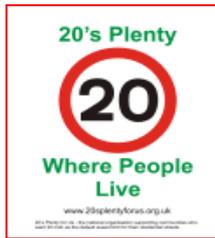


Traffic Management - Part Five



The Traffic Consultants, appointed earlier in the year, have been working closely with Highways on the traffic proposals. Following a feasibility study and road safety checks the designs are now taking shape. All the feedback from the public consultation last year on the proposals has been taken into consideration during this process.

Next steps..... Once the traffic proposals are accepted by Highways, we move to the formal consultation stage. This is a statutory requirement and will include all stakeholders and the emergency services. During the formal consultation you will be given the opportunity to view and comment on the design drawings which will show the exact location of each traffic measure. Once the formal consultation is complete, the final designs will be sent to KCC Highways for approval and a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be drawn up. Further details on the traffic measures approved by Highways will follow.

Timing..... We are working hard to deliver the new traffic measures as soon as possible. There are an inordinate number of hoops to jump through to make this happen, most of which we are reliant on third parties to deliver. Safety is at the core of these improvements which must be implemented according to the appropriate procedures and safety regulation.

Progress is on the horizon.....! When we have received all the necessary approvals implementation of the traffic proposals will be dependent upon funding. The Parish Council are financially committed over the next few years to help deliver the new traffic measures and our County Councillor, Roger Gough, has also pledged to help through his County Member funding. Other sources of grant subsidy are also being explored to boost the finances and accelerate delivery of the traffic measures.

If all goes according to plan, and the Parish Council can raise the funding, it is hoped that a first phase of implementation will take place next Spring/Summer. The vision to transform our historic village and make it a safer and more attractive to place to live, work and visit will then be underway.

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