the efforts to slow the traffic which can be much over the limit set.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to thank your employees for the superb way in which they carried out the resurfacing work recently completed. They were courteous and professional as well as completing the work with little disruption to our day.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
Resident 2 NO OBJECTIONS RAISED	<p>Dear XX</p> <p>Thank you for your letter received, explaining some of the strange 'improvements' to our village.</p> <p>The white lines at the side of the road still don't make sense to anyone I have spoken to, as they push drivers towards the centre for no seemingly good reason.</p> <p>If I have read the letter right, to make things worse, we are not going to get white lines along the centre of the road? Double white lines through the village would seem to be a way to prevent overtaking,?</p> <p>Does this mean we will also have no catseyes? My experience, after almost 70 years of driving, is that in bad or foggy conditions, white lines and catseyes are an essential safety feature.</p> <p>From a baffled resident</p> <p>ISSUED RESPONSE</p> <p>Thank you for your email and comments.</p> <p>The purpose of removing the centre lines is to create a sense of the road narrowing for vehicles approaching the village. This encourages a reduction in speed not only due to the 'narrowing' effect but also as this lack of centre lining re-enforces the idea of entering into a 'village', therefore providing a psychological incentive for the driver to reduce speed.</p> <p>The 'No Overtaking' restriction will ensue that any overtaking that does occur is legally enforceable as it will now be written into law in the form of a Traffic Regulation Order.</p> <p>The scheme is designed to enhance the 'village' nature of Edwyn Ralph to encourage lower vehicle speeds and improve road safety and amenity within the area.</p> <p>I hope this provides some justification to the scheme.</p> <p>Many thanks for taking part in this consultation.</p>

Resident 3
NO OBJECTIONS RAISED

Sunday 4 October 2020

Dear XX

I am writing in response to your communication to the residents of Edwyn Ralph of 16 September 2020 where you invite us to express our opinions on the above proposed scheme.

During my experience over the last 5 years when walking through the village from my house, XX, the Southern end of the village, I have witnessed around 90 per cent of all traffic speeding passed me in both directions. Since the new road markings/tarmac etc, have been put in place, there has been no change in this behaviour.

The 30 mile per hour signage on the approach to the village from Bromyard is situated only a few yards from the entrance to our drive which is shared by us and six other properties. I have found that a large majority of vehicles are still travelling well above 30 miles per hour after they have passed the sign and therefore technically speeding past our drive. By the time they do slow down, if they do so at all, they are well into the village. My proposal would have been as follows:

Taking into consideration the vast number of huge farm vehicles, delivery lorries, holiday and commuting traffic through the village, and the traffic visiting the Ralph Court Gardens and Church, I would have suggested that the signage be placed much further down the B4214 nearer the lane that leads to the Gardens and the Church.

Furthermore, I would suggest that a more effective warning to drivers is a sign which illuminates when a vehicle approaches, confirming the speed at which its travelling.

This could perhaps be powered by Solar.... I have driven past these signs in a village on the way to Hereford and really believe they are much more effective at alerting drivers of their speed and encouraging them to do the right thing. "A sign that speaks". I am sure that one of these signs at each end of the village would be affordable and should have been considered.

One other point I wish to make. Recently I was driving through the village where the single white road marking on a bend has been painted well towards the middle of the road - making sure I was not driving over or to the left of it. Suddenly a coach came around the bend and I was forced to drive over the line and towards the grass verge, defeating the objective in Point 1 of your letter. The coach was going more than 30 mph! Personally, I do not think this is safe and it won't be long before this white line will be rubbed away. In my opinion it would be better to allow a wider birth for vehicles passing in both directions at same time for there to be some sort of kerbing arrangement. In any event there are areas where walkers have to walk on the grass to keep well out of the way of traffic as well as cross over on a bend where the bank is too narrow on which to walk.

In conclusion then, if road safety and people's safety is to be taken seriously then stricter measures must be put in

	<p>place right from the start as, it seems to me, sadly in the not too distant future, there is going to be even more traffic on our roads.</p> <p>I would hope you will kindly acknowledge receipt of my email and respond to me as soon as you are able.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>ISSUED RESPONSE</p> <p>Thank you for your email and comments regarding the proposals at Edwyn Ralph.</p> <p>Please be assured your comments have been noted and logged onto our system where they shall be closely considered upon the close of this consultation process.</p> <p>Many thanks again for your engagement.</p>
Resident 4 SUPPORT	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I'm personally in support of these additions to the traffic calming road markings that have recently been completed.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>